



## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD**

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### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB) October 24, 2024**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting convened at 5:07 p.m. and called to order by Jack Waldorf, Chair. Supervisor, Terry Withrow, led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kym Barber, Larry Bolton, Peter Dean, Daljit Grewal, Jack Griffith, Annie Henrich, Margie Johnson, Kathy Rupe, Jack Waldorf, Keryn Whitlow, Terry Withrow

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Cynthia Bocage, Tony Vartan, Leonor Sierra, Tameika Griffith, Maribel McCarrol, Mimi Nguyen, Sam Groves, Juanita Espinoza, Olivia Jimenez

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Brian MacLaren, Leah Zubiante, Pathana Luangath, Jelaine Esguerra, Roman Scanlon

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None reported.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: Keryn Whitlow made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of August 22, 2024, Larry Bolton seconded the motion.

#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT**

Supervisor Terry Withrow reported that on September 17, 2024, the BOS Adopted the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 effective July 1, 2024, ending June 30, 2025.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS CONSUMER, GENERAL, FAMILY**

None reported.

#### **Slate of Officers Ad Hoc Nomination Committee**

Jack Waldorf presented the Slate of Officers recommendations as follows: Kathy Rupe as Chair and Keryn Whitlow as Vice Chair for calendar year 2025. Jack Waldorf opened the floor for further nominations. The election of officers will be presented at the board meeting in November.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Executive Committee**

Kathy Rupe reported the committee finalized the BHB agenda for October 24, 2024, board meeting. The November 21, 2024, BHB will meet at the Stanislaus Recovery Center, at 1904 Richland Ave. Ceres. Cynthia Bocage drafted bylaws reflecting changes in accordance with Prop. 1 law, in terms

of the board membership requirements. Tony Vartan reported highlights on Senate Bills and BHRS Program updates.

#### Administrative Fiscal Management Committee

Margie Johnson reported the committee met and introduced Samuel Groves, Assistant Director, Chief Fiscal Officer.

#### Hospitalization Committee

None reported.

#### Mental Health Committee

None reported.

#### **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee**

Margie Johnson reported Jessie Lawrence, Behavioral Health Coordinator provided a presentation on Stanislaus Recovery Center (SRC) residential enrollment data. 402 people were admitted to SRC, 143 people were admitted to 3.1 program and 142 people were admitted to 3.2 program.

#### **PRESENTATION: Suicide Prevention and Education Coalition**

Tameika Easter-Griffith, Mental Health Coordinator, Prevention Services and Leonor Sierra, Chief of Integrated Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Suicide Prevention and Education Coalition (SPEC). A Stanislaus County Innovations Project to design an effective and sustainable coalition of partners strategizing to combat death by suicide. A copy of the PowerPoint was distributed to the members.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Tony Vartan, BHRS Director introduced Assistant Director and Chief Fiscal Officer, Sam Groves and reported the following highlights:

- SB43 Implementation: BHRS continues to meet with local community agencies and partners monthly. BHRS is in the training phase with law enforcement and designated individuals.
- CARE Act with CARE Court received 59 petitions, 20 of them translated into CARE agreements, to receive services voluntarily, and 1 CARE plan. From the 59 petitions, 30 were dismissed by the judge.
- Groundbreaking began October 24, 2024, for Hope Forward Campus a crisis stabilization center, providing residential and community-based mental health services for youth and teens. The facility is a partnership with Aspiranet, Stanislaus, San Joaquin and Merced Counties.
- The 24/7 Mobile Crisis Unit continue to move forward. Funding was approved for community partners to provide mobile services in the outline areas of the county.
- The Governor passed the following legislation that are related to BHRS: AB2119, AB2995, SB1238, SB1400, SB43, SB1238, AB1412, AB1842, AB2150 and AB3077 was vetoed by the Governor.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Annie Henrich, Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource (SAACR) introduced a Jelaine Esguerra, a student at Stanislaus State University who is also the president of NAMI. A gala was held on October 19, 2024, to raise funding for scholarships. Annie added the SAACR awarded 20 scholarships the previous year.

Larry Bolton announced a benefit concert for Patricia Davis to be held on November 24, 2024, at 1:00pm at the State Theater, 1307 J St. Modesto, CA.

Jack Griffith announced a Veterans symposium to be held on November 9, 2024, at the Senior Center, 1033 W. Las Palmas Ave., Patterson, CA from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Kym Baker announced next month, NAMI clubs will drive two buses with over 100 students to the State Capital.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next meeting will be November 21, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at the Stanislaus Recovery Center, 1904 Richland Ave., Ceres.

Respectfully Submitted by O. Jimenez, Confidential Assistant III