



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
November 17, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:14 p.m. and called to order by Charmaine Monte, Vice Chair.

Shehu Hassan led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Megan Belair, Shehu Hassan, Annie Henrich, Margie Johnson, Loren Mannard, Charmaine Monte, Jerold Rosenthal, Jack Waldorf, Keryn Whitlow, Supervisor Terry Withrow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Madalynn Baker, Larry Bolton, Christopher Costin, Peter Dean, Captain Frank Martinez, Sergeant Thomas Olsen, Frank Ploof, Kathy Rupe, Marjorie Sturdy, Gloria Vallin

STAFF PRESENT

Cynthia Bocage, Tony Vartan, Mayra Mendoza, Rosie Torrez, Stephanie Correia, Melissa Farris, Maricella Mendoza, Kevin Panyanouvong, Colby Zavala, Vanessa Perez, Sonia Nuñez, Tracey McCullough, Natalie Legorreta, Sarah Norwood, Liz Pike, Randy Freitas

GUESTS PRESENT

Amado T., Mandel C., Gunner P., William H., Jane H., Vanessa C., Drew F., Kim B., Erin Rager, Carmen, Gilbert C. James M., Sammy T., Rita D., Donald M., Brian K., Jennifer Williams, Kym Barber Steven Cullen, Martin Oliver

CORRESPONDENCE

Cynthia Bocage reported Charmaine Monte, Shehu Hassan, and Jerold Rosenthal will not be renewing their Behavioral Health Board membership.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Loren Mannard made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of October 27, 2022. Jerold Rosenthal seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

Supervisor Withrow expressed his support for the Stanislaus Recovery Center and its consumers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)

Charmaine Monte presented the Slate of Officers as follows: Jack Waldorf as Chair and Kathy Rupe as Vice-Chair. With no further recommendations, Charmaine made a motion to close nominations. Motion to elect Jack Waldorf as Chair and Kathy Rupe as Vice Chair was made by unanimous consent.

PRESENTATION: FENTANYL: NOT EVEN ONCE

Natalie Legorreta, BHRS Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Education and Prevention, presented on the dangers of fentanyl and its effects in Stanislaus County. BHRS will be hosting the Opioid Safety Awareness Summit on December 1, 2022 at Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street, Modesto. There is no cost to attend. More information can be found at www.StanRx.net.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL, CONSUMER, FAMILY

Jennifer Williams, member of the Families Advocating for the Seriously Mentally Ill (FASMI), addressed a letter to the board stating her daughter's recent passing and the struggles experienced due to her illness.

Steven Cullen, LGBTQ Collaborative, stated there is a lapse in care with patients discharged from Doctors Medical Center (DMC) emergency room. Patients are discharged with only three days' worth of medication which is not enough medication as appointments for mental health are not available during that timeframe. Steven expressed the lapse in care leads to consumer decompensation.

A guest shared she received fourteen days of medication after DMC discharge. She was unable to refill the medications and felt that it was impossible to stabilize as she was also struggling with substance use disorder.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Charmaine Monte reported the committee reviewed the agenda for November. Kevin Panyanouvong shared with the committee that BHRS continues to work with Stanislaus State University to onboard clinical staff interns. BHRS is hoping to also work with UC Merced in the future.

Administrative Fiscal Management Committee

None reported.

Inpatient Committee

None reported.

Mental Health Committee

Margie Johnson reported they received a presentation the Behavioral Health Wellness Center.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee

Annie Henrich reported the committee received a presentation from the Stanislaus Recovery Center.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Tony Vartan, BHRS Director, reported the following highlights:

- BHRS will be working to expand SUD services and reduce wait time for an assessment.
- BHRS will have a post-hospitalization clinic to prevent a lapse in treatment.
- New legislations:
 - AB2275: This critical bill strengthens safeguards for people who are involuntarily detained for mental health treatment under California's Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act. This bill will address inconsistent interpretations of the LPS Act by counties across the state by making two important changes to the law by creating uniform standards for procedures that counties must follow to ensure that involuntarily detained people have timely access to due process.
 - AB2242: LPS MHSA funding and Care Coordination funding, this bill would require a care coordination plan to be developed and provided to an individual before being discharged from a hold or released after being detained for evaluation and treatment. The bill also states a person cannot be denied any MHSA services if they are in an involuntary or voluntary hold.
 - SB929: requires DHCS to collect and publish data from hospitals that accept 51/50 individuals in order to look at timelines for length of hold and treatment. The state will use the data for outcome measures.
 - SB1338: CARE Act, Stanislaus County is one of seven counties implementing CARE Act by October 2023.
 - AB988: "9-8-8" emergency response system for Californians experiencing a mental health crisis is still in process.
 - AB2473: Will require DHCS to regulate core competencies for SUD counselors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Rupe shared there will be a Drop the Drugs Event on October 29, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at the Stanislaus County Superior Court House, 800 11th Street, Modesto and at the Turlock Police Department, 244 N. Broadway.

Annie Henrich, Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource (SAACR) member, shared that SAACR will have a vaccine clinic on October 29, 2022, at the Asian Market, 2425 McHenry Ave, Modesto, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Charmaine Monte shared that the week of October 24, 2022, is Red Ribbon Week, a national celebration and awareness campaign of all the dangers of using controlled substances and encouraging students to have healthy relationships and behaviors.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next meeting will be January 26, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Stanislaus Veterans Center, 3500 Coffee Road, Ste. 15, Modesto, CA 95357.

Respectfully Submitted by Mayra Mendoza, Confidential Asst III