



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB) July 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:05 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

Kym Barber, Larry Bolton, Patricia Davis, Peter Dean, Olivia Esquiviz Gonzalez, Daljit Grewal, Annie Henrich, Margie Johnson, Loren Mannard, Kathy Rupe, Gloria Vallin, Jack Waldorf, Terry Withrow

STAFF PRESENT

Bernardo Mora, M.D., Kevin Panyanouvong, Cynthia Bocage, Paula McDowell, Melissa Farris, Mimi Nguyen, Tracey McCullough, Charles Yarnell, Katrina Cosner, Olivia Jimenez

GUESTS PRESENT

Anthony Arauza, Brian MacLaren

CORRESPONDENCE

Jack Waldorf reported Kym Barber was recently appointed by the Board of Supervisors representing an At-large seat. Also reported Gloria Vallin is resigning from the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Gloria Vallin made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of June 27, 2024, Larry Bolton seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

Terry Withrow reported the following highlights:

- Board of Supervisors approved the budget for next fiscal year 25/26.
- Senate Bill 43, expand the definition of gravely disabled to include substance use disorder will be implemented on January 1, 2025.
- CARE Court Act continue to meet monthly, with one agreement in place and 12-13 individuals have received housing and/or receiving care services.
- Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with the Board and Care facility in Turlock.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONSUMER, GENERAL, FAMILY

None Reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

None reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, cont'd.

Administrative Fiscal Management Committee

None reported.

Hospitalization Committee

None reported.

Mental Health Committee

Peter Dean reported the committee toured the Hutton House/Youth Navigation Center, a multi-partnership of Stanislaus County which provides housing for the homeless and youth, as well as mental health services if needed.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee

Margie Johnson reported Sara Godfrey presented an overview of the services offered at Nirvana.

PRESENTATION: Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Youth Services

Paula McDowell, SUD Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation focusing on Drug Medi-Cal Organized Deliver System (DMC-ODS) Youth services. BHRS administers a managed care plan for the treatment of substance use disorders to move towards parity with other health care systems to ensure adequate care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries with a substance use disorder diagnosis. The DMC-ODS is structured to provide services to both youth and adults. A copy of the PowerPoint was distributed to the members.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Bernardo Mora, M.D., Medical Director, reported that community stakeholders continue to meet monthly to plan the implementation of Senate Bill 43, in partnership with local law enforcement, community partner agencies, Patient's Rights, and others.

Kevin Panyanouvong, Associate Director, reported the following highlights:

- SB43 is on target to be implemented on January 1, 2025.
- The 24/7 Mobile Crisis Unit contracted with Telecare is completely operational as of May 15, 2024, covering the entire county. For mobile units, call the Access line at 1-888-376-6246.
- BHRS is collaborating with County officials to develop a plan to minimize the Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) CAP. The State is penalizing the county \$450,000 for numbers above the 21/22 CAP.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Melissa Farris, Behavioral Health Family Advocate, announced there are now two-family groups on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. held at 500 N. 9th St., Modesto, for families dealing with family members with serious bound illness.

Olivia Esquiviz Gonzalez shared that veteran meetings for Stanislaus County's westside will begin in January 2025. She and Jorge Martinez, a journalist and veteran, will collaborate to implement services in the westside. At this time Olivia will be attending veteran meetings in Modesto.

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Jack Waldorf announced the Not My Child 5K Walk/Run will take place on August 31, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Modesto Junior College (MJC) West Campus in Modesto. A booth registration form was also available for members who wish to participate.

Terry Withrow shared that the Opioid Coalition provided a great presentation at the Woodland West Community on July 15, 2024.

Anthony Arauza, Cal Pride Health Equity Director, announced Serene Service program will be authorized August 2, 2024, in collaboration with Street Medicine team offering substance use disorder services and provide rapid Hep C and HIV testing from State certified test counselors.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next meeting will be August 22, 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