

Date:	Wednesday, May 20, 2026	
Time:	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	
Location	1212 N California Street Conference rooms B&C Stockton, CA 95202	
Members:	Chair- Destiny Easter Vice Chair- Katrina Bambula Paul Akinjo Cristopher Bunnell Supervisor Paul Canepa	Toni Delgado Sabrina Flores-Eng Jeffrey Giampetro Anastassios “Tasso” Kandris Gertrud “Gertie” Kandris
Vacancies	(1) Family Representative Seat (1) Consumer Representative	(1) General Interest Seat (1) Transitional Age Youth Seat
Minute Taker:	Board Secretary	

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Agenda

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1. Call to Order 5:01 pm

- Moment of silence
- Pledge of allegiance [led by Tasso Kandris](#)
- Roll Call
- Housekeeping

2. Public Comment

[Thomas Beam](#)
[Ramona Astacio](#)
[Michael Fields](#)

The public is welcome to address the Advisory Board during this time on matters within the Board’s jurisdiction. Members of the public are encouraged to complete a Public Comment form, which can be found near the entry of the Board Room. Speakers are limited to three minutes and are expected to be civil and courteous. Public comment on items listed on the agenda may be heard at this time, or when the item is called, at the discretion of the Chair.

Except as otherwise permitted by the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950 et seq.), no deliberation, discussion or action may be taken by the Board on items not listed on the agenda. Members of the Board may but are not required to: (1) briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons addressing the Board; (2) ask a brief question for clarification; or (3) refer the matter to staff for further information.

3. Approval of Minutes 5:13 pm

- a. Approval of March 2026 minutes Vote
Board voted unanimously (9-0) to approve Minutes of the March 2026 Board meeting

4. Guest Presentations

- a. Psynergy- Lynda Kaufmann

5. BHAB Chair's Report

- a. June meeting topic- next meeting we will go over the bylaws. We can update them next year. Destiny will present/review bylaws so that everyone can have input and discuss.
- b. Liaison assignments- no assignments yet. We will open the floor now to have member voice their wants.
QAPI- Tasso Kandris
Suicide Prevention Committee (on hiatus-Fay will look into this) Destiny Easter
Legislature- Gertie Kandris
SJC Youth Wellness Alliance-Toni Delgado and Cris Bunnell as backup
Lethal Means- Katrina Bambula
Continuum of Care-Jeff Giampetro
Substance Use Network- Sabrina Flores
Jasmine will email out the meeting dates/times to Board members. Board members want to be added to the mailing lists for meetings.

6. Director's Update

- a. Awarded 1 million dollars for Tiny homes on the BeWell Campus via the Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention (HHAP) grant. 10-12 people at a time, for six months. Will be able to house 20-24 people throughout the year.
- b. Prop 36 funds- this was passed by voters in November 2024. People can avoid prison if they agree to mandated programs. Behavioral Health Services was given about \$800,000 to fund programs that we have members in. This is one-time funding that BHS had to apply for. BHS will have to bill Medi-cal after the funding runs out.
- c. 2026 Point-in-Time Count Results – Fay reviewed the results. Jasmine will email out the full report to board members.
- d. Contract report out- Fay shared the contracts list. List will be updated monthly to share with the board.
- e. Assistant Director update- Tami Weber will be the new Assistant Director-Clinical, she will start June 15th.

7. Liaison Reports

- a. QAPI – Tasso shared information about two grievances on transportation and communication.
- b. Suicide Prevention Committee
- c. Legislature – Vice President JD Vance announced that the federal government is withholding \$1.3 billion in Medicaid reimbursements to California, due to fraud. Fay

shared this might be related to HSA In-home support services. This will not impact BHS.

SJC Board Of Supervisors will deny fee revisions for several departments. Fay shared that ours (BHS) were approved.

- d. SJC Youth Wellness Alliance
- e. Lethal Means
- f. Continuum of Care COC- there are two new groundbreaking. May 27th-Edison House on Harding way. Tracy apartments for senior living/mental health, June 1st.
- g. Substance Use Network- Fay will have updates in July.

8. Sub-committee Reports

Reports must be submitted to the Board Secretary one day prior to the Executive Meeting, occurring the first Tuesday of every month

Goal 1: BHAB will develop a resource guide for families of BHS members (advance directive, planning for ongoing support)-**initial meeting held 4/22**

Members: Jeff Giampetro, Katrina Bambula Santos

Draft will be ready to share in July.

Goal 2: BHAB will do outreach at a minimum of 3 local government/special district meetings with the intention of recruiting more diverse membership from different areas of the county. -**initial meeting held 4/30/26**

Members: Cristopher Bunnel

Cris has already compiled a list of clerks to begin coordinating. Cris would like to connect with Fay about County PowerPoint template and would like more information on guidelines. Goal 2 members will schedule another meeting soon.

9. Action Items

10. Reminders

Next Advisory Board Meeting:

6/17/26

Tracy Transit Center

50 E. Sixth Street Tracy, CA 95376

11. Local Events/Announcements

May 18th-May 22nd- EMS appreciation week. If you see any first responders, just tell them we appreciate them.

May 21st 10:30am-The Wellness center is having a mental health walk. Rancho san Miguel enchiladas will be provided, for free and there will also be shaved ice.

EMS appreciation week-if you see any first responders, just tell them we appreciate them.

May 29th- member dinner at the Gibson center 12pm. (Held the last Friday of each month).

June 7th- Watermelon Festival in Manteca, Italian festival at Lodi Grape Bowl, Jewish Festival (9:30am-2:30pm).

July 4th-Fireworks at weber point

12. Board Comments

13. Adjournment 6:45 pm
