



Behavioral Health Services

A Division of Health Care Services Agency

Tony Vartan, MSW, LCSW, BHS Director

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)

Regular Meeting

February 20, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

1212 N. California Street, Stockton, CA 95202

Board Members Present:

Joe Dittman
 Karen Ivy
 Cary Martin
 Tasso Kandris
 Lori Hansen
 Patricia Barrett
 Cynthia Thomlison
 Vaunita Duval
 Daphne Shaw
 Mudalodu Vasudevan

Board Members Absent/Excused:

Mike Corsaro
 Frances Hernandez
 Jeff Giampetro
 Supervisor Villapudua

Also Present:

Frances Hutchins, Assistant Behavioral Health Director
 Isabel Espinosa, Office Secretary

Guests:

Curtis Johnson, Power n' Support Team
 Gertie Kandris
 Tony Anderson, VMRC
 John Weston

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Board meeting was convened on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at Behavioral Health Services located at 1212 N. California Street, Conference Room B, Stockton, CA. Chairperson Tasso Kandris called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. and 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 Tasso Kandris led self-introductions among board members and the public audience present at the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joseph Dittmann made a motion to approve the January minutes, and was seconded by Cary Martin. Motion was approved 8-0 with Daphne Shaw and Vaunita Duval abstaining.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. No public comment.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Director's report was given by Behavioral Health Director Tony Vartan.

- Evaluations are in progress for Forensics and Transitional Adult Residential Request for Proposals. Updates will be given next month.
- Timeliness project is focused on centralizing 24/7 call center for the access line, and to streamline the process for triage and appointments.
- The Medication compliance team is targeting those who are not in compliance with medication by increasing case management, tracking no shows, and other interventions.
- Progressive Housing currently has 6 homes, and is now taking referrals from the LEAD program.
 - (3) Level One homes (Most intensive care)
 - (2) Level Two homes
 - (1) Level One home (least intensive care)
- Assessment and Respite center is currently working with SPD. Clinicians are now attending court hearings and getting referrals.
- Project based housing has secured 27 units for Mental Health patients for the next 20 years. Completion of project is expected in fall of 2019.
- Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative overview was presented to the Mayor's office, and will be presented to the CAO's office. The goal of the project is to work across agencies, jurisdictions, and sectors to solve the Homelessness issue facing San Joaquin County.

VII. PRESENTATION

- A. Human Trafficking – *Suzanne Schultz*, Program Manager, Family Justice Center

- San Joaquin County Family Justice Center is a one stop shop where victims can be linked to resources from the District Attorney's Office, Victim Witness, Women's Center Youth and Family Services, Stockton PD, San Joaquin County Office of Education, Department of Child Support Services, Family Legal and Law Services, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Mental Health Services, and Human Services Agency.
- The presentation is titled "Is your soul for sale?" and is available online. Link <https://www.sjgov.org/da/videos>

- Please be aware that this video is graphic in nature. Graphic images and language are contained in the presentation. Viewer discretion advised. If this presentation is being shared with an at-risk audience (i.e. foster children, those struggling with addiction, those exposed to physical, sexual, or emotional abuse), it is strongly recommended counselors and/or protective parents or guardians be present when the program is being viewed.
- The District Attorney’s presentation on human trafficking prevention shares information about the dark world of the sex trafficking industry. This powerful program contains actual 911 calls, photos, shares warning signs, statistics, explains the recruiting techniques, why victims stay, the toll it takes on victims, provides information about how to help a victim, and resources for assistance.
- The presentation details different scenarios the in which victims are forced into Human trafficking
 - Romeo/Finesse: acts like a boyfriend
 - Helping friend: a person whose job it is to recruit and train newcomers by gaining confidence as a friend.
 - Guerilla pimp: takes victim by abduction.
- Recruiters are trained in finding vulnerable victims in public places or online through games.
- Common warning signs:
 - Tattoos of dollar signs, or money amounts especially in thigh and/or mouth area.
 - Does not make eye contact
 - Does not speak for themselves

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Future meeting locations (Manteca, Tracy, or Lodi)
 - Michael Corsaro (not present) meeting sent information stating that the Tracy library is available 03/12/19, 04/16/19, and 05/14/19.
- B. Propose meeting time change
 - Lori Hansen made a motion to table this issue.
- C. Data Notebook Survey
 - Board members were asked to review survey and make recommendations and comments. Forward your responses to Tasso and Isabel by March 11, 2019.
- D. May is Mental Health Month Proclamation with NAMI
 - The proclamation has been written by NAMI. The board is invited to support the proclamation by attending the Board of Supervisors hearing.
 - Tasso made a motion, and was seconded by Lori with unanimous approval from the board.
- E. Proposed Tours of San Joaquin County Jail, Crane’s Landing, Community Medical Center – Assessment and Respite Center
 - Send in your comments for tours to Tasso for input. Tours may need to take place during the day.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Power and Support Team update

- Curtis Johnson, Co-Chair of Power and Support Team thanked BHS for their support of the California and Vine Street cross walk. He updated the board on their progress since their presentation last month. The group has contacted the Early College Academy located near the intersection to ask for their support. They held an awareness march on 01/25/19, and have invited the Stockton Record to the march on 02/22/19 at 11 am. Walter is working on getting a date for public comment for an upcoming City Council meeting.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee: No report.
- B. Legislative Committee: No report.
- C. Housing Committee: No report
- D. Grievance Committee: No report.
- E. Substance Use Disorder Committee: No report.
- F. Children's Committee: No report.

XI. REMINDERS

- A. The next Behavioral Health Board meeting will be March 20, 2019 at 5:00 P.M., in BHS Conference Room B. For information, please contact Isabel Espinosa at 209-468-8750 or via e-mail at iespinosa@sjcbhs.org

IX. ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY March 20, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M