



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB) August 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:05 p.m. and called to order by Jack Waldorf, Chair. Keryn Whitlow, led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kym Barber, Larry Bolton, Patricia Davis, Daljit Grewal, Annie Henrich, Margie Johnson, Loren Mannard, Kathy Rupe, Jack Waldorf, Keryn Whitlow, Terry Withrow

STAFF PRESENT

Cynthia Bocage, Tony Vartan, Keri Magee, Kim Saing, Olivia Jimenez

GUESTS PRESENT

Brian MacLaren, Pathana Luangath

CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Patricia Davis made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of June 27, 2024, Annie Henrich seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

Supervisor Terry Withrow reported the following highlights:

- On July 30, 2024, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved an Agreement with Modesto BHBH Limited Partnership (LP) for Property and Operations Management of the Dignity Village Modesto Interim Housing Complex. BHBH Program funding is available for all bridge housing cost and start-up infrastructure and operation costs. See [Board Agenda Item 7](#).
- On August 13, 2024, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the Memorandum of Understandings between Stanislaus County and Stanislaus County Workforce Development, Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission, and an Agreement with Stanislaus Community Foundation to Implement the Initiatives Under the Stanislaus 2030 Investment Blueprint Focus Areas of Small Business Supports, Talent Development, and Childcare Expansion for the Period of August 13, 2024, through December 31, 2026. [See Board Agenda Item 7](#).

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONSUMER, GENERAL, FAMILY

None Reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Jack Waldorf reported the committee finalized the BHB agenda for August 22, 2024, board meeting. The committee also interviewed a candidate for board membership consideration. BHRS appointed Keri Magee, as the new Assistant Director of Clinical Operations, Brittney Kirkland as Chief of Crisis System of Care and Katrina Cosner as Adult System of Care Manager.

Administrative Fiscal Management Committee

None reported.

Hospitalization Committee

None reported.

Mental Health Committee

None reported.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee

Margie Johnson reported Tiffany Raymond-Rivera presented an overview of Sierra Vista, First Step Perinatal services offered for mothers with substance use disorder.

PRESENTATION: Assembly Bill 1051: Presumptive Transfer to Children and Youth in Foster Care Placed in Out-of-County STRTP

Keri Magee, Assistant Director of Clinical Operations and Kim Saing, Children's System of Care Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Assembly Bill 1051 changes to Presumptive Transfers. Effective July 1, 2024, County of original jurisdiction is responsible for provision and payment of Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for foster children in certain placements/facilities. The Assembly Bill mandates that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) collect data on the receipt of SMHS by foster youth placed out-of-county. A copy of the PowerPoint was distributed to the members.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Tony Vartan, BHRS Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the history and expansion of Senate Bill 43, California's criteria for involuntary detention and conservatorship which is based on a person's mental health disorder or severe substance use disorder (SUD), including alcoholism, resulting in the person's inability to provide for their basic needs for food, clothing shelter, personal safety, or necessary medical care. Allows for people to be placed on 5150's and other involuntary holds based on their "severe" SUD.

Tony Vartan also reported the following highlights:

- The State of California plans to model the Stanislaus County CARE Court Act with media coverage.
- The 24/7 Mobile Crisis Unit is fully operational and moving forward.
- The One Stop Shop Center at 800 Scenic now offers Wellness services with two more buildings to complete the move. Flyers will be distributed announcing the Open House.
- BHRS continues the recruitment process to fill 117 available positions.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Patricia Davis announced CalPride Stanislaus Resource Center will host an event in celebration of August as Transgender month, on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1010 10Th St., Modesto. Annie Henrich shared Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource (SAACR) will be participating in the CalPride event. Members were invited to attend.

Kathy Rupe announced the Not My Child 5K Walk/Run will take place on August 31, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Modesto Junior College (MJC) West Campus in Modesto.

Pathana Luangath shared that AEGIS will have a 24/7 Harm Reduction Vending Machine accessible to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting will be September 26, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at the Stanislaus Veterans Center, 3500 Coffee Rd. Ste.15, Modesto, CA, 95357.

Respectfully Submitted by O. Jimenez, Confidential Assistant III