



**Behavioral Health Services**

*A Division of Health Care Services Agency*

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**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)**

*Regular Meeting*

July 17, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

1212 N. California Street, Stockton, CA 95202

**Board Members Present:**

Vaunita Duval  
 Karen Ivy  
 Tasso Kandris  
 Lori Hansen  
 Jeff Giampetro  
 Cynthia Thomlison  
 John Weston  
 Supervisor Villapudua

**Also Present:**

Greg Diederich, HCS Director  
 Tony Vartan, BHS Director  
 Frances Hutchins, Assistant BHS Director  
 Isabel Espinosa, Office Secretary

**Board Members Absent/Excused:**

Joe Dittmann  
 Frances Hernandez  
 Cary Martin  
 Daphne Shaw  
 Dr. Mudalodu Vasudevan  
 Patricia Barrett

**Guests:**

Tony Anderson, Valley Mountain Regional Center  
 Gertie Kandris  
 Jennifer Fowler, Court Analyst  
 Carolina Estrada, Mental Health Clinician  
 Jim Sooy, DUI Court Compliance Manager

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Behavioral Health Board meeting was convened on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 1212 N. California Street, in Stockton, California. Chairperson Tasso Kandris called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M. held a moment of silence, and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken by the Board Secretary. 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**

No Comments.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cynthia Thomlison made a motion to approve the June minutes, and was seconded by Jeff Giampetro. Motion was approved 5-0-3, with Lori Hansen, Supervisor Villapudua, and Vaunita Duval abstaining.

#### V. PRESENTATION

##### A. Collaborative Courts

- *Jim Sooy*, DUI Court Compliance Manager, *Carolina Estrada*, Mental Health Clinician and *Jennifer Fowler*, Court Analyst

- The collaborative court is one large coordinated system that serves 1,500 high-risk offenders identified by validated assessment. Placement is based on level of need.
- Collaborative courts include DUI Court, Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Monitoring Court, AB109 Court, and Parole Reentry Court.
- A Mental Health Clinician is in court to assess and triage clients. Each client receives six to eight, 45-minute sessions at the courthouse. This is available for mild to moderate clients. Most frequent diagnosis are Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Anxiety, Schizophrenia, and borderline personality disorder.
- Each client costs the program between \$795 - \$1,732 per year.
- DUI Court had less than 1% violations of probation for Quarter 2 of FY 2018/2019. This program is currently serving 485 clients. The percentage for non-collaborative court clients' violations of probation is at 16.92%.
- Alcohol related fatalities in San Joaquin County have decreased by 38%. Prior to the implementation of DUI court there were on average 52 fatalities per year. After the implementation of DUI Court there are on average 32 fatalities per year.
- Alcohol intake is monitored for DUI court participants by a SCRAM bracelet, mobile monitoring, interlocking ignition, and drug testing. These devices detect alcohol, and notifies the courts.

#### VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

– By *Tony Vartan*, BHS Director

- One of two Justice FSP intensive program will start next week. The Turning Point/El Concilio program has 10 cases. In September the Telecare program will begin, their clients have already been identified.
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program in collaboration with Stockton Police Department and the District Attorney's Office efforts to reduce low-level crimes had some success stories.
  - A homeless female residing in a tent received treatment and was able find employment. She is no longer homeless and rents a room.
  - A homeless female with a history of alcohol abuse was able to find housing and receive services.
  - A frequent trespasser was given a phone, clothing, and job interview skills. He is now living at the Ready to Work Campus, and seeking employment.
  - A female panhandler with history of alcohol abuse attended a life skills program. She is now sober and housed. She was able to reunite with her kids.

- A homeless female with a medical issue was able to be treated with a Doctor, and was accepted into the Gospel Mission Shelter.
- Progressive Housing now has six homes ranging from Level 1 to Level 3. The Assessment and Respite Center and Progressive Housing programs are available to present to the board.
- Closing of Anka facilities allowed BHS to secure a contract with GLOM. There are now 46 beds at three facilities that will admit only BHS clients.
- There is currently a Mental Health Clinician shortage at BHS. Stockton Unified School District, just hired 30 Mental Health Clinicians. 10 of those Clinicians came from Children and Youth Services, and total about 50% of the work force. This also affected our contractors, Victor and Valley Community Counseling who lost a combined total of fifteen employees. Interventions are planned such as extending clinic time.
- BHS Administration will be meeting with the Labor Commission regarding salary studies. There are currently 47 Clinician openings at BHS. Salary is not competitive. Same issues with Psychiatrists and Psych Techs.
- Working on a plan for PG&E power outage to ensure power for 24/7 Inpatient areas.
- California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) awarded a grant for \$2.5 Million for a 16 bed, male only, co-occurring residential treatment facility. It will be placed on the same campus as Recovery House. BHS will be applying for a second round of funding for a women's only facility. Module will be operational quickly.
- San Joaquin County was one of ten counties sanctioned by the Department of Health Care Services for inadequate network for the Network Adequacy Tool. Formula is calculated based prevalence of Mental Health.
- External Quality Review will be held October 22 and 23 for Mental Health. In addition, October 29 and 30 for Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System.
- The need for a 24/7 call center is being evaluated. Currently the call center is Monday – Friday from 8 AM – 5 PM. The Crisis line covers nights and weekends.
- Department of Health Care Services require concurrent reviews of services to authorize as they go. An information notice was sent on August 1, 2019 changing to centralized utilization review and management.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Board Resignations

- Mike Corsaro resigned in May.
- Daphne Shaw resigned today.
- A motion was made by Lori Hansen to remove Frances Hernandez from the board for non-attendance. The motion was seconded by Jeff Giampetro, and passed 8-0-0.

### B. Committee Assignments

- Assignments will stay as is. Issue will be discussed when full board attends.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Proposed training with California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions

- Training is tentatively scheduled for Saturday October 19, 2019

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY August 21, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M

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