



Behavioral Health Services

A Division of Health Care Services Agency

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB) Regular Meeting

January 15, 2020, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Behavioral Health Services, 1212 N. California Street, Stockton, CA 95202
Conference Room C

Board Members Present:

Karen Ivy
Vaunita Duval
Tasso Kandris
Jeff Giampetro
John Weston
Cary Martin
Joe Dittmann

Board Members Absent/Excused:

Lori Hansen
Supervisor Villapudua
Patricia Barrett
Dr. Mudalodu Vasudevan

Guests:

Justin Schrottenboer, VMRC
Jordan Phillips, PH Advocates
Tanice Wallace, PH Advocates
Shamori Lathan, PH Advocates
Erin Reynolds, PH Advocates
Fabian Perez, Fathers and Families of San Joaquin
Samuel Nunez, Fathers and Families of San Joaquin
Daniel Mendoza, Fathers and Families of San Joaquin
R. Thompson, Fathers and Families of San Joaquin
Marian Norris, for Senator Cathleen Galgiani's office
Cassie Lowe, Child Abuse Prevention Council

Stephanie Waldron, Turning Point Community Programs
Tosh Saruwatari
Paige Tengelek
Jeanette Marengo
Gertie Kandris
Aiyanna Magee
Aniyah Magee
Heaven Ennals
Damion Magee
Barrion Magee

Also Present:

Frances Hutchins, Assistant Behavioral Health Director
Angelo Balmaceda, Management Analyst II
Isabel Espinosa, Office Secretary

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Board meeting was convened on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Behavioral Health Services located at 1212 N. California Street, Stockton, CA in Conference room C. Chairperson Tasso Kandris

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called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M. held a moment of silence, and led the pledge of allegiance. The Board Secretary took roll call. A quorum was in attendance at this meeting.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Tasso Kandris led self-introductions among board members and the public audience present at the meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jeff Giampetro: Central Valley Low Income Housing Corporation was on TV and stated that \$2 billion dollars would not be enough funds to fix homeless issue in San Joaquin County. What part of the County budget would these type of funds come from? Could cause county to go into bankruptcy. He suggests taking time out to make an emergency declaration, and work with Board of Supervisors to come up with a solution. More than just talking about it all the time. The homeless population is growing and people keep being shifted around from city to city.
- Cary Martin: Homeless issue was raised a few month ago and the Little Hoover Commission was proposed. Does the board support this idea? Contact Cary or send him and email. Issue not limited to SJ County. May need a special meeting to discuss and formulate a response.
- Tosh Saruwatari: It is nice to come back and visit the board.
- Tasso Kandris: Announced that Charles Eproson Jr, resigned from the board.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 2019 minutes were approved, 5-0-2, with Karen Ivy and Vaunita Duval abstaining.

V. PRESENTATION

- A. Mental Health Services Act Overview (MHSA), Community Program Planning for Fiscal Year 2020-21
- *Angelo Balmaceda*, Management Analyst II
- MHSA mission and vision were discussed. Those in attendance were asked to share information regarding what is working, what needs improvement, and what are the key needs and concerns for each age group.
- What is working?:
Members of the public listed the names of programs such as the Consortium, Assessment and Respite Center, Progressive Housing, Mobile Crisis, CBO's, and Cultural Clinics. Additional comments included that it is easier to get an appointment with the Doctor, and the wait time is much shorter.
- What needs improvement?:
Due to the large homeless population in San Joaquin County, the public would like to see more Housing, Continuum of housing, and permanent housing solutions. Our current housing programs are working well

they just need to be expanded. Additional comments included extending pharmacy hours, reducing the length of time it takes to obtain 5150 privileges, avoiding duplication of services, electronic medical records sharing, making sure grocery stores are near housing

- Key concerns for age groups:
 - 55+ need more housing options.
 - Adults and Older Adults need more care homes, and care homes that allow them to be in the house during the day.
 - 16-24 TAY population needs outlets with peer support, and access to local community services and school with transportation options. Improved access to mental health in school, more awareness about trafficking.
 - 0-5 age group need more attachment opportunities with mom and dad, more socialization, lowest penetration rate, many children with challenging behavior are not prepared for school.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nomination Committee report and election
 - The nomination committee requested to keep the current Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, Tasso Kandris and Patricia Barrett. Nominations were opened and board members voted. Tasso Kandris will serve an additional term as Chairperson, and Patricia Barrett as Vice Chairperson,

ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M