



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB) July 27, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Madalynn Baker, Larry Bolton, Christopher Costin, Peter Dean, Olivia Esquiviz-Gonzalez, Daljit Grewal, Annie Henrich, Margie Johnson, Kathy Rupe, Gloria Vallin, Jack Waldorf, Keryn Whitlow, Terry Withrow

STAFF PRESENT

Abraham Andres, Cynthia Bocage, Pam Esparza, Teresa Alvarez, Olivia Jimenez

GUESTS PRESENT

Patty Davis-Castillo, Frank Silva, Ashley Michelle, Heidi Ryan, Danie Wendall, Betty Kennedy

CORRESPONDENCE

Cynthia Bocage reported she received correspondence from member, Megan Belair, resigning from the board effective July 25, 2023. Current vacancies now reside in Districts 2 and 4. On August 8, 2023, BHRS will present before the Board of Supervisors to proclaim August 31, 2023, as Overdose Awareness Day in Stanislaus County. BHRS is currently offering the following trainings for the community: Youth Mental Health First Aid on October 19, 2023, and Mental Health First Aid-Adults on August 4, and December 8, 2023.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Larry Bolton made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of June 22, 2023, with a minor correction under the announcement section of the minutes. Madalynn Baker seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

Terry Withrow reported the District Attorney, Public Defender and BHRS agreed to expand Mental Health CARE Court program. On July 18, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved staffing request for BHRS Forensic Services Expansion to support the Community Corrections Partnership, [Board Agenda Item 6](#).

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONSUMER, GENERAL, FAMILY

Patty Castillo-Davis, Director of Advocacy, from Rainbow Resource Center, stated she attends the BHB meeting to give a voice to LGBTQ+, working towards justice, equity, diversity and inclusion.

PRESENTATION: Patient's Rights: Assembly Bill 2275

Teresa Alvarez, Behavioral Health Coordinator for Patient's Rights and Advocacy office, provided a presentation on Assembly Bill 2275. On January 1, 2023, the bill was implemented to provide a comprehensive procedure to ensure individuals detained on a 5150 hold will receive their due process and to implement all requirements. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed to the members.

An inquiry around Power of Attorney process was briefly discussed. Members agreed to further discuss at the next BHB Executive Committee for clarification.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee

Jack Waldorf reported the committee finalized the BHB agenda for the July 27, 2023, meeting. Jack also mentioned training for board members by the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CalBHB/C) is scheduled for September 30, 2023, from 10:00am - 2:30pm at the Veteran's Center, located at 3500 Coffee Rd., Modesto. Members were asked to RSVP to Cynthia Bocage.

Administrative Fiscal Management Committee

Jack Waldorf reported the committee received a presentation on Workforce Development and Training given by Leonor Sierra, Behavioral Health Training Manager. Jack encouraged members to attend the Youth Mental Health First Aid training on October 19, 2023, and the Mental Health First Aid-Adults training on August 4, and December 8, 2023.

Inpatient Committee

None reported.

Mental Health Committee

Peter Dean reported the committee received a presentation from Children's System of Care given by Ashley Boyd, Behavioral Health Coordinator.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee

Margie Johnson reported the committee received a presentation from Evaluation & Medication Access Clinic (EMAC) given by Saruon Moun-Eldridge, Behavioral Health Coordinator.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Abraham Andres, Chief of Adult System of Care/Forensics reported the following:

- BHRS has rolled out a new Electronic Health Record System/SmartCare.
- Payment Reform procedures are still in process. The State is working to finalize the intergovernmental transfer, a payment procedure and agreement needed to finalize the Payment Reform.
- CARE Court will be implemented in October 2023. The State and County are working on educational material for use across counties.
- The following BHRS sites have been relocated:
 - Workforce Development and Training: 1581 Cummins Drive, Ste. 147, Modesto
 - Volunteer/CASRA: 1581 Cummins Drive, Ste. 147, Modesto
 - IT/Help Desk: 2260 Floyd Ave. Ste. 100, Modesto
 - Facilities/General Services: 2260 Floyd Ave. Ste. 100, Modesto
 - Human Resources/Payroll: 1231 8th St. Ste. 300, Modesto

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annie Henrich shared a concern related to patient's rights at the Psychiatric Hospital Facility (PHF).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next meeting will be August 24, 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