



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)  
February 24, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting convened via remote participation at 5:01 p.m. and called to order by Kathy Rupe, Chair.

Chair, Kathy Rupe conducted member roll call and led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Madalynn Baker, Megan Belair, Peter Dean, Frank Ploof, Jack Waldorf, Keryn Whitlow, Christopher Costin, Annie Henrich, Kathy Rupe, Shehu Hassan, Jerold Rosenthal (late - did not vote on resolution).

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Frank Martinez, Charmaine Monte, Terry Withrow, Thomas Olsen.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Veronica Torres, Kara Anguiano, Ruben Imperial, Kevin Panyanouvong, Mayra Mendoza, Carlos Cervantes, Lezzette Ervin

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Jody Hayes, Margie Johnson, Kelly Covello.

**AB 361 TELECONFERENCING BY BROWN ACT LEGISLATIVE BODIES**

Action: In order to better ensure the health and safety of the public, the Stanislaus County Behavioral Health Board (SCBHB) will continue to meet remotely in compliance with AB 361.

Passed and adopted: Yes: 1 No: 8.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Veronica Torres announced Christopher (Chris) Costin was recently appointed to the Behavioral Health Board on February 8<sup>th</sup> and is still waiting to hear back as to when Margie Johnson's recommendation will go to the Board of Supervisors. Recommendations for Loren Mannard and Gloria Vallin went to the Clerk of the Board on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Two more candidates will be interviewed in March. The current vacancies are: one (1) in District 2, two (2) in District 5, and three (3) At-Large.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: Jack Waldorf made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of January

27, 2022. Frank Ploof seconded the motion.

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

None reported.

## **PRESENTATION: CALIFORNIA ADVANCING AND INNOVATING MEDI-CAL (CAL-AIM) UPDATE**

Kara Anguiano, BHRS Chief Fiscal and Administrative Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (Cal-AIM). Cal-AIM is a long-term commitment to transform and strengthen medical offering Californians a more equitable coordinated and person-centered approach to maximizing their health and life trajectory. The three main areas that BHRS is focusing on under Cal-AIM are:

- Improve Access/Reduce Barriers
  - No Wrong Door
  - Integrate mental health and substance use disorder services
- Improve Quality
  - Payment Reform
  - Contingency Management
- Improve Coordination
  - Foster Care Reforms

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Kathy Rupe called the public hearing to order regarding the California Advancing and Innovating Medical (Cal-AIM) Update. Kathy opened the floor to those present who wished to comment. There being no further comments, the hearing on the California Advancing and Innovating Medical (Cal-AIM) Update closed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL, CONSUMER, FAMILY**

None.

## **BHB COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS**

The BHB Committee chairs and members have been established. It was reported that some of the committees have started their regular meetings.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Ruben Imperial introduced Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer, Jody Hayes, who spoke about the memo that was sent to the BHB members earlier this month regarding the restructuring in the Chief Executive Office and a leadership opportunity that would place Mr. Ruben Imperial as an Assistant Executive Officer. Through the years in trying to envision the strategic focus for the future and how the health and human services programs are coming together, how these can best serve the community and connect in the most meaningful way possible, the Chief Executive Office has

created a new structure, which would be implemented later this year around July where Ruben would have oversight over all of the health and human services departments, not just Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. While it was easy to envision the idea for Ruben to fill this new leadership role in the Chief Executive Office, Ruben and Jody agreed that the only way this will work is to have a very well-qualified and capable leader to take over at BHRS to come alongside and work with Ruben going forward.

The Chief Executive Office is going to do a recruitment process to find the best possible candidates. If the recruitment is unsuccessful, Ruben will remain as the BHRS Director and the Chief Executive Office will continue to work alongside Ruben in his director role.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None reported.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. The next meeting will be March 24, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in person.

Respectfully Submitted by Veronica Torres, Behavioral Health Liaison