



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
September 24, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened via remote participation only at 5:00 p.m. and called to order by Chair, Carlos Hernandez.

Chair, Carlos Hernandez conducted member roll call.

Chair, Carlos Hernandez led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathy Rupe, Jerrold Rosenthal, Peter Dean, Carlos Hernandez, Frank Ploof, Annie Henrich, Charmaine Monte, Rebecca Clover, Jack Waldorf

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Olsen, Supervisor Terry Withrow, Michael Shinkel

STAFF PRESENT

Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Ruben Imperial, Francine Gutierrez, Kara Anguiano, Pam Esparza, Kirsten Jasek-Rysdahl, Steve Leonard, Cynthia Bocage

GUESTS PRESENT

Jaime Andrade

PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL, CONSUMER, FAMILY

None Reported.

CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Jack Waldorf made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of August 27, 2020, Kathy Rupe seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

None Reported.

PRESENTATION:

Steven Leonard, Behavioral Health Coordinator with the BHRS Housing and Employment Services program provided a summary of the impacts and crisis response efforts for all congregate care facilities during this pandemic in coordination with the Stanislaus County Emergency Operations (EOC) and Community Services Agency. In August, intensive outreach efforts began for all non-medical congregate care facilities such as Foster Family agencies (FFA), senior home retirement communities, and senior mobile home parks in the greater Stanislaus County region with the goal of assessing the needs of each facility.

The COVID-19 Outreach team developed two surveys, each specific to the Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP), Group Homes, FFAs, Recovery Residences and Transitional Board and Care sites including senior living apartments, senior retirement homes, and senior trailer parks in the county. An analysis of the survey results highlighted three key areas of need for many of the sites, including the need for ongoing education and guidance related to COVID-19, as well as for specific items including additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies, and qualified staffing in case of an outbreak in their facility. Resources on education and guidance were developed and distributed to the various related to Covid-19.

The COVID-19 Outreach Team developed an education/guidance handout that contains various resources from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Stanislaus County Health Services Agency (SCHSA), UC Davis, and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) "Attachment A". This resource list has been sent out to the various agencies for ongoing education and guidance around COVID-19 preparedness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Carlos Hernandez reminded committee chairs to submit their summaries, including all members submit face photos for the BHB Annual report by October 2, 2020. In addition, Carlos opened the floor for member volunteers to serve on the ad hoc slate of officers Nominating Committee. Jack Waldorf and Annie Henrich volunteered.

IMPACT-DEPARTMENT RUN SERVICES

Peter Dean reported the committee met and submitted their summary for the annual report.

IMPACT-CONTRACT RUN SERVICES

None reported.

MANAGED CARE

Jack Waldorf reported the committee met in October and submitted their summary for the annual report.

PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION/OUTREACH

None reported.

ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL MANAGEMENT

None reported.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Ruben Imperial reported the CCESJC formed workgroups to review the recommendations for the first standard of the Cultural and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) standards. Detailed recommendations and next steps will be presented to the Behavioral Health Board when finalized. In addition, the committee discussed the role of CCESJC, which is to continue to support the department in addressing cultural competency and social justice issues by focusing on monitoring data to identify populations underserved and addressing them with the programs.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruben Imperial reported the following highlights:

- Provided an update on the challenges of balancing the budget this fiscal year with the goal to maintain service levels.
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) community meeting is in the planning stages.
- BHRS will return before the BOS next quarter for budget update.
- BHRS was awarded Covid-19 relief to help balance the funding for FY19/20, allocated for certain areas/activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annie Henrich, SACAAR member, announced she has been conducting outreach by distributing Covid-19 kits in the Asian communities in the county. Interests in volunteering towards this effort, please visit the SACAAR Facebook page.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m. The next virtual meeting will be October 22, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83964487702>. If unable to join online, you may **call-in to 1-669-900-6833** and enter **Access Code 839 6448 7702**.

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Bocage, Confidential Assistant IV