



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
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August 26, 2021**

The meeting convened via remote participation at 5:01 p.m. and called to order by Chair, Kathy Rupe.

Chair, Kathy Rupe conducted member roll call and led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Peter Dean, Annie Henrich, Charmaine Monte, Frank Ploof, Jerold Rosenthal, Kathy Rupe, Jack Waldorf

MEMBERS ABSENT

Shehu Hassan, Frank Martinez, Thomas Olsen, Terry Withrow

STAFF PRESENT

Ruben Imperial, Kara Anguiano, Mayra Mendoza, Jennifer Marsh, Cynthia Bocage

GUESTS PRESENT

John Aguirre, Kelly Covello, Margie Johnson, Christin Montoya, Shantel Johnson

PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL, CONSUMER, FAMILY

Jack Waldorf shared he will be teaching a NAMI Family to Family class via Zoom, starting September 14, 2021. Information for this class can be found on the NAMI website.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cynthia Bocage reported the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved Charmaine Monte's transfer to District 3 and accepted Rebecca Clover's resignation letter. Veronica Ortiz-Valle submitted the recommendation for Megan Blair to become a member of the Behavioral Health Board, this will be going before the BOS for approval on August 31, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Jack Waldorf made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of June 24, 2021, Jerry Rosenthal seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

None reported.

PRESENTATION: Mobile Response Crisis Overview

Ruben Imperial presented on The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT is responsible for crisis assessments at the CERT office for psychiatric inpatient care or less restrictive care, assessments at area hospitals, and Doctors Behavioral Health Center (DBHC). The current Mobile Crisis Emergency Response Team (MCERT) program allows the Modesto Police Department (MPD) access to trained crisis mental health staff with Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Community Emergency Response Team 24 hours a day and seven days a week. CERT staff is available for consultation with MPD, ride along support, and completion of crisis assessments within the community. The department is supporting by exploring options of expanding CERT to a Mobile CERT mental health clinician embedded with law enforcement patrols. Ruben shared BHRS' current partnerships with local law enforcement agencies regarding the Mobile Crisis Response and other initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION: BHB Committee Structure Changes

Ruben Imperial shared an update on the Approval to amend the Stanislaus County Behavioral Health Board Bylaws to implement changes to the SCBHB Committee structure to align with the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Strategic Plan. With the implementation of the BHRS Strategic Plan, the SCBHB reviewed its committee structure and developed the following recommendations to align the committees with the BHRS Strategic Plan:

- Change the name of the Managed Care Committee to the Inpatient Care Committee
- Replace the Prevention and Community Education/Outreach Committee with the Initiatives Committee
- Replace the Impact Department Run Committee with the Mental Health Committee
- Replace the Impact Contract Run Services Committee with the Substance Use Disorder Committee

The Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of a quorum of the SCBHB and subsequent approval by the majority of the Board of Supervisors. The recommendation will be on September's BHB agenda for a vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kathy Rupe reported the committee met on August 5, 2021 and set the agenda. Veronica Ortiz-Valle informed the Committee they would need an ad hoc committee to recommend the 2022 slate of officers. Rebecca Clover submitted her resignation letter and Ruben provided updates on children's services and the State of California Public Health Order.

IMPACT-CONTRACT RUN SERVICES

Annie Henrich reported the Committee had a presentation from Central Star Behavioral Health.

IMPACT-DEPARTMENT RUN SERVICES

None reported.

MANAGED CARE

None reported.

PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION/OUTREACH

None reported.

ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Jack Waldorf reported the Committee is currently preparing the BHB Annual Report.

SLATE OF OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION: Ad Hoc Nomination Committee

Frank Ploof and Jerold Rosenthal volunteered for the ad hoc nomination committee. They will provide recommendations from the Board members for the calendar year 2022 Chair and Vice Chair positions in September's Board meeting.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Ruben Imperial reported that the CCESJC committee reviewed the new organizational chart and CCESJC roster. BHRS is seeking to strengthen partnerships with diverse communities through collaborative efforts and will be providing CCESJC periodic updates to strategize how to further integrate in treatment services. CCESJC will provide input into strategies for the Mobile Crisis Response Planning as plans and recommendations develop.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruben Imperial reported the following highlights:

- Per the California Department of Public Health, BHRS is implementing two Public Health Orders, one requiring employer verification of vaccinated workers and weekly testing of unvaccinated workers. The second order requires vaccination of workers, with health or religious based exemptions.
- BHRS has worked with Representative Josh Harder to secure funding for a regional partnership on residential mental health known as, "The Mental health Residential Facilities Bed Shortage Regional Partnership." Planning is underway on how to move forward with the funding.
- The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan Update will be presented to the Behavioral Health Board and the Board of Supervisors after its 30-day public comment period ending September 22, 2021.
- August 31st is Drug Overdose Awareness Day. This topic will be presented before the Board of Supervisors on August 31, 2021.
- Abraham Andres, M.S., LMFT is the new Chief of the Adult System of Care.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annie Henrich, Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource (SACAAR) member, shared there will be a family health fair on August 28, 2021 from 10am-3:00pm, located at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. There will be free food, school supplies, raffles and COVID-19 vaccines.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37p.m. The next virtual meeting will be September 23, 2021, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted by Mayra Mendoza, Confidential Assistant III