



## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD**

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### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB) January 25, 2024**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting convened at 5:04 p.m. and called to order by Jack Waldorf, Chair. Christopher Costin led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Larry Bolton, Christopher Costin, Peter Dean, Olivia Esquiviz Gonzalez, Daljit Grewal, Jack Griffith, Annie Henrich, Margie Johnson, Loren Mannard, Kathy Rupe, Gloria Vallin, Jack Waldorf, Keryn Whitlow, Terry Withrow

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Kevin Panyanouvong, Cynthia Bocage, Jennifer Marsh, Olivia Jimenez

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Patty Davis, Michael Reid, Kym Barber, Frank Silva, Daniel Wendall, Shantel Johnson, Susan Dean, Sgt. Jeff Godfrey

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Cynthia Bocage reported there was no correspondence received.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: Olivia Esquiviz Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of October 26, 2023. Gloria Vallin seconded the motion.

#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT**

Supervisor Terry Withrow reported the State budget has a large deficit which may directly affect services in Stanislaus County. SB43 and CARE Court may not be affected by the budget deficit.

- SB43 changed legislation in that individuals with severe substance use disorder can be considered gravely disabled. Implementation is January 1, 2024, counties may postpone implementation until January 1, 2026. Stanislaus county is working to implement SB43 as soon as possible.
- CARE Court has received 20 petitions and 10 of those petitions have plans or agreements in place.
- Keryn Whitlow was named Stanislaus County nurse of the year.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)**

Jack Waldorf presented the Slate of Officers as follows: Jack Waldorf as Chair and Kathy Rupe as Vice-Chair. With no further recommendations, Jack made a motion to close nominations. Motion to elect Jack Waldorf as Chair and Kathy Rupe as Vice Chair was made by unanimous consent.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee**

Jack Waldorf reported the committee finalized the BHB agenda for the January 25, 2024, meeting. Kathy Rupe brought up new legislation passed in April 2023, SB 551 requiring more representation of youth on mental health boards. The Committee discussed BHB membership and current vacancies in Districts 1, 3, and 2-ATL. Tony reported BHRS is currently working on the implementation of SB43.

Jack Waldorf revisited the need to reschedule the training for board members by the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CalBHB/C). Majority of the members agreed to Saturday, February 24, 2024, for the training. Location to be determined.

### **Administrative Fiscal Management Committee**

Keryn Whitlow reported the committee met in January and discussed the following highlights:

- Human Resources continue to focus on recruitments including Kara Anguiano's position as Assistant Director.
- BHRS Mid-year budget was submitted to CEO's office and July's proposed budget will be addressed in March.
- BHRS is currently applying for Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program Grant and Crisis Care Mobile Unit Grant.
- Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for law enforcement will increase from two to four trainings annually.
- Lezette Ervin, Behavioral Health Equity Manager, is currently working on implementing a training for incoming bilingual staff.

### **Hospitalization Committee**

None Reported.

### **Mental Health Committee**

None Reported.

### **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee**

Margie Johnson reported the committee finalized presentations and site visits for the coming year, traveling arrangements to each site was also discussed.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Kevin Panyanouvong reported the following highlights:

- BHRS appeared before the Board of Supervisors on December 12, 2023, requesting to defer the implementation of SB43 for additional time to arrange for staffing and resources necessary to support implementation. BHRS will return to the Board on February 13, 2024, with a coherent plan and an implementation date.
- BHRS has contracted with Telecare to provide 24/7 Mobile Crisis services. For resources and mobile access response, call the Access Line at 1-888-376-6246, option 4.

**PRESENTATION: Fentanyl Awareness Campaign**

Jennifer Marsh and Sgt. Godfrey provided a powerful presentation on the grave dangers of fentanyl poisoning and the increasing rate of deaths in Stanislaus County due to fentanyl poisoning. The audience were encouraged to watch Dead on Arrival documentary with family members and discuss the fentanyl crisis. A Narcan training was demonstrated and Narcan kits were offered to Board members and the audience. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed to the members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Annie Henrich, Stanislaus Asian American Community Resource (SAACR) member, shared that SAACR will have their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference on February 22, 2024, at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Harvest Hall, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, from 9:00a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Patty Castillo-Davis, Director of Advocacy, from the Rainbow Center shared information regarding Harm Reduction vending machines.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be February 22, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at the Stanislaus Veterans Center, 3500 Coffee Rd. Ste.15, Modesto, CA, 95357.

Respectfully Submitted by O. Jimenez, Confidential Assistant III