



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB) October 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:05 p.m. and called to order by Jack Waldorf, Chair. Peter Dean led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Madalynn Baker, Larry Bolton, Christopher Costin, Peter Dean, Daljit Grewal, Jack Griffith, Annie Henrich, Margie Johnson, Loren Mannard, Kathy Rupe, Gloria Vallin, Jack Waldorf, Keryn Whitlow, Terry Withrow

STAFF PRESENT

Kevin Panyanouvong, Cynthia Bocage, Olivia Jimenez

GUESTS PRESENT

Patty Davis-Castillo, Daniel Wendall, Vivian Lopez, Kym Barber, Sofia Vivo

CORRESPONDENCE

Cynthia Bocage noted a correction to the agenda, presenter's name is Sofia Vivo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Peter Dean made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of July 27, 2023. Jack Griffith seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

Terry Withrow reported on September 26, 2023, the Board of Supervisors Adopted the 2024 budget of \$1.61 billion dollars for the two-year budget period ending June 30, 2024, [Board Agenda Item 6](#). Terry shared his concerns about the county's struggle to collect tax revenue since the passing of the 2016 marijuana legalization. The BOS will vote to add a sales tax measure to the ballot.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONSUMER, GENERAL, FAMILY

None reported.

PRESENTATION: Opioid Overdose and Poisoning Awareness

Sofia Vivo, StanHOPE, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the dangers of Fentanyl poisoning and the impacts in Stanislaus County. Sofia shared a video of her sister Bella who was lost to fentanyl poisoning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee

Jack Waldorf reported the committee finalized the BHB agenda for the October 26, 2023, meeting. The November 16th BHB will meet at the Stanislaus Recovery Center, 1904 Richland Ave., Ceres. Jack Waldorf stated due to unforeseen circumstances, the September's BHB meeting was canceled.

Also, due to low member response, the September 30th training for board members by the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CalBHB/C) was cancelled. Cynthia will send out a survey monkey to choose a new training date for February 2024. The training will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Board members were encouraged to attend training.

Larry Bolton and Margie Johnson volunteered to assist with the completion of the California Behavioral Health Planning Council: 2023 Data Notebook Survey due November 30, 2023.

Administrative Fiscal Management Committee

Keryn Whitlow reported BHRS continues to work on transitioning from the old Electronic Health Record (EHR) to SmartCare. MHSa will be holding more community meetings, and the MAC meetings will be held quarterly. HR continues to fill employee positions.

Hospitalization Committee

Daljit Grewal reported the committee discussed increasing meetings to six times per year beginning 2024, and to hold meetings at various sites including hospitals, DBHC, PHF and jails. Members discussed in detail their concern for the level of care inmates receive.

Mental Health Committee

Peter Dean reported the committee received a presentation from the Office of the Public Guardian: Estate Management Office (EMO). Members discussed housing challenges and first level of care placement.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee

Margie Johnson reported the committee received a presentation from Jennifer Marsh, Coordinator of Prevention Services and Mary Horning from Center for Human Services regarding prevention services and Student Assistance Program.

PRESENTATION: Slate Of Officers - Nomination Recommendations

Jack Waldorf stated he and Kathy Rupe are both willing to continue serving as Chair and Vice Chairperson. Jack opened the floor for further nominations. Recommendations are as follows: Jack Waldorf to serve as Chair and Kathy Rupe to serve as Vice Chair. The election of officers will be presented at the Board meeting in November.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Kevin Panyanouvong reported the following:

- Senate Bill 43 has been signed into law by Gov. Newsom. SB43 provides for the involuntary commitment and treatment of a person who is a danger to themselves or others or who is gravely disabled. Implementation is January 1, 2024, counties may postpone implementation until January 1, 2026.
- Senate Bill 326 renaming Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) expanding to include treatment of substance use disorders (SUD). Counties have the option to use the funding for SUD services. SB326 was signed by Gov. Newsom and will go to voters in March for approval.
- BH Infrastructure ACT issuing \$6.380 billion in bonds to fund housing for homeless individuals and veterans with mental health or substance use disorders. Subject to voter approval.
- Community Assistance, Recovery, Empowerment (CARE Court) was implemented by BHRS on October 1, 2023. Incoming petitions have not met the criteria. A CARE Court Town Hall meeting is planned to answer questions and educate the community.
- Mobile Crisis Services is a SAMSHA federal grant ending June 2025. BHRS has teamed up with the Sheriff's office to respond to unincorporated areas of Stanislaus County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annie Henrich, Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource (SAACR) member, shared that SAACR will be sponsoring a scholarship fundraiser Gala. The Gala will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Stanislaus County Veterans Center, located at 3500 Coffee Rd. Modesto. An event flyer will be sent to members via email.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting will be November 16, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at the Stanislaus Recovery Center, 1904 Richland Ave., Ceres.

Respectfully Submitted by Olivia Jimenez, Confidential Assistant III