



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)

Regular Meeting

Zoom

September 15, 2021 – 5:00 -7:00 P.M.

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MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Chair Tasso Kandris
Vice Chair Patricia Barrett
Gertie Kandris
Mary Avanti
Cary Martin
Jeff Giampetro
Douglas Vigil
John Weston

Board Members Absent/Excused:

Carolyn Cooper
Sabrina Flores-Eng
Dr. Mudalodu Vasudevan
Supervisor Miller

Also Present:

Greg Diederich, HCS Director
Tony Vartan, BHS Director
Fay Vieira, Deputy Director CYS
Isabel Espinosa, BHB Secretary

Guests:

Michael Fields, Peer Recovery Services

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Board meeting was convened on Wednesday September 15, 2021 at 5:12 PM via Zoom teleconference. Chairperson Tasso called the meeting to order at 5:12 PM.

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The meeting began with a moment of silence, pledge of allegiance, and roll call. There was a quorum in attendance at this meeting.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions began with audience members as the board members introduced themselves during roll call.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – OPEN TIME

Board member Mary Avanti commented on the homeless camps in Lodi, as she was interested in outreach information, camp jurisdiction, as well as BHB bylaws, and board member duties.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Patricia Barrett made a motion to approve the August minutes. The motion was seconded by board member Gertie Kandris.

V. PRESENTATION

A. Overview of Children and Youth Services

- *Fay Vieira, Deputy Director of Children and Youth Services*

The goal of the Children and Youth division is to give each child the level of care we would want for our own children. The department is dedicated to prevention, and works diligently to prevent children from developing long term and pervasive mental health conditions. It takes about four days to get in for assessment, and six days for Doctor visit.

Children and Youth services are has two sides, one is the specialty Mental Health, and the other is prevention and early intervention.

CYS is working on full service partnerships. We are looking at how can we quickly get children into services after a crisis visit. The need for our services continues to grow.

Services were increased due to COVID. We implemented a zoom group, weekly check ins for all clients. We started a warm line, and ASL screening questions for staff. We also participated in CIBHS training, as well as trainings put on by our community partners.

BHS offers outpatient, home based services for foster youth, behavior modification, and child family teaming that includes every person who is important to the child’s life. The team meeting determines the needs and strengths along with having the hard conversations getting everyone on the same page and assigning tasks. Therapeutic Behavioral Health Services and modification is also available.

San Joaquin County is one of the only counties that has foster parent training to provide specialty mental health services. This training allows billing to medi-cal for treatment. The foster parent goes through 80 hours of classes. Foster parents get weekly check ins. Every day that they do an intervention, they are paid a rate. The progress notes that they complete, are entered into the medical record. One of the therapeutic children was adopted by the family.

Prevention and Early Intervention programs are available in 58 schools county wide. We have a team at the Human Services Agency (HSA), Juvenile Justice Center (JJC), and Mary Graham Children Shelter (MGCS). These programs are funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds, Realignment funds, Medi-Cal revenue, and Block grants.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board member training

Board training will be held in October, either on Saturday 10/16 or 10/23. Please email your availability to Isabel by next Wednesday.

B. Data Notebook

The Data Notebook has not been released yet.

C. Caltrans/Sheriff’s office clean up

BHS’ role is to do outreach a few days prior to the clean up and during, to provide resources and information, and if they need to be linked to services. We are there support the individuals as an outreach effort.

In October our Homeless Outreach team and their Deputy Director Betsey Rose will be speak on BHS homeless efforts are under Substance Abuse Services, Forensic, and Justice.

VII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

30 MINUTES

Thank you to Fay Vieira, Deputy Director of Children and Youth Services for the great presentation.

A lot is happening in California legislation, and we are responding to changes. .

This is Suicide prevention and awareness month and a proclamation was issued at the Board of Supervisors meeting. We continue to work on the County Suicide Prevention Plan for prevention and awareness. We have solicited subcommittees to look at various areas related to prevention. We have invited Supervisor Miller. If a BHB member would like to volunteer, contact Tasso.

It is mandated that health care providers are vaccinated. We are testing those who are not vaccinated weekly. As of 09/30 we are expecting religious, or medical exclusions. We currently have 150 non vaccinated staff.

We continue to provide services. Our provider have flexibility to provide the services via telehealth or if clinically not appropriate, clients can be scheduled a face to face.

We are in the middle of our audit season. Audits that were on hold due to COVID, are now being conducted. Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) and Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) audits are 10/29 and 09/30. The External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) is on 10/20 10/21. The Triennial review is 12/14 – 12/16. Recovery House had a site visit yesterday, and Family Ties is expected to have a site visit tomorrow. These audits take a lot of preparation and hard work from the staff.

We are recruiting; as we are continuing to lose staff to the private sector. This is an ongoing issue. We are looking for an Assistant Director. We will put together a panel will have consumer and board member, will request through the chair. We have open positions for Psychiatry staff. We recruited two Child Psychiatrist. One Doctor starts in November, and the other June of next year.

Our Medical Director, Dr. Lozano hit the ground running. Two small board and care homes closed leaving eight clients to place on an emergency basis. Staff was able to safely transition those clients into another facility. This closure has the potential to affect 46 clients total; we are working with licensing to find a solution.

BHS is working on some grants for expansion of mobile crisis teams. BHS is also working on a regional facility, with funding from the Governor's budget. This facility will be for three counties, for a 250-bed facility for high users, difficult to place clients, and those who need different types of intervention.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

15 MINUTES

A. Executive Committee

Chairperson Tasso will be sending out a description of what each committee does. .

B. Legislative Committee

C. Children's Committee

Board member Carolyn Cooper says thank you to Fay.

D. Grievance Committee

E. Housing Committee – name is changed to Board and Care monitoring.

F. Substance Use Disorder and Homeless Outreach Committee

IX. REMINDERS

- A. Next Behavioral Health Board meeting will be October 20, 2021. For information, please contact *Isabel Espinosa* at 209-468-8750 or via e-mail at iespinosa@sjcbhs.org

IX. ADJOURN TO October 20, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.