



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB) June 22, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:07 p.m. and called to order by Jack Waldorf, Chair. Jack Griffith led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Bolton, Christopher Costin, Peter Dean, Olivia Esquivel Gonzalez, Jack Griffith, Annie Henrich, Margie Johnson, Kathy Rupe, Gloria Vallin, Jack Waldorf, Keryn Whitlow

STAFF PRESENT

Cynthia Bocage, Tony Vartan, Olivia Jimenez

GUESTS PRESENT

Patty Davis-Castillo, Frank Silva, Ashley, Dalla, Marisol Arzate, Sofia Fernandez, Shantel Johnson, John Aguirre, Daniel Wendall, Kym Barber, Paul Cummings

CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Larry Bolton made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of May 25, 2023. Keryn Whitlow seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

None reported.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONSUMER, GENERAL, FAMILY

Annie Henrich reported she was recently appointed to the Governing Board of California Association Behavioral Health Boards/Commissions (CALBHB/C). Annie attended the CALBHB/C meeting in Santa Ana held on June 16 - June 17, 2023.

PRESENTATION: LGBTQ+ Mental Wellness in Stanislaus County

Patty Castillo-Davis, Director of Advocacy, provided a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the services provided by the Rainbow Resource Center, located at 1202 H St., Modesto. A non-profit organization dedicated to Education, Advocacy and Training for the community at large. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed to the members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee

Jack Waldorf reported the committee finalized the BHB agenda for the June 22, 2023, meeting. Discussed the board's interest to conduct a local training for board members by the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CalBHB/C). The committee agreed to move forward with coordinating the training.

Jack Waldorf asked members for their preference whether to hold the training on weekday vs weekend. The majority of members had no preference.

Administrative Fiscal Management Committee

None reported.

Inpatient Committee

None reported.

Mental Health Committee

Peter Dean reported the committee did not meet in June.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee

Margie Johnson reported the committee received a presentation on [Recover](#) given by Nick Gulino, CEO, and Center for Human Services (CHS) given by Jeff Mason. Annie Henrich stated her interest in organizing a site visit to CHS.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Tony Vartan, Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services thanked Patty Davis for the presentation of the Rainbow Resource Center and stated the importance of advocacy for equity and education for all groups.

On June 20, 2023, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three-Year Program Expenditure Plan for FY 2023-2026, [Board Agenda Item 15](#). The BOS also, accepted the Community Care Expansion (CCE) grant in the amount of \$5,641,929 for period of August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027, [Board Agenda Item 12](#). The grant will support residential adult and senior care facilities.

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) conducted a Mental Health triennial virtual review on June 21 - June 23, 2023. Audit findings will be shared with the BHB when the report becomes available.

Two implementations will be effective July 1, 2023.

- Conversion of the SmartCare Electronic Health Record (EHR)
- CalAIM Payment Reform

Senate and Assembly Bills to review:

- SB 326 – Eggman: The Behavioral Health Services Act (MHSA Reform)
The bill would revise the distribution of MHSA moneys, renaming it the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), expanding it to include treatment of substance use disorders, changing the county planning process, and expanding services for which counties and the state can use funds. The State will take three percent of the funding for workforce imitative and five percent for other State allocations. Allocations will eventually impact forty-eight percent of the funding.
- AB 531 – Irwin: The Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023.
Focus is on the 4.6 billion dollar General Obligation's Bond. The bond would provide funding for ten thousand new beds, housing for consumers and funding for housing of veterans experiencing homelessness who are living with behavioral health challenges.

- **SB 43 – Eggman: Behavioral Health – Redefines Gravely Disabled**

Authorizes the appointment of a conservator for a person who is incapable of caring for the person's own health and well-being due to a serious mental illness and substance use disorder.

Members reached a consensus to prepare a letter of recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding SB 326, the Behavioral Health Services Act (MHSA Reform).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patty Davis shared there will be a gender celebration and dinner from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the Queen Bean Coffee House, located at 1126 14ths St. Modesto.

Olivia Esquiviz-Gonzalez announced there will be a birthday celebration for Congresswoman Marie Alvarado-Gill on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at the Dust Bowl restaurant, located at 3000 Fulkerth Rd., Turlock.

Olivia also shared a flyer for the Boleros y Rancheras concert on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at the Westside Theater in Newman.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting will be July 27, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at the Stanislaus Veterans Center, 3500 Coffee Rd., Ste.15, Modesto.

Respectfully Submitted by Olivia Jimenez, Confidential Assistant III