



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB)

Regular Meeting

February 19, 2025

Behavioral Health Services

1212 N. California St.

Stockton, CA 95202

Minutes

I. Call to Order at 5:10pm

- Moment of Silence
- Pledge of Allegiance – led by Tasso Kandris
- Roll Call

Members presents: Chair Christine Stanbrough, Vice Chair Esther Wolczynski (in at 5:19pm), Patricia Barrett, Jeff Giampetro, Gertie Kandris, Tasso Kandris, Cary Martin (in at 5:24pm), Sabrina Flores, Paul Canepa (in at 5:44pm)

Members absent: Paul Akinjo, Destiny Easter, Sabrina Flores

Others in attendance: Supervisor Steven Ding (out at 6:31pm), BHS Director Genevieve Valentine

- Guest Introductions

II. Public Comment

- Jessica Velez – homeless outreach; works with individuals learning to live again indoors by themselves/independently; looking to take over small apartment complex; will be able to keep pets; medical advocacy

III. Approval of Minutes

- Board voted unanimously (8-0) to approve Minutes of the January Board meeting

IV. Guest Presentations

- Lodi Clinic
Presented by April Chavez, Chief Mental Health Clinician
Ben Alban, Chief Mental Health Clinician

V. BHAB Chair's Report

- Board Retreat next month (March) at AG Center
- Genevieve will share Smart goals at Retreat
- Bring 2025 Goals ideas to Retreat
- Will discuss Committees & Liaisons at Retreat
- If you are going to be absent from a meeting, let Chair and Secretary know



Genevieve G. Valentine, LMFT, BHS Director

Fay Vieira, LMFT, BHS Assistant Director- Clinical

Cara Dunn, BHS Assistant Director- Administrative

VI. Director's Update

- City of Lodi has transitional housing project in the works; will be based off Care Court
- Lodi has been phenomenal in collaboration with Mental Health
- BHSA Listening Sessions are taking place in most populated cities in the county
- Focusing on 25/26 budgets, we do not want to have budgets that aren't true; if we have positions that have been open/vacant since 2022 we are eliminating them; seeing a reduction of vacant of vacant positions does not mean we are cutting services
- Prevention services are no longer under Behavioral Health; these services will fall under Public Health contracts for prevention services will be 1 year
- BeWell Update: Grant applications submitted in December; will be awarded in May; having weekly meetings as far as legal

VII. Committees/Liaisons Reports

VIII. Action Items

IX. Reminders

- Next Advisory Board meetings- Board Retreat March 19, April 16 and May 21

X. Local Events/Announcements

- NAMI Walk – Saturday, May 3 – 8am to noon, William Land Park in Sacramento

XI. Board Comments

- Tasso – Make sure we are inviting individuals to Board meetings; Chief of Police, ad in newspaper, post at the library; also make sure we are enforcing the Bylaws, mainly attendance; Sacramento Sheriff will no longer report to Mental Health
- Genevieve: Sac Sheriff no longer reporting to MH was a decision that came out of the 9th circuit court of appeals
- Esther – looking forward to next month; has there been any expression of fear in Behavioral Health due to ICE
- Genevieve: no changes in Behavioral Health; no impact to our services

XII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm