



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
September 22, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. and called to order by Kathy Rupe, Chair.

Peter Dean led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Megan Belair, Larry Bolton, Christopher Costin, Peter Dean, Shehu Hassan, Annie Henrich, Margie Johnson, Charmaine Monte, Jerold Rosenthal, Kathy Rupe, Gloria Vallin, Keryn Whitlow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Madalynn Baker, Loren Mannard, Captain Frank Martinez, Officer Thomas Olsen, Frank Ploof, Marjorie Sturdy, Jack Waldorf, Supervisor Terry Withrow

STAFF PRESENT

Cynthia Bocage, Kara Anguiano, Mayra Mendoza, Kevin Panyanouvong, Carlos Cervantes

GUESTS PRESENT

Daljit Grewal, Patty Davis

CORRESPONDENCE

Cynthia Bocage reported she received correspondence from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors that the recommendation to have a candidate fill a vacancy in District 5 did not meet criteria. The candidate's application will be kept on file for future openings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Jerry Rosenthal made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of August 25, 2022. Christopher Costin seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

None reported.

PRESENTATION: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) PLAN UPDATE

Carlos Cervantes, MHSA Policy & Planning Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the MHSA Plan Update for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023:

- MHSA is proposing an expansion in the following funding categories for FY 2022-2023: Community Services and Support- General System Development, Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) – Outreach for Increasing Early Signs of Mental Illness, and PEI-Prevention.
- Funding for the Community Services and Support Systems - Central Valley Home Development Project estimated project cost is \$11,735,382. It is a two-development site with locations in Turlock and Modesto. This development project will provide 46 permanent supportive housing units, 3 rehabilitation units, 43 new construction units and BHRS funding will allow for 18 units to be reserved for BHRS clients meeting criteria.
- The PEI – Outreach for Increasing Early Signs of Mental Illness project will increase current funding by \$520,000. A qualified vendor to serve as an administrator and lead the entity will be identified. Strategies will have a focus on outreach and education, engagement, as well as access and linkage.
- The Prevention project with Legacy Alliance Outreach will allocate \$15,000 to support a youth program start-up and development. The goal is to engage transition aged youth in positive mentoring and coaching.
- The next steps for the Plan Update are to incorporate public comment, obtain BOS approval on October 4, 2022, and submit the Plan Update to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) and the Department of Healthcare Services.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed to the members.

PUBLIC HEARING – MHSA PLAN UPDATE FY 2022-2023

Kathy Rupe called the public hearing to order regarding the MHSA Plan Update for FY 2022-2023. Kathy opened the floor to those present who wished to comment. There being no further comments, the hearing on the Mental Health Services Act Plan Update Fiscal Year 2022-2023 closed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL, CONSUMER, FAMILY

Patty Davis, Central California LGBTQ+ Collaborative, shared she is attending the BHB meetings to represent the LGBTQ+ community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Kathy Rupe reported the committee set the agenda for September. The committee discussed that volunteers will be needed for an Ad Hoc Nomination Committee to recommend the 2023 Slate of Officers. Tony Vartan, BHRS Director shared three projects the County will be implementing.

Administrative Fiscal Management Committee

None reported.

Inpatient Committee

Peter Dean reported the committee did meet, however no action was taken.

Mental Health Committee

Peter Dean reported a presentation from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was scheduled for October.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee

Larry Bolton reported the committee received a presentation from the Nirvana Drug and Alcohol Treatment program.

SLATE OF OFFICERS: AD HOC NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Kathy Rupe asked for volunteers for the Ad Hoc Nomination Committee. Margie Johnson, Annie Henrich, and Christopher Costin volunteered and will provide the Slate of Officers recommendations for calendar year 2023 at the meeting in October.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Kevin Panyanouvong, BHRS Chief Operations Officer, reported the following highlights:

- The Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court workgroup had its first meeting on September 21, 2022 with California Behavioral Health Directors. Stanislaus is one of seven counties participating in the pilot program and is hoping to launch the program by October 2023.
- Staff vacancies within BHRS have decreased from 34 to 14.
- BHRS is expanding internship programs with Stanislaus State University and Modesto Junior College. Nine graduate students are currently interning with BHRS.
- BHRS has requested three Mental Health Clinician III positions to provide training and clinical supervision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annie Henrich, Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource (SAACR) member, shared that SAACR will be celebrating its 50-year anniversary on September 24, 2022, at Graceada Park from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Entertainment, COVID-19 vaccines/boosters and raffles will be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m. The next meeting will be October 27, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Stanislaus Veterans Center, 3500 Coffee Rd., Ste.15, Modesto.