



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
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October 27, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:03 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

Madalynn Baker, Larry Bolton, Christopher Costin, Peter Dean, Annie Henrich, Margie Johnson, Loren Mannard, Captain Frank Martinez, Charmaine Monte, Frank Ploof, Jerold Rosenthal, Kathy Rupe, Gloria Vallin, Jack Waldorf, Keryn Whitlow, Supervisor Terry Withrow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Megan Belair, Shehu Hassan, Officer Thomas Olsen, Marjorie Sturdy

STAFF PRESENT

Cynthia Bocage, Tony Vartan, Mayra Mendoza, Tina Jamison

GUESTS PRESENT

Daljit Grewal, Patty Davis, Jennifer Williams, Erin Rager, Shantel Johnson, Kym Barber, Sandra Mahan

CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Margie Johnson made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of September 22, 2022. Gloria Vallin seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

Supervisor Withrow reported the following:

- The BOS received a presentation from BHRS Prevention on the fentanyl crisis.
- The BOS approved the allocation of \$50 million for five districts with unincorporated areas. The amount distributed was based on each district's needs.
- The BOS adopted the 2022-2023 budget.
- The Nuisance Ordinance has been updated for abandoned properties.

PRESENTATION: 2022 CalBHB/C DATA NOTEBOOK

Tony Vartan, BHRS Director, reviewed the Behavioral Health Board responses to the 2022 CalBHB/C Data Notebook with board members. A draft copy of the Data Notebook was distributed to the members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL, CONSUMER, FAMILY

Erin Anne Rager, family member, addressed a letter to the board regarding CARE Court and the importance of family in the success of mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

Jennifer Williams, member of the Families Advocating for the Seriously Mentally Ill (FASMI), addressed a letter stating FASMI interest to work with Stanislaus County by providing their input in the implementation of CARE Court policies, procedures and services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Kathy Rupe reported the committee reviewed the 2022 Data Notebook Questionnaire and agreed to present the responses at the October meeting. The Committee agreed the board should be more involved with the Data Notebook for the upcoming year. Annie Henrich reported on the Ad Hoc Nomination Committee.

Administrative Fiscal Management Committee

Jack Waldorf reported the committee reviewed the BHB Annual Report accomplishments for submission.

Inpatient Committee

Charmaine Monte reported the Committee toured the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) co-located with Stanislaus Recovery Center, 1904 Richland Avenue., Ceres.

Mental Health Committee

Peter Dean reported they received a presentation from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee

Frank Ploof reported the committee received a presentation from Sierra Vista First Step.

SLATE OF OFFICERS: AD HOC NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Christopher Costin, Margie Johnson and Annie Henrich, Ad hoc Nominating Committee, provided recommendations for Board members for the Chair and Vice Chair positions for calendar year 2023. Kathy Rupe opened the floor for further nominations. Recommendations are as follows: Jack Waldorf

to serve as Chair and Kathu Rupe to serve as Vice Chair. The election of officers will be presented at the board meeting in November.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Tony Vartan, BHRS Director, reported the following highlights:

- Stanislaus County is one of seven counties participating in the pilot program Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE Act) and will be launching the program by October 1, 2023. BHRS met with the District Attorney's office, Public Defender's office, County Counsel, Probation, and the Courts to develop processes for CARE Act.
- BHRS will continue to build outreach and engagement.
- Mobile Crisis has partnered with the Modesto Police Department (MPD) and is now also partnering with Sheriff's Department to have a clinician ride a long for mental health emergency calls.
- BHRS provided Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) to Modesto Police Department, about 40 officers attended the training to recognize mental health systems and how to intervene. Tony has met with the Turlock Police Department, Ceres Police and Oakdale Police Department about expanding CIT. Tony will be meeting in the near future with the Sherriff's Department.
- BHRS staff retention and recruitment has improved.
- The new statewide Electronic Health Record (EHR) is being built to meet the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requirements. It will allow BHRS to have a system where the staff will be able to document with more ease. The new EHR will also help with reporting outcomes and measures.
- The RAIZ Promotoras were recognized by Catalyst as community heroes.
- BHRS will be focusing on expanding the Wellness Recovery Center.
- The Department is working to improve the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) stakeholder feedback by having Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) and MHSA staff interact with the community.
- Due to the fentanyl crisis, the Department is advising law enforcement and BHRS contractors to obtain NARCAN. The County is also holding Town Hall meetings to discuss the dangers of fentanyl and learn how to better protect our communities.
- The High School Youth Summit will be November 8th and 9th. About 1,500 students are expected to attend.
- BHRS collectively with County agencies, community partners, and contractors will draft a suicide prevention plan to take before the Board of Supervisors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Rupe shared there will be a Drop the Drugs Event on October 29, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at the Stanislaus County Superior Court House, 800 11th Street, Modesto and at the Turlock Police Department, 244 N. Broadway.

Annie Henrich, Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource (SAACR) member, shared that SAACR will have a vaccine clinic on October 29, 2022, at the Asian Market, 2425 McHenry Ave, Modesto, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Charmaine Monte shared that the week of October 24, 2022, is Red Ribbon Week, a national celebration and awareness campaign of all the dangers of using controlled substances and encouraging students to have healthy relationships and behaviors. About 30 schools are participating.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m. The next meeting will be November 17, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Stanislaus Recovery Center, 1904 Richland Ave., Ceres, CA 95307.

Respectfully Submitted by Mayra Mendoza, Confidential Asst III