



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
January 26, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:09 p.m. and called to order by Jack Waldorf, Chair. Peter Dean led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Megan Belair, Larry Bolton, Christopher Costin, Peter Dean, Daljit Grewal, Annie Henrich, Margie Johnson, Marjorie Sturdy, Gloria Vallin, Jack Waldorf, Keryn Whitlow, Terry Withrow

STAFF PRESENT

Cynthia Bocage, Tony Vartan, Kevin Panyanouvong, Kara Anguiano, Mayra Mendoza, Janet Nuñez-Pineda, Luz Pulido, Tameika Griffin, Jennifer Marsh

GUESTS PRESENT

Jennifer Williams, Kym Barber, Mireya Santibanez, Lourdes Arias, Rossy P. Gomar, Rosa Hernandez, Jessica Pulido

CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Keryn Whitlow made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of November 17, 2022. Megan Belair seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

Supervisor Withrow reported the following:

- The BOS received a presentation from BHRS on their plan to convert the 800 Scenic campus to One Stop Shop for Supportive Services.
- The County continues to move forward with the Community Assistance, Recovery & Empowerment (CARE) Act. Stanislaus County is one of seven pilot Counties and is currently meeting monthly with other County programs to determine how to best plan, execute, and integrate the CARE Act.

PRESENTATION: RAIZ PROMOTORAS

Janet Nunez-Pineda, Ed.D., presented on the RAIZ Promotoras, community behavioral health outreach workers. A promoter plays a critical role in promoting prevention focused and community-based behavioral health education and activities, particularly in communities historically underserved targeting the Latino/Spanish speaking community. The Promotoras engage residents, including children, youth adults and older adults by utilizing the following prevention strategies: outreach, engagement, access and linkage. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed to the members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None Reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Peter Dean reported the Committee discussed upcoming presentations and outreach to law enforcement in order to increase law enforcement presence at the Behavioral Health Board meetings.

Administrative Fiscal Management Committee

Keryn Whitlow reported the Committee received a presentation from Scott Simpson, General Services Manager. Additional information was presented on contract services, BOS submissions, and accounting and business services.

Inpatient Committee

Peter Dean reported the committee had a presentation from Children's System of Care (CSOC).

Mental Health Committee

Peter Dean reported they received a presentation from Aspiranet on their response to COVID-19 and their staffing challenges.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee

Margie Johnson reported the committee received a presentation on Stanislaus Recovery Center.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Kara Anguiano, BHRS Chief Fiscal and Administrative Officer provided a presentation on the BHRS plan for the One Stop Shop for Supportive Services Facility Project at the 800 Scenic Campus. On January 24, 2023 the BOS approved unanimously to initiate the project. [See Agenda Item 7.1](#). A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed to the members.

Kevin Panyanouvong, BHRS Chief Operations Officer, reported:

- BHRS has partnered with Modesto Police Department, the Sherriff's Office and has now contracted with Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) to have clinicians ride along and respond to mental health crises.

- Four Behavioral Health Specialists positions have been filled. Two clinicians had been hired; one clinician has since left.
- BHRS is currently in process of hiring two part-time Peer Support Specialists.

Tony Vartan, BHRS Director, reported the following highlights:

- BHRS now has a Post Hospitalization Clinic that provides follow-up appointments within a week for consumers being discharged from hospitals. The second use for the clinic will allow those in crisis to walk into the clinic to see a psychiatrist or have an appointment expedited.
- BHRS will continue to build substance use disorder (SUD) equity of services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annie Henrich, Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource (SAACR) member, shared that SAACR will have a vaccine clinic on January 29, 2023, at the Asian Market, 2425 McHenry Ave, Modesto, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Annie also shared that the Asian Market will be celebrating Lunar New Year on January 28, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. The next meeting will be February 23, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Stanislaus Veterans Center, 3500 Coffee Rd., Ste.15, Modesto.

Respectfully Submitted by Mayra Mendoza, Confidential Assistant IV