



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)

Regular Meeting

Via teleconference

November 18, 2020 – 5:00 -7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present:

Patricia Barret
Douglas Vigil
Jeff Giampetro
John Weston
Carolyn Cooper
Gertie Kandris
Tasso Kandris
Cary Martin
Joretta Burlington
Dr. Mudalodu Vasudevan
Supervisor Villapudua
Joe Dittman
Tashante McCoy
Sabrina Flores-Eng

Also Present:

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

Board Members Absent/Excused:

Karen Ivy

Guests:

Kim, NorCal Services
John Burt
Betty Wilson
Michael Fields, Wellness Center, NAMI
Tony Anderson, VMRC

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Board meeting was convened on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 via Zoom teleconference. Chairperson Tasso Kandris called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM, and led the pledge of allegiance. The Board Secretary took roll call. A quorum was established at this meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – OPEN TIME

No public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Douglas Vigil made a motion to approve the minutes, and was seconded by Gertie Kandris. The minutes were approved 14-0-0.

IV. PRESENTATION

A. Inspire and Laura's law

- *Frances Hutchins*, Assistant Behavioral Health Director

The Implementation of the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act permits involuntary mental health treatment when, due to mental illness individuals are a risk to themselves, or others, or cannot provide for their basic needs.

Holds can range from short term for 72 hours, extended for 14 days, or conservatorship for up to one year.

Statewide there has been low rates for those leaving involuntary holds and connecting to Assisted Outpatient Therapy (AOT). BHS has a high risk transition team and Peer Navigation team with Telecare, and Peer Navigation Services with Telecare. In 2011 BHS established the Inspire program as an intensive voluntary program that is an alternative to court ordered AOT. The services are voluntary but the staff provides extra motivation and encouragement to engage participants in services without court ordered interventions.

Counties are required to offer AOT as of July 1, 2021 unless the Board of Supervisors passes a resolution to opt out, and includes reason for opting out.

B. California Behavioral Health Planning Commission Data Notebook

- *Hilary Crowley*, Management Analyst III

The California Behavioral Health Planning Commission's Data Notebook was discussed. The survey included questions regarding Adult Residential facilities bed numbers, number of Institutions for Mental Disease, Homelessness programs and services, Foster Care youth in Group homes, response to COVID-19, and Telehealth.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nomination Committee

- *Tasso Kandris*, BHB Chairperson

Board members Karen Ivy, Carolyn Cooper, and Douglas Vigil volunteered to select nominees for Chair and Vice Chair for the January Behavioral Health Board meeting.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- *Tony Vartan*, MSW, LCSW, Behavioral Health Director

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

Tasso attended a Zoom meeting with CALBH/C on discrimination and biases. He will share the presentation at a future board meeting. Tasso also attended a NAMI meeting called Ask the Expert, regarding schizophrenia and the effects of tobacco.

B. Legislative Committee

C. Children's Committee

Board member Carolyn Cooper wanted to bring attention to SB 803 and the importance of staying on top of the bill. She is part of the policy group.

D. Grievance Committee

E. Housing Committee

F. Substance Use Disorder

IX. REMINDERS

A. Next Behavioral Health Board meeting will be December 16, 2020. For information, please contact *Isabel Espinosa* at 209-468-8750 or via e-mail at iespinosa@sjcbhs.org

IX. ADJOURN TO DECEMBER 16, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M.