



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
March 28, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:05 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

Jack Waldorf, Peter Dean, Daljit Grewal, Jack Griffith, Annie Henrich, Margie Johnson, Kathy Rupe, Patricia Davis, Keryn Whitlow, Larry Bolton

STAFF PRESENT

Tony Vartan, Cynthia Bocage, Sara Jacobo, Tabitha Sprague, Lucy Escobar

GUESTS PRESENT

Pathana Luangath, Kym Barber

CORRESPONDENCE

None Reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Keryn Whitlow made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of February 22, 2024, Margie Johnson seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

None Reported.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONSUMER, GENERAL, FAMILY

No comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Jack Waldorf reported the committee finalized the BHB agenda for March 28, 2024, meeting. The committee discussed inviting various cultures to the BHB meeting to present on how mental illness is viewed in different cultures at the May board meeting.

Administrative Fiscal Management Committee

None Reported.

Hospitalization Committee

None Reported.

Mental Health Committee

Peter Dean reported the committee received a presentation from Outreach & Engagement program.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee

Margie Johnson reported the committee received a presentation regarding Substance Use Disorder (SUD) from Tracey McCullough, SUD Manager.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Tony Vartan, BHRS Director reported the following highlights:

- Prop 1 officially passed March 2024, a transformation of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). The State of California will receive 10 percent of the funding and counties will receive 90 percent which will be divided into 3 portions. Funding will be monitored closely for transparency.
- The current MHSA and BHSA components were compared after passing Prop 1, showing the shifting of funds.
- CARE Act has received 36 petitions with 12 having agreements in place.
- March's 24/7 Mobile Crisis data was reported.
- Johnny's Ambassadors gave a presentation at Stanislaus Family Education Night on March 27, 2024. The presentation educated parents and teens about the dangers of today's high-THC marijuana on adolescent brain development, mental illness, and suicide.
- AB2119 will update and recast mental health disorder terms to reflect current understanding practice in mental health.
- AB2995 will revise and recast various alcohol and other drug abuse terms, to use person-first terminology and focus instead on substance use disorder.
- Working Together for a Safer California Package focuses on both the fentanyl crisis, retail, and community-based crime increasing access to treatment, offering rehabilitative services for those in the criminal justice system, preventing trafficking of dangerous new substances.
- Discussion in creating awareness and focus on issues and challenges Veterans face reintegrating into the community and accessing support.
- Members were encouraged to review the following Senate and Assembly Bills:
SB1468, SB910, SB1468 9 &10, AB1437, AB1788, AB1842, SB294, SB402 and SB1184.

PRESENTATION: Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services

Tabitha Sprague, Chief, Substance Use Disorder Services (SUD), provided a PowerPoint presentation of SUD services. Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS), a health plan of network providers responsible for the provision of SUD services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The Expansion goal is for every person requesting help to have options for seeking services either by calling or walking-in regardless of pay source. Integrate Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders to educate the community of treatment resources available.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Annie Henrich, Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource (SAACR) member, shared SAACR will be sponsoring an Asian Wellness picnic on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ustach Park located at 2700 Hillglen Ave, Modesto.

The 10th Annual Mental Health Matters Day event will be held at the California State Capitol in Sacramento on May 15, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Patty Davis shared the Rainbow Resource Center will hold a Trans-Visibility Day on Saturday, March 30, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1202 H St. Modesto.

Jack Waldorf invited Keryn Whitlow and Jack Griffith to bring recommendations for the Initiatives Committee to the Executive Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting will be April 25, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at the Stanislaus Veterans Center, 3500 Coffee Rd. Ste.15, Modesto, CA, 95357.

Respectfully Submitted by O. Jimenez, Confidential Assistant III