



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

October 17, 2018, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

1212 N. California Street, Stockton, CA 95202

Board Members Present:

Joe Dittman
 Mike Corsaro
 Vaunita Duval
 Karen Ivy
 Cary Martin
 Tasso Kandris
 Mudalodu Vasudevan
 Lori Hansen
 Jeff Giampetro
 Patricia Barrett
 Supervisor Villapudua

Board Members Absent/Excused:

Frances Hernandez
 Daphne Shaw
 Ingrid Oliver
 Cynthia Thomlison

Also Present:

Greg Diederich, Director of Health Care Services
 Tony Vartan, Behavioral Health Director
 Frances Hutchins, Assistant Behavioral Health Director
 Isabel Espinosa, Office Secretary

Guests:

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 Gertie Kandris
 Edna Ealey, SJC NAMI President
 Michael Fields, Wellness Center

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Board meeting was convened on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at Behavioral Health Services located at 1212 N. California Street, Conference Room B, Stockton, CA. Chairperson Joseph Dittmann 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 Joseph Dittman led self-introductions among board members and the public audience present at the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Patricia Barrett made a motion to approve the September minutes with corrections, and was seconded by Jeff Giampetro. Motion was approved 10-0.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Tasso Kandris addressed the board regarding the cancelation of the Lodi meeting. He stated it was a missed opportunity for community engagement. Letter to the board submitted. See Appendix A.
- B. Edna Ealey from SJC NAMI thanked Tony Vartan, and Behavioral Health Services for the MHSA Showcase. There were a lot of opportunities for outreach and collaboration. Annual Oodles of Noodles luncheon will be November 14, 2018 from 11 am to 1:30 pm in the Conference Rooms. Tickets are \$7 per person. Consumers are free. There will be raffle prizes.
- C. Michael Fields from the Wellness Center thanked Tony Vartan and Behavioral Health Services staff for the MHSA Showcase. It was a great event with lots of collaboration and information being shared.
- D. Vaunita Duval invited public to attend the Consumer Advisory Committee meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month from 10 am – 12 pm.
- E. Patricia Barrett commented that she learned a lot about BHS programs at the MHSA Showcase.
- F. Cary Martin stated that the MHSA Showcase was a success, and public exposure to BHS is great.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Draft Homelessness Plan for Individuals with Mental Illness – *Kayce Rane, Consultant*
 - The purpose of the draft Homelessness plan is to coordinate the county's efforts on Homelessness between multiple agencies such as Behavioral Health Services, County Administrator's Office, Homelessness Task Force, and Community Development.
 - The draft Homelessness plan is a collaborative effort between BHS and the County Administrator's office. This document is required by the state if the County seeks to secure competitive funds if Proposition 2: No Place Like Home passes.
 - The primary cause for Homelessness in San Joaquin County is raising rent rates. 80 – 85% of our Homeless population lived in San Joaquin County prior to becoming homeless.
 - Once completed the document will be sent to the Board of Supervisors for its approval, posted on the BHS website, and picked up by Continuum of Care.
 - If Proposition 2 does not pass, then SJ County will not have to compete for funds, but they will also not be able to use existing funds for housing.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. No report.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Appreciative of the feedback on the MHSA Showcase. BHS was able to show attendees what services are available through the Mental Health Services Act. Showcase will be an Annual event. Kudos to the staff for putting it together.
- B. BHS has several programs to combat the Homelessness emergency situation.
- C. Partnership in community private, public, DA, and law enforcement emphasize collaboration.
- D. Currently meeting with Stanislaus County, law enforcement, and hospitals to develop best practices, what services we can mirror to establish a better regional presence.
- E. External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) audit will be October 23 and 24. Staff is currently preparing. Update will be given at next month's meeting.
- F. 3 Request for Proposal (RFP's) for new projects have been released. 5 more are currently under development. Thanks to Frances Hutchins for leading the RFP process with Kayce Rane and Purchasing.
- G. Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) project started and is focused on the downtown area. Clinical staff are being paired with bicycle officers to assess Substance Abuse withdrawal, mental health status, and if person is in crisis.
- H. MHSA with Stockton Self Help Housing project has moved forward and currently has 3 homes. 12 people are currently being housed. The capacity for the three homes is 15 people. These are Level 1 and Level 2 homes. Currently need Level 3 home.
- I. Traveled to LA county looking at Diversion project. Pre book and post booking procedures have reduced jailed individuals. DA's office, Judge, Public Defender, and BHS attended. LA county was able to reduce their State Hospital waiting list.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Executive Committee: Meeting was a discussion on how to have an Executive meeting without violating the Brown Act. Agenda planning was also discussed.
- B. Legislative Committee: Daphne's report was available at the meeting.
- C. Housing Committee: No report
- D. Grievance Committee: No report, next meeting will be in December.
- E. Substance Use Disorder Committee: No report.
- F. Children's Committee: No report.

X. REMINDERS

- A. The next Behavioral Health Board meeting will be November 14, 2018 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
- B. Behavioral Health Board Executive meeting will be November 6, 2018 at 4:30. For information please contact Isabel Espinosa at 209-468-8753, or via e-mail at iespinosa@sjcbhs.org

IX. ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY November 14, 2018 AT TIME 5:00 P.M

APPENDIX A

I am extremely disappointed with the leadership of this Board for pulling the plug on the BHB October Community OUTREACH meeting scheduled for Lodi.

This meeting has been discussed since October 2017. I have actively been working on it since February 2018 and each month since then the Board was informed of the progress made.

Many meetings and contacts had to be made in order to obtain an appropriate Lodi meeting facility at no cost to San Joaquin County. I worked with the Lodi Public Library and as a backup with the Lodi Police Department. Special guests were invited; the Lodi Clinic graciously prepared a presentation for the meeting and I drafted an article to be published in the Lodi News Sentinel.

Less than a month before the meeting was to take place it was cancelled. This does not only reflect poorly on the SJC BHB but it was also embarrassing to me as the Board's Representative to contact invited guests, such as Chief Patterson, Mayor of Lodi, and other Community Leaders as well as the Lodi News Sentinel of the cancellation of this scheduled BHB Lodi Outreach Event.

Some members of the Board always quote the "WIC" 5600 and state that we need to do outreach to the community; many Board members have attended the class at UOP which stresses community engagement. *A missed opportunity*

The reason stated by the BHB Leadership to cancel the Lodi outreach event was because it was not mentioned at the September meeting although this event was discussed and planned a year in advance.

The Brown Act states that public meetings need to be advertised 72 hours prior to the meeting. This could easily have been accomplished by posting the October BHB Agenda, including the date and place, in the Stockton Record and the Lodi News Sentinel 72 hours prior to the October Meeting.

Public Comment

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