



MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
August 25, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. and was called to order by Chair, Jack Waldorf.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Vern Masse led the Board and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Annie Henrich, Carmen Maldonado, Vern Masse, Yvette McShan, Frank Ploof, Jerold Rosenthal, Virginia Solorzano, Jack Waldorf, Terry Withrow

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kimberly Kennard, DSW, Tony Flores

**STAFF PRESENT**

Cherie Dockery, Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Patricia Hill-Thomas, Patricia Ortega-Ruiz, Uday Mukherjee, Denise Covarrubias, Elaine Byrom, Teresa Garibay

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Shelly Stevens, Tammy Reynolds, Jerry Galeazzi, Denise Covarrubias

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Veronica Ortiz-Valle reported that the Board of Supervisors approved Carmen Maldonado as a member of the Mental Health Board to fill a vacancy in District 3.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: Annie Henrich made the motion to approve the Mental Health Board (MHB) minutes of July 28, 2016, Virginia Solorzano seconded the motion.

**CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS** - None

## **FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Jack Waldorf shared that he's teaching the Family-to-Family class that will be held September 12 through November 28, 2016 (12 weeks), 6:30 p.m., at 500 North 9th Street, Cypress Room.

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT** - None

Supervisor Withrow gave highlights from the July and August Board of Supervisor meetings. July's meeting included approval of the MHSA Annual Update. August's meeting included an update on the County General Plan.

## **PRESENTATION – Telepsychiatry**

Dr. Uday Mukherjee, Medical Director, and Patricia Ortega-Ruiz, IT Manager, gave a presentation and demonstration on telepsychiatry. Highlights of the presentation included: What is Telepsychiatry; Adaptive Dilemma (psychiatrist availability in the valley); Benefits of Telepsychiatry; BHRS Vision for Telehealth; Challenges and Accomplishments; Providers; Locations where telepsychiatry is currently set up; and Future Steps. A live demonstration was conducted to illustrate how telepsychiatry works. Two handouts were provided; the policy on telepsychiatry and the fact sheet on telepsychiatry services.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee**

Jack Waldorf reported the following:

- The Executive Committee interviewed applicant, Carmen Maldonado, from District 3 and unanimously recommended Carmen to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The Board of Supervisors approved and appointed Carmen Maldonado as a member of the Mental Health Board to fill a vacancy in District 3.
- Yvette McShan was appointed as the Chair for the Children's System of Care Committee.
- A training on site visits will be conducted for committee members. Vern Masse will facilitate the training. The Site Visit Questionnaire will be revised.
- Committee reports for the MHB Annual Report are due to Veronica by September 23, 2016. Committee Chairs are to submit their draft report to the Senior Leader that supports their committee for review prior to September 23, 2016.
- The committee working on the merge efforts is completing the work on the structure and bylaws. The next Merge meeting is Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at 2:30pm, in the Redwood Room. A reminder was given to committee members on the importance in attending the next Merge meeting as input is needed to make decisions.
- Virginia Solorzano agreed to mentor Carmen Maldonado.

### Adult/Older Adult System of Care Committee

Annie Henrich reported that the committee met in August. Annie conveyed that the committee lost two members, Ritta Sudnikoff who moved away from the county and Jack Waldorf who joined the Children's System of Care Committee to increase representation. Currently there are three committee members, Tony Flores, Jerry Rosenthal, and Annie Henrich. The committee will be visiting Turning Point in September.

### Managed Care Committee

Jack Waldorf reported that the committee meets every other month therefore there was no meeting in August. The next Doctors Behavioral Health Center's Advisory Council Meeting schedule is pending.

### Children System of Care Committee

Yvette McShan, new committee Chair, met with the Chief of the Children's System of Care to discuss the committee's structure. It was agreed upon to conduct a site visit next month.

### Administrative and Fiscal Management Committee

Frank Ploof reported that he received highlights from the various Administrative and Fiscal Management Teams for the MHB Annual Report.

### Impact Committee

Jack Waldorf reported the committee visited an education program in Ceres that is provided by the Office of Education. The program was providing Mental Health First Aid education to administrators and counselors. Committee members will be meeting with a couple of attendees later this month to obtain their input on the education; how they received the training and how they use it in their classrooms. Ceres also provides education on suicide prevention.

### Criminal Justice Oversight/Forensic Committee

Vern Masse reported that the meeting in August was cancelled.

### **MHB/ABSAP LIAISON**

Meeting in August was cancelled. Yvette McShan will attend the ABSAP Meeting on September 15, 2016.

### **CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)**

Veronica Ortiz-Valle reported that the August meeting was cancelled. She shared that Stanislaus County Diversity Week will be the week of October 3. BHRS is producing a special edition of the Cultural Competency Update Newsletter capturing diversity activities done throughout the year. Programs will be encouraged to create diversity displays in their lobbies. A schedule and roadmap to the programs will be provided soon.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Cherie Dockery reported that the new Behavioral Health Director will start on September 6, 2016.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., at 800 Scenic Drive Redwood Room.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Teresa Garibay  
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