

San Joaquin County Mental Health & Substance Abuse Board
Minutes

Members Present

Cary Martin, Acting Chair
Karen Ivy
Tosh Saruwatari
Daphne Shaw
Ingrid Oliver
Alissa Douma
Joseph Dittmann

Also Present

Greg Diederich, HCS Director
James Garrett, BHS Director
Frances Hutchins, BHS Assistant Director
Doris Cody, Secretary

Members Excused/Absent

Frances Hernandez- Excused
Sheila Foster- Excused
Moses Zapien - Excused
Nancy Chastain- Excused

Guests

Kerrie Melton, Consumer Outreach Coord.
Kayce Rane, Rane Community Development
Tasso Kandris
Gertie Kandris
John Sisneroz, ANKA
Misty Peoples

I. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Cary Martin convened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by the Secretary, a quorum were in attendance at this meeting.

III. Introductions

Acting Chairman Cary Martin led self-introductions among board members and public audience present at this meeting.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by acting Chairman Cary Martin to approve minutes, motion moved by Daphne Shaw and second by Tosh Saruwatari to approve the minutes of August 17, 2016 as presented. No discussion. Motion carried.

V. Public Comment

- a. Tasso Kandris invited the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Board members to attend the Recovery Happens event on 9/24/16 from 11:00am – 3:00pm at Recovery House/Family Ties. Mr. Kandris also stated that Kerrie Melton will be transporting consumers to the Recovery Happens event.

- b. Kerrie Melton invited the board members to the Peace and Light: Lotus Floating Festival on 9/24 from 4:00pm – 8:00pm. Kerrie will transport consumers to this event.
- c. Kerrie Melton encouraged the board members, the public, consumers, and family members to attend the Consortium meetings. The Consortium meeting is held the 1st Wednesday of the month at Dorothy Chase conference room (1414 N. California St., 2nd Floor) at 3:00pm. During the Consortium meeting, you will learn about cultural diversity and behavioral health.
- d. Board member Tosh Saruwatari thanked Kerrie Melton for her continued efforts in keeping Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) strong in San Joaquin County.
- e. Steven Martinez from Delta College Resource Center thanked board member Cary Martin for inviting him to the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Board meeting. Mr. Martinez stated that Delta College offers an array of services and resources for veterans.

VI. New Business

- a. Public Hearing: Three-Year Mental Health Services Act Plan 2016-17 Annual Update:
 - Kayce Rane stated that there were no public comments for the Annual Update.
 - The Public Hearing was formally closed by Acting Chairman Cary Martin.
- b. Little Hoover Commission Report:

Frances Hutchins gave a presentation on the 2016 Little Hoover Commission Report on the Mental Health Services Act and briefly discussed the following:

 - Independent state oversight agency. Formally known as the Milton Marks “Little Hoover” Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy.
 - Two reports on Mental Health Services Act (MHSA): January 2015- Promises Still to Keep: A Decade of the Mental Health Services Act and September 2016: Promises Still to Keep: A Second Look at the Mental Health Services Act.
 - Concerns raised in first Little Hoover Commission report (January 2015). State lacks accountability mechanism to validate that funds generated by the MHSA were used as intended by the MHSA.
 - Follow up review initiated in May 2016. Review included: Three state agencies continue to share responsibility for administering and overseeing aspects of the MHSA.
 - Low level of transparency remains about how MHSA funds are spent.
 - Eight Recommendations:

1. Legislature should clarify roles and responsibilities of state agencies responsible for administering, overseeing and enforcing the MHSA
2. Governor should approve Legislation to make it easier for Californians to see how and where MHSA tax dollars are being spent.
3. DHCS should begin posting MHSA Revenue and Expenditure reports online, instead of waiting for counties to submit all reports.
4. State must ensure MHSA state administrative funds are spent properly.
5. Before proceeding with the data modernization project, DHCS should streamline its approach to the data collection system.
6. The Legislature should establish a MHSA data workgroup within DHCS to build on existing county data collection efforts and develop a statewide MHSA database.
7. The MHSOAC should provide guidance and technical assistance to counties on best practices in engaging stakeholders in MHSA planning processes.
8. The MHSOAC should identify best practices with county MHSA programs, and provide training and technical assistance to disseminate practices statewide.

VII. Old Business

- a. Revision of MH&SA Board By-laws are on the Board of Supervisors' agenda for September 27th.
- b. Recruitment of new MH&SA Board members – Two applications has been submitted to the Clerk of the Board for the General Interest positions. There are two (2) consumer interest positions that are currently open.

VIII. Director's Report

- a. BHS Staff Reports (Reports were sent electronically to MH&SAB members)
- b. James Garrett, BHS Director gave a brief report on the following items:
 - The Doctors contracts are still in negotiations.
 - CSU may have a ten (10) day delay, but overall, construction seems to be on track.
 - In an effort to tackle homelessness in San Joaquin County, the Homeless Taskforce has several subcommittees; these subcommittees will submit their recommendations to the Homeless Taskforce.
 - BHS sent four (4) staff to the Leadership Institute. The Leadership Institute is a leadership development program designed to help good leaders become effective system leaders and innovators in public behavioral health and related health systems.
 - Mr. Garrett was set to present "Safety in Mind" during an Evening Study Session on the topic of Public Safety at the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 20th, but due to other safety concerns, he did not present.

- A question was addressed to Mr. Garrett, "What is the difference between SD (System Development) and Core?" Mr. Garrett stated that SD is for consumers being outreached, but not receiving services and Core is consumers that are receiving outpatient services.
- Ms. Shaw asked for an update regarding the BHS Data Dashboard, Mr. Garrett stated that there will be a presentation in the next few months at the MH&SA Board meeting to discuss updates on the dashboard.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee – Nancy Chastain, Cary Martin and Joseph Dittmann attended the conference call.
- b. Legislative Report - Daphne Shaw gave a brief report on the following:
 - AB2017- Would allow MHSA funds designated for Prevention and Early Interventions to be diverted specifically to public community colleges, colleges and universities to improve access to mental health services on campus. Passed in the Senate.
- c. Children's Committee – No Report.
 - Tosh Saruwatari requested to be removed from the Children's Committee and ask for Sheila Foster to take the lead on this committee. Tosh also gave kudos to the staff of Children and Youth Services and Jacqui Coulter, Deputy Director/CYS.
- d. Grievance Committee – The Grievance Committee met for the purpose of reviewing grievances and determining whether there are trends developing that may be further looked into, no trends were noted.
- e. Housing Committee. No report.
- f. Substance Abuse Disorder Committee. No report.

X. Other

- a. Board Member Cary Martin stated that he wants a presentation on human trafficking. James Garrett, BHS Director stated that staff is looking into topic.
- b. A question from a guest asked if Laura's Law can be implemented in San Joaquin County. It was stated that BHS offers the InSPIRE program which provides learning opportunities to specialized cohorts. This program can assist an individual who may benefit from the services this program offers.

XI. Adjourn: 7:40 p.m.