



Behavioral Health Services

Behavioral Health Services A Division of Health Care Services Agency

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Date:	Wednesday, September 17, 2025	
Time:	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	
Location	BHS Administration, Conference room 115B 3127 Transworld Drive, Stockton Ca	
Members:	Esther Wolczynski (Chair) Destiny Easter (Vice Chair) Paul Akinjo Katrina Bambula-Santos Patricia Barrett Paul Canepa	Toni Delgado Sabrina Flores-Eng Jeffrey Giampetro Anastassios "Tasso" Kandris Gertrud "Gertie" Kandris
Vacancies	(1) Family Representative Seat(1) Consumer Seat	(1) Education Seat(1) Transitional Age Youth Seat
Minute Taker:	Board Secretary	

Minutes

1. Call to Order 5:07pm

- a. Moment of silence
- b. Pledge of allegiance led by Tasso
- c. Roll Call
- d. Housekeeping

2. Public Comment

Sarom Teiv shared a flyer- Honoring 9/11 Community Service Project. September 20, 2015 @ 9:00am. Location: American Legion, Karl Ross Post 16 2020 Plymouth Rd. Stockton ca 95204. Sarom presented a certificate of Appreciation to Jeff Giampetro on behalf of the United Veterans Council.

3. Approval of Minutes jeff motion Pat-2nd unanimous

a. Approval of August 2025 minutes

First- Jeff Giampetro Second- Patricia Barrett 9-0 approved

4. Guest Presentations

a. Data Notebook- Angelo Balmaceda

5. BHAB Chair's Report

6. Director's Update

- a. Create Ad Hoc committee for the Data Notebook- Katrina and Pat volunteered to join this committee. Angelo Balmaceda will be sending Maria Benguerel to next month's meeting to present.
- **b.** Meeting location will remain at Transworld for the rest of 2025. We are still looking for a possible Manteca meeting location for October. Board member Paul Akinjo stated that the Lathrop City Council Chambers may available. A vote was taken to change the city location, if the space in Lathrop was available. First- Patricia Barrett Second- Jeff Giampetro 9-0 approved



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7. Committee Reports

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- a. Housing (Jeff Giampetro) honoring their voice and choice on housing placement. Transportation adequacy.
- b. Children/TAY (Esther Wolczynski) **absent** Fay Vieira shared that Childrens has new mandates. CYS EBP= PCIT, FFT, MST, HFW
- c. SUD/Community Supports (Vacant) Patricia Barrett has agreed to join this committee. Fay Vieira will put Patricia in contact with Betsey Pettis.
- d. Justice and Community Integration (Esther Wolczynski) **absent** Fay Vieira shared that BHS is now over the jail. There is a new Deputy Director for Housing 4 Health, Sasha Jackson. The Whole Person Care will go under Sasha Jackson. Fay Vieira will put Jeffrey Giampetro in contact with Sasha Jackson.

8. Liaison Reports

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- a. QAPI (Tasso Kandris) no meeting until October 15. Will need a new person for QAPI after this month. Tasso adds that whoever takes this over, will need to read each complaint and resolution. The QAPI meetings occur quarterly, the third Wednesday at 2:00pm. The meetings are held both online and in person. Destiny Easter will take this over. Fay Vieira will put Destiny Easter in touch with Donna Bickham.
- b. MHSA-BHSA (Vacant) Katrina Bambula-Santos will join. February 2026 or March 2026, will need to vote on MHSA.
- c. Suicide Prevention Committee (Destiny Easter)- the committee met yesterday. Still trying to revamp the committee. Dollars are leaving BHS and going to PHS. Next committee meeting will involve PHS and we will go from there. Destiny Easter will share a flyer with the BHAB Secretary to email out for an event in October.
- d. Cultural Competency Committee (Katrina Bambula-Santos) Katrina hasn't received any information or invites. Angelo Balmaceda's team will get in touch with Katrina Babula-Santos.
- e. Legislature (Gertie Kandris)- SB531- mandate for elementary-high school to receive mental health evaluations. SB1320 is now law and requires health plans to establish a process to reimburse providers for integrated mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment services.

9. Sub-committee Reports

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a. Goal 1: Succession Plan Committee (Tasso Kandris, Jeff Giampetro) Develop and implement a comprehensive succession plan for board members, foster an engaged and accountable board, and establish a strong organizational culture by



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- defining clear expectations and criteria for board performance. Committee stated that their document will cover everything
- b. Goal 2: Community Engagement Committee (Katrina Bambula-Santos, Paul, Akinjo, Esther Wolczynski) Streamline communication and collaboration between the board and external community-based organizations and partners. – Chair Esther Wolczynski created a footprint to use for the CBOs. Haven't made anything concrete. Summary needs to be finalized for both goals by October meeting for voting. Will discuss at BHAB Executive meeting.

10. Action Items

11. Reminders

 Next Advisory Board Meeting: October 15, 2025 Manteca location TBD BHAB Secretary will follow up with Teresa Vargas

12. Local Events/Announcements

a. NAMI Community Festival and Fundraiser: October 11, 2025 10am-3pm 800 Brookside Rd Stockton Ca. BHAB Secretary will resend the flyer.

13. Board Comments

- a. **Fay Vieira-** the MHSA showcase is 10/9 3:00pm-5:30pm at AG center. Thank you to those that came to Gala and BeWell Groundbreaking.
- b. **Patricia Barrett** 17th Anniversary for the Wellness Center will be 10:00am-2:00pm tomorrow.
- c. **Jeff Giampetro-** Walk 4 Alzheimers. Sign up, it's free. Thank you to Tasso and Gertie. I felt like I've learned a lot from you both and Cary.
- d. **Tasso Kandris-** thank everyone for this evening, for working together for the last several years. looking forward to seeing everyone again, I've enjoyed this time.
- e. **Gertie Kandris-** will miss October meeting. Tasso added that this will only be the third meeting that Gertie has missed in 20 years.
- f. **Katrina Babula-Santos** thank you Tasso for your years of service. Asked Toni if Toni would like to take on one of the committees that she is on.
- g. **Vice Chair Destiny Easter** Impressed with Tasso. You don't find this kind of dedication anymore. Thank you for setting an example we can emulate.
- h. **Patricia Barrett** being on these boards has opened up my eyes for these and the value on public comments. I advocate for people that feel like they don't have a voice. I want to be a voice for them; for unhoused and those with mental health challenges.
- Board Secretary- (Gabby) The file for the e-binder is too large to email. working on this. (Jasmine) – please share/email the flyers to the BHAB Secretary if you have them.
- Vice Chair Destiny Easter- really appreciate Tasso and all your service here on the board.

14. Adjournment 6:31pm