



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
October 22, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened via remote participation at 5:00 p.m. and called to order by Chair, Carlos Hernandez.

Chair, Carlos Hernandez conducted member roll call.

Chair, Carlos Hernandez led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathy Rupe, Jerrold Rosenthal, Peter Dean, Carlos Hernandez, Frank Ploof, Annie Henrich, Charmaine Monte, Rebecca Clover, Jack Waldorf, Supervisor Terry Withrow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Olsen, Michael Shinkel

STAFF PRESENT

Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Ruben Imperial, Francine Gutierrez, Kara Anguiano, Teresa Alvarez, Cynthia Bocage

GUESTS PRESENT

Frank Martinez, Scott Houston, Monique Brown, John Aguirre, Jeanette Rosenthal

PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL, CONSUMER, FAMILY

Jack Waldorf commented the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) recently offered virtual classes to the community receiving good response and interest from the public.

CORRESPONDENCE

Veronica Ortiz-Valle received correspondence from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors informing of member, Charmaine Monte's term expiring December 31st. Members were reminded to notify Veronica or Cynthia if their residence has changed to ensure district representation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Jack Waldorf made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of September 24, 2020, Jerold Rosenthal seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Withrow reported the following Board of Supervisors (BOS) updates:

- An extension of the Doctors Medical Center Inpatient Psychiatric Services agreement is scheduled to go before the BOS on October 27, 2020 for approval.
- COVID-19 State and Federal funding of \$108.9 million was received. The BOS continue to hold discussion on how the funds will be allocated into the community to alleviate COVID-19 impacts. Funds must be spent by December 31st.
- Continue to advocate in efforts to get students back into school.

PRESENTATION: Mental Health and Substance Abuse In-Custody Services

Lieutenant Scott Houston from the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Detention Center presented on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse In-Custody services. Lt. Houston oversees the mental health and substance abuse services team "Wellpath Mental Health" that consists of mental health providers in collaboration with Sheriff deputies offering services 7 days per week, year-round. Initial services start at inmate intake that consists of screening the individual about their mental health state. Depending on case by case basis, assessments are conducted immediately for crisis or 5150 holds, or for non-crisis situations, inmates are referred and seen by MH staff right away or the next day for initial evaluation. Monique Brown, Director of the Wellpath Mental Health program provided an overview of the initial evaluation services, discharge and treatment referral process in collaboration with outside services for MH/Substance Abuse programs.

PRESENTATION: Patients' Rights

Teresa Alvarez, Patients' Rights Program Coordinator provided an overview of the office of Patients' Rights, a mandated state-funded program governed under Title IX of the California Administrative Code that consists of County advocates designated by the Behavioral Health Director. The program oversight is to ensure that all voluntary or involuntary mental health clients, including minors, in acute care psychiatric hospitals, psychiatric units of general acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, licensed community care facilities and clients living independently are protected under Title IX. Teresa also emphasized on the program responsibilities, Title 22 Licensing Requirements, rights of mental health clients, and an overview of the Acute Psychiatric Facilities data report dated January – September of 2020.

PRESENTATION: Slate of Officers Ad Hoc Nomination Committee

Jack Waldorf, and Annie Henrich, Ad hoc Nominating Committee, provided recommendations from Board members for the Chair and Vice Chair positions for calendar year 2021. Carlos Hernandez opened the floor for further nominations. Recommendations are as follows: Kathy Rupe to serve as Chair and Charmaine Monte to serve as Vice Chair. The election of officers will be presented at the board meeting in November.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Carlos Hernandez reported the committee set the agenda for October. The date to present the BHB Annual report to the BOS was changed to November 24, 2020. Jack reported on the Nominating Committee recommendations naming Kathy Rupe, Chair and Charmaine Monte, Vice Chair pending election in November.

Veronica Ortiz-Valle reminded members the next board meeting will be held on November 19, 2020 (3rd Thursday) due to the Thanksgiving holidays. In addition, Veronica shared good news about Stanislaus Recovery Center accommodating the art contest this year virtually.

IMPACT-DEPARTMENT RUN SERVICES

Peter Dean reported a presentation on High Risk Health program will present at the next committee meeting.

IMPACT-CONTRACT RUN SERVICES

None Reported.

MANAGED CARE

None Reported.

PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION/OUTREACH

None Reported.

ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL MANAGEMENT

None reported.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Ruben Imperial reported the committee is starting a new approach reviewing specific data indicators monthly, focusing on understanding the information given to help develop ideas on how to best serve the ethnic and diverse populations, outreach efforts and get them engaged. Recommendations identified will be shared with programs to implement.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruben Imperial reported the following highlights:

- BHRS budget was approved, moving forward with implementation.
- BHRS leadership is in the planning stages for next fiscal year. Conducting conversations with partners about Mental Health in the community, budget priorities and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) planning. Partners include, law enforcement, school officials, health plan

providers and others on how we can improve our services. In addition, to help expand the MHSA community planning process efforts, BHRS is conducting empathy and systems leader interviews. Feedback received from partners and the interviews will help as a foundation as we develop the MHSA plan.

- Referenced to an article from the Modesto Bee regarding the concern of increased risk among children in our community. BHRS is currently working with school officials to monitor closely and how to interject with mental health services. The Stanislaus County Office of Education is conducting an online training program on Suicide Prevention, additional trainings are underway aimed for all school districts/staff, and counselors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charmain Monte announced a virtual celebration for Red Ribbon Week promoting the slogan, “Be Brave, Be Happy, Be Drug Free!” For the celebration, there will be a Red Ribbon Poster/Picture contest with over 300 entries. Nomination forms to vote for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places will be provided. Charmaine will email the event details to the members to participate if interested.

Annie Henrich, member of the Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource (SAACR) shared the organization provided approximately 2000 masks and antibacterial to the communities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next virtual meeting will be November 19, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83964487702>. If unable to join online, you may **call-in to 1-669-900-6833** and enter **Access Code 839 6448 7702**.

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Bocage, Confidential Assistant IV