



**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
October 27, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kimberly Kennard, Tony Flores, Terry Withrow

STAFF PRESENT

Debra Buckles, Rick DeGette, Christi Golden, Kara Anguiano, Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Denise Covarrubias, Chelsea Rambo, Melissa Hale, Teresa Garibay

GUESTS PRESENT

Loretta Carhart, Jenna Stone, Lynn Padlo, Rhonda Allen, Linda Mao, Lilianne Zaragoza, Tammy Reynolds, Shelley Stevens, Moises Alcantaro, Kristie Nelson, Jerry Galeazzi, Robert Malthy

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAMI members presented an invitation letter to the Board inviting them to the NAMI Stanislaus general meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 6:30pm, at 500 N Street, Jana Lynn Room. NAMI plans to have speakers to address the topic of Laura's Law implementation.

A member of the audience shared that he has been experiencing a barrier between the county and contract programs because he has been bounced around. Jack Waldorf recommended he contact Patients' Rights and he can always contact him.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Virginia Solorzano made the motion to approve the Mental Health Board (MHB) minutes of September 22, 2016, Vern Masse seconded the motion with a correction.

CONSUMER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

FAMILY MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT - None

PRESENTATION – Site Visit Training

Vern Masse presented a training on site visits. The training included site visit goals, boundaries, response, open ended vs. closed questions, conversation redirection, and ending conversations.

SLATE OF OFFICERS RECOMMENDATIONS 2017

Virginia Solorzano and Frank Ploof, nominating committee, recommended Jack Waldorf to serve as Chair and Vern Masse to serve as Vice Chair for calendar year 2017. Jack opened the floor further nominations. Yvette McShan nominated herself to serve as Chair. No further recommendations we made. Election of officers will be presented at the November Joint Board Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Jack Waldorf reported the following:

- Annual Report Update – Jack reported that he and Rick will be presenting the Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors on November 22, 2016. Jack extended the invitation to board members.
- Merge Update – Jack asked for input on the draft bylaws, committee schedule, application, and brochure by the next meeting in November. Jack informed members that the board will be voting on the bylaws at the November Joint Board Meeting. Yvette McShan stated she has some input on the bylaws she would like to suggest. Veronica Ortiz-Valle asked Yvette to send an e-mail with her suggestions. A member of the audience asked if suggestions to the bylaws can be submitted. Veronica indicated interested individuals can send their suggestions to the board for consideration.
- Jack announced that the LOA has been extended for Dr. Kennard to the beginning of 2017.

Adult/Older Adult System of Care Committee

Annie Henrich reported the committee met this month at the High Risk Health & Senior Access Team site. They met the new Program Coordinator, Teresa Gonzalez, took a tour, and interviewed two clients. The committee learned a lot about the program, it was a good site visit.

Managed Care Committee

Jack Waldorf reported that the committee is looking at statistics on denied days and average length of stay at DBHC and the PHF.

Children System of Care Committee

Yvette McShan reported that the committee visited Leaps & Bounds. They met the Program Coordinator, and took a tour. Yvette gave the following highlights of the visit. The program serves 77 children and has two consultants that also provide peer mentoring. The staff provides quality of service to families with children with mental health challenges. The program has a very inclusive team spirit of delivering quality service as well as the inclusiveness in ethnicity in hiring practices. Yvette invited Leaps & Bounds to give a presentation to the Mental Health Board.

Administrative and Fiscal Management Committee

Frank Ploof acknowledged the committee for all the support in working on the Annual Report and on all the work to close the books for the fiscal year. The committee is looking at the objectives to make the operations of the administrative and fiscal groups more efficient this coming year.

Impact Committee

Jack Waldorf reported the committee visited Life Path, a Sierra Vista program. It's an early prevention, early intervention program that serves individuals ages 14 – 25 who are showing signs of psychosis or had one psychotic break. The program serves 40 people and has been successful. Members spoke to staff and a client that has benefitted from the program.

Criminal Justice Oversight/Forensic Committee

Yvette McShan reported she attended the committee meeting held yesterday, 10/26/16, at the Day Reporting Center, a new facility that provides substance rehab services to transitional age youth (TAY), ages 18-25 that are on parole. The committee met the staff and case manager who work with individuals receiving services. The Center provides case management, group meetings and has a computer lab with a state of the art system including access to social media.

MHB/ABSAP LIAISON

Yvette McShan shared highlights from the ABSAP Meeting. She reported that Veronica Ortiz-Valle reported that the Culture Competency, Equity and Social Justice Committee has conducted presentations in the community.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Carmen Maldonado attended her first CCESJC Meeting, representing the board. Carmen gave the following highlights from the meeting. She shared that the featured article on the Cultural Competency Update Newsletter was regarding the Family Partnership Center. She reported that the committee gave a re-cap of diversity week and participated in a stigma reduction exercise. Carmen also shared that the Latino Behavioral Health Coalition had their first meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Rick DeGette reported on the following:

- Filled one of two Sr. Leader positions. Dawn Vercelli is the new Chief of Substance Use Disorders.
- An announcement will be made soon on the new Assistant Director for Administrative Services.
- Today's the second and final day of the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) Audit. The audit went well. All recommendations from last year were addressed.
- Focus on Prevention Initiative Update – Working with the CEO's Office on how we partner with others across the sector to help focus on a Prevention Initiative take off. The first focus is homelessness. The main priority on homelessness is a shelter and Access Center. A shelter will be available as a pilot program for 40 people and the Access Center will offer services.
- Acknowledged members of the boards and everyone who has worked on the merge in making it come together and combining the bylaws in such a smooth and short time.
- Reported that the Behavioral Health Criminal Justice Forum will be held on 12/9, 1:00-5:00 at the Modesto Centre Plaza. More information will be coming soon.
- Budget Update – Kara Anguiano gave the following budget updates. The budget closed very strong for fiscal year 2015-16. The budget for fiscal year 2016-17 is \$108M department wide, \$97M is for mental health services and \$11M is for substance use services. For this year's 1st quarter, 18% of the mental health budget has been used, which is typical. The 1st quarter budget update is going to the Board of Supervisors the first week of November. BHRS did not make any additional requests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A member of the audience commented that Josie's Place needs more resources for the younger generation that are homeless such as more therapists and counselors.

Annie Henrich invited everyone to a community health fair on 11/2/16, 10:00-2:00pm, at Rogers Drug Store. Free flu shots will be available.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be a Joint MHB/ABSAP Meeting on November 17, 2016, 4:00 p.m., at SRC Dining Room, 1904 Richland Avenue, Ceres.

Respectfully Submitted,
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