

San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Board
Minutes

Members Present

Nancy Chastain, Chair
Joseph Dittmann, Vice-Chair
Cary Martin
Ingrid Oliver
Karen Ivy
Mike Corsaro
Tasso Kandris
Tosh Saruwatari
Vaunita Duval
Mudalodu Vasudevan
Lori Hansen
Frances Hernandez
Daphne Shaw

Members Excused/Absent

Supervisor Miguel Villapudua

Also Present

Greg Diederich, HCS Director
Cara Dunn, Deputy Director
Billy Olpin, Deputy Director
Isabel Espinosa, Board Secretary

Guests

Gertie Kandris, NAMI SJC
Myrna Leon
Paul Cumming, Ever Well Health
Tony Anderson, VMRC

I. Call to Order

The Behavioral Health Board (BHB) meeting was convened on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at the Behavioral Health Services located at 1212 N. California Street, Stockton, CA. Chairperson Nancy Chastain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., led the pledge of allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by the Board Secretary. A quorum was in attendance at this meeting.

III. Introductions

Chairperson Nancy Chastain led self-introductions among board members and the public audience present at this meeting.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was requested by Chairperson Nancy Chastain to approve the September 20th meeting minutes. Motion was made by Tasso Kandris, and seconded by Cary Martin. The motion passed, with one member abstaining from voting.

V. Public Comment

No public comment

VI. New Business

a. Greg Diederich, Health Care Services (HCS) Director gave a power point presentation on The Stepping Up Initiative in San Joaquin County:

- This initiative is a call to action to assess the current mentally ill community's overrepresentation in our jails. Currently jails hold more mentally ill people than all psychiatric facilities combined.
- It involves a multi-agency collaboration that includes:
 - Health Care Services: Behavioral Health Services and Correctional Health
 - Law Enforcement: Sheriff Deputies, Correctional Officers, and Police Officers
 - Courts: Collaborative Courts, DA, and Public Defenders
 - Probation: Pre-Trial, and Probation Officers
- This initiative will allow for a brief universal mental health screening in Booking, and routine law enforcement encounters. It allows for classification to assess if the individual will benefit from a deterrent or should be incarcerated.
- Sequential Intercept mapping identifies barriers and analyzes data
- Currently waiting for jail to update to Jail Management System (JMS) and Correctional Health to update to E Clinical Works for an electronic health record (EHR) to allow for a program that communicates with both systems to allow for simplified collection of data and a sharing of relevant information.
- This program would incorporate diversion programs and linkage to services, to the already existing cite and release, and promise to appear efforts by probation. Prior to this initiative the only choice was pre-trial release or incarceration.
- The partnership and interagency collaboration on this project will increase our opportunities for receiving grants and funding to better serve our community.
- Through partnership we are looking to build a separate psychiatric area of the jail, where mentally ill, who are typically petty criminals can obtain services in a safe environment.
- Due to shortage of State Hospital space for restoration of mental competency, and the release of many pending restoration with ankle monitoring. The jail is currently seeking funding for its own area of the jail designated to competency restoration.

b. Appoint Nomination Committee for 2018 Chair/Vice Chairperson:

- Chairperson Nancy Chastain and board members Cary Martin, Daphne Shaw, and Tosh Saruwatari volunteered to be on the nomination committee.

c. Cara Dunn, Deputy Director, Administrative Division gave a presentation on the Performance Contract:

- Contract was received from the state on 10/23/17.

- It is an annual contract from Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), required by 1991 Realignment legislation.
- It is a Non-monetary contract, which sets standards for services in order to receive funding for
 - Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
 - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
 - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) programs
 - Community Mental Health Services provided with realignment funds.
- No substantive changes made to contract from last year.
- Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604.2 (a) (2) states the local mental health board shall review the annual Performance Contract agreement.
- It will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.
- Cara was invited to come back and share the names of all of BHS services and what services we contract for.

VII. Old Business

- a. Board member Tasso Kandris suggested that the board consider finding an alternative venue in the Tracy area for an upcoming meeting.
 - Board member Mike Corsaro will research the availability of the Tracy Train Station.
 - The board recommended that the date be March 2018.

VIII. Director's Report

- a. Presented by Billy Olpin, Deputy Director, Justice and Decriminalization Division
- b. Billy stated that Tony Vartan, BHS Director sends his regrets, and is away at the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) Governing Board Strategic Planning Meeting.
- c. BHS made a presentation to the Grand Jury on Opioids, and it was well received. Board member Joe Dittman would like to have Billy back to present on this topic.
- d. The Withdrawal Management Center committee and the Substance Abuse Advisory Committee will be combined. Meeting dates and times have yet to be established. The board will be notified when meetings are going to be reestablished.
- e. Innovation Plans for Progressive Housing Plan and the Assessment and Respite Center will be going to Mental Health Services Accountability and Oversight Committee (MHSOAC) tentatively scheduled for January 25, 2017.
- f. Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) was approved by the State.
- g. Upcoming BHS Holiday functions include:
 - Consumer Luncheon, 11/30/17, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, at BHS
 - Moose Lodge, 12/13/17, 10 am – 3 pm, Lodi
- h. No update on Telecare.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee – set agenda for tonight’s meeting.
- b. Legislative Report –no report, legislature in recess
- c. Children’s Committee – Board member Mike Corsaro scheduled a meeting with Jacqui Coulter, Deputy Director, CYS. His emails were being sent to her spam folder and she had not received his previous requests.
- d. Grievance Committee –no report until next meeting in December
- e. Housing Committee – Handout provided by board member Frances Hernandez. She discussed the current evaluations of board and care homes by the state. She requested a list of the current board and care homes in San Joaquin County.
- f. Substance Abuse Disorder Committee – latest edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) recognizes Substance Abuse as a disorder.

X. Other

- a. Board members discussed a video conversation regarding parameters of MHSA funding by Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg and District 1 Supervisor Phil Serna.
- b. Board Member Daphne Shaw requested that PHF out of county readmissions be included in the staff reports.
- c. Board member Tasso Kandris suggested the board tour Crane Landing the new 8 apartment building in Lodi and the Zettie Miller Haven apartments. Billy Olpin, Deputy Director said that he is available to assist in making arrangements with the facilities.
- d. Board member Cary Martin stated that the Homelessness problem in San Joaquin County is being addressed and moving forward positively. He is concerned with the possibility of a mass influx of the homeless population to receive services if we are successful. He would like to see a coordinated system state wide addressing this issue.
- e. Board member Tosh Saruwatari commented that Homelessness is a big issue and he would like to see the county advocate for more funding. With the rising cost of rent, and cost of living in our area it is difficult for consumers who may have had inpatient treatment sustain housing. He will be taking his concerns to the legislature.
- f. Board member Lori Hansen asked about the status of the Innovation Progressive Housing Plan. Board member Daphne Shaw advised her that the plan is pending OAC approval, and we will not have any updates until after January 25, 2017.
- g. Daphne Shaw gave a summary of the California Mental Health Planning Council meeting, and offered her notes on the Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/ State Supplementary Payment (SSP) housing updates, to the board.
- h. Board member Tosh Saruwatari thanked Billy for representing the Director at tonight’s meeting and for his continuing dedication to the Substance Abuse cause.

Meeting Adjourn: 7:20 p.m.