SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
Behavioral Health Services

Behavioral Health Services
A Division of Health Care Services Agency
Fay G. Vieira, LMFT, Director
Tamara Weber, LMFT, Clinical Assistant Director

Date:	Wednesday, August 19, 2026	
Time:	5:00 PM	
Location	1212 N California Street Conference rooms B&C Stockton, CA 95202	
Members:	Chair- Destiny Easter Vice Chair- Katrina Bambula-Santos Paul Akinjo Cristopher Bunnel Supervisor Paul Canepa Toni Delgado	Sabrina Flores-Eng Jeffrey Giampetro Anastassios "Tasso" Kandris Gertrud "Gertie" Kandris Dr. Chaun Powell
Vacancies	(1) Family Representative (1) Consumer Representative	(1) General Interest (1) Transitional Age Youth
Minute Taker:	Board Secretary	

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Minutes

This meeting was broadcast via Zoom.

1. Call to Order

a. Moment of silence
b. Pledge of allegiance
c. Roll Call
d. Housekeeping

2. Public Comment

Mary Elizabeth
Jessica Velez

The public is welcome to address the Advisory Board during this time on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. Members of the public are encouraged to complete a Public Comment form, which can be found near the entry of the Board Room. Speakers are limited to three minutes and are expected to be civil and courteous. Public comment on items listed on the agenda may be heard at this time, or when the item is called, at the discretion of the Chair.

Except as otherwise permitted by the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950 et seq.), no deliberation, discussion or action may be taken by the Board on items not listed on the agenda. Members of the Board may but are not required to: (1) briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons addressing the Board; (2) ask a brief question for clarification; or (3) refer the matter to staff for further information.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of July 2026 minutes Vote
    a. Board voted to approve July 15, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes 8/9 voted yes. 1/9 Board member Tasso Kandris abstained; reason provided was late

receipt of minutes due to email complications. The Board secretary will add the Board members updated email address to prevent future errors.

4. Guest Presentations

a. BeWell Tour September 16, 2026- Genevieve Valentine- A tour of BeWell site will take place from 3-4 pm. Board Members were informed to arrive early between 2:50-3:00. Genevieve Valentine provided a handout to board members with details regarding dress code, location, parking, safety precautions/PPE. Genevieve recommended Board members hold questions regarding programming and budgets during the tour to be addressed later in a public meeting. Answering budgetary or programming questions will result in a closed meeting, which means the information then could not be shared publicly.

b. Housing for Health Updates- Deputy Director of Housing for Health, Sasha Jackson, provided a presentation on the Housing for Health Division and answered the Board members questions.

5. BHAB Chair's Report

a. Appointment of BHAB Members to Data Notebook Ad Hoc Committee- Board member Chaun Powell volunteered to join Chair Destiny Easter on the Data Notebook Ad Hoc Committee. Board Member Chaun Powell requested that CPS staff attend the ad hoc meeting. Director Fay Vieira recommended that Akkia Pride-Polk from HSA attend, in addition to Courtney Flores of CYS and Angelo Balmaceda of BHSA.

b. Youth Alliance- Chair Destiny Easter announced that the Youth Alliance committee is dissolved and no longer active.

6. Director's Update

a. Contract report out – Director Vieira provided updates on the most recently approved contracts from the 8/4/26 Board of Supervisors Meeting including Acceptance of Prop 36 Grant Funding, Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Heritage Oaks, Community Medical Centers Residential Treatment, Amendment to adult residential service providers A&A and Modesto Residential.

b. Request for Proposal (RFP)- Director Vieira provided updates on upcoming RFP including Parent Interaction Therapy Evidence Based Treatment, MST Youth, and Second BeWell building 60 bed facility anticipated October 2026.

7. Liaison Reports

a. QAPI (Tasso Kandris) Board member Tasso Kandris shared grievance information from the QAPI August 2026 meeting.

b. Suicide Prevention Committee (Destiny Easter)- Per Chair Destiny Easter, the Suicide Prevention Committee is still on hiatus

c. Legislature (Gertie Kandris) State of California is transitioning to BHSA. Board Member Gertie Kandris provided information about PROP 1 effects and BHSA updates.

d. Lethal Means (Katrina Bambula Santos) No updates

e. Continuum of Care COC (Jeffrey Giampetro) Board member Jeffrey Giampetro was absent. Chaun Powell attended the meeting and volunteered to provide updates.
f. Substance Use Network (Sabrina Flores) No update- Board member Sabrina Flores was unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts and can no longer attend future meetings. Board member Chaun Powell volunteered as replacement liaison. Board Secretary will confirm meeting date and frequency with Joaquin Vivero from San Joaquin County Substance Use Services department.

8. Sub-committee Reports

Reports must be submitted to the Board Secretary one day prior to the Executive Meeting, occurring the first Tuesday of every month

Goal 1: BHAB will develop a resource guide for families of BHS members (advance directive, planning for ongoing support)-**initial meeting held 4/22.**
Members: Jeff Giampetro, Katrina Bambula Santos
Vice Chair Katrina Bambula Santos completed the goal and sent it to Chair and Director for review. The Board secretary will send out to the board members for review.

Goal 2: BHAB will do outreach at a minimum of 3 local government/special district meetings with the intention of recruiting more diverse membership from different areas of the county. -initial meeting held 4/30/26.
Members: Cristopher Bunnel
Cristopher was not present however Vice Chair Katrina Bambula Santos shared that Cristopher created a PowerPoint, however vacancies are almost filled. After two recent appointments, we have only 2 vacant positions.

9. Action Items

10. Reminders

Next Advisory Board Meeting: 9/16/26
1212 N. California Street
Behavioral Health Services Conference Rooms B & C
Stockton, CA 95202

BeWell Tour for BHAB Board Members, September 16 at 3:00 pm

11. Local Events/Announcements

9/5/26 Suicide Prevention Awareness Walk

12. Board Comments

a) Board member Tasso Kandris shared that this was a good meeting and good presentations
b) Supervisor Paul Canepa announced that he will be at Lincoln Center for CAPC Duck Derby at the dunk tank on Aug 21, 6-9 pm

c) Board member Sabrina apologized for recent absences and shared that she was unavailable due to the passing of student and passing of her relative. The Board offered condolences.
d) Supervisor Paul Canepa shared that Bishop Dwight Williams passed away on Sunday night.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm