



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS)
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
June 24, 2021**

The meeting convened via remote participation at 5:02 p.m. and called to order by Chair, Kathy Rupe.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Waldorf, Charmaine Monte, Jerrold Rosenthal, Peter Dean, Kathy Rupe, Shehu Hassan, Annie Henrich, Frank Martinez, John Snoke, Frank Ploof, Rebecca Clover, Supervisor Terry Withrow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Olsen

STAFF PRESENT

Veronica Ortiz-Valle, Ruben Imperial, Kara Anguiano, Mayra Mendoza, Pam Esparza, Jennifer Marsh, Cynthia Bocage

GUESTS PRESENT

John Aguirre, Kelly Covello, Anna, Vince Fusco, Sandra Mahan

PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL, CONSUMER, FAMILY

John Aguirre shared that local advocate Bill Floyd recently passed away.

CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: John Snoke made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of May 27, 2021, Jack Waldorf seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

Supervisor Withrow reported the following highlights:

- Stanislaus County has contracted with Valley Vision to assist with the County's framework for accelerated, affordable and market rate housing.
- The Board of Supervisors approved the expansion of the Community Assessment, Response and Engagement Team (CARE), now called CARE 2.0. The new plan includes more case management to reach out to homeless individuals.
- The initial proposed budget of about \$1.462 billion for the County's second year of its two-year cycle was presented before the Board of Supervisors and is set to be finalized in September.
- The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FY 2020-2023 and Annual Updates for FY 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 was approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 15, 2021.

PRESENTATION: LGBTQ+ COLLABORATIVE

John Aguirre gave an overview of the LGBTQ+ Collaborative and their vision, "To promote the health and well-being of LGBTQ+ persons and their allies by uniting and partnering with agencies, organizations, and groups of like purposes, dedicated to Education, Advocacy and Training for inclusion of all to conserve and protect overall health and well-being of the community." The LGBTQ+ Collaborative partners and allies with many community programs including BHRS, El Concilio, NAMI, and Turning Point to provide peer support and advocacy groups, equity and wellness workshops. The collaborative is working to partner with the Boys and Girls Club and Center for Human Services in the future to develop programs within their organizations.

In addition, consumers of the LGBTQ+ Collaborative shared their stories and experiences with BHRS. John highlighted the need of services by the LGBTQ+ community that are welcoming and affirming as well as a system that is inclusive of LGBTQ+ peers and consumers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kathy Rupe reported the committee met on June 3, 2021 and set the agenda. The committee agreed to have the LGBTQ+ Collaborative as a presentation from John Aguirre. A letter of resignation from former BHB member Carlos Hernandez was received. Frank Ploof provided a brief presentation overview of the recommendations identified by ad hoc committee on law enforcement and will provide a report at the BHB meeting in June. Ruben reported on the Core Treatment Model (CTM) and the development process of the programs. Ruben also reported that senior leadership continues to work with the labor union negotiations regarding staff impacted by the Department restructure plan.

IMPACT-CONTRACT RUN SERVICES

Shehu Hassan reported the committee met on June 9, 2021, and had a presentation from Telecare.

IMPACT-DEPARTMENT RUN SERVICES

None reported.

MANAGED CARE

None Reported.

PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION/OUTREACH

None reported.

ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL MANAGEMENT

None reported.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP

Frank Ploof gave an overview of the Ad hoc committee's report on the Stanislaus County Safety Facilities Services for Inmates with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and distributed to the BHB members for review. The report is divided into sections: Background, Intake, Custody, Release and Recommendations. The recommendations included:

- SMI clients released to be as well off or better off than when they came in, to reenter society well equipped.
- The Sheriff's Department should look for partner agencies to assist with preparing all inmates to be well equipped for their reentry to society.
- A report on SMI sub-population should be made available to a BHB sub-committee on a regular basis.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CCESJC)

Ruben Imperial reported that the CCESJC committee did not meet in June. However, the committee continues to work on the collection of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression (SOGIE) data and focusing on ensuring broad representation through the strategic plan. The Department has developed projects and is engaging with partners by providing funding opportunities and working with them strategically in order to support and integrate mental health services to our diverse community.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruben Imperial reported the following:

- The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has made a recommendation to cease admitting county LPS conservatees to the State hospital system. This legislation recommends that local counties would be responsible for placing LPS conservatees in their respective region. The BOS submitted a letter to Senator Eggman asking her to oppose this legislation. Negotiation with DHCS continues.
- AB 451: This bill would require that local psychiatric facilities such as the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) admit non Medi-Cal beneficiaries, negatively impacting Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The BOS also submitted a letter in opposition of this bill.
- BHRS Strategic Plan update: staff have been informed of transfers and work continues with the labor unions. If clients are being transferred to another program it will be done through a phased process. Onboarding sessions have been provided for staff.
- The Department is working on proposals to continue some of its Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) programs.
- Regarding COVID-19 response, State guidance released on June 15, 2021 is now implemented throughout the Department. Program sites are now fully opened to the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veronica Ortiz-Valle announced that Mayra Mendoza will be the new support person for the Behavioral Health Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next virtual meeting will be July 22, 2021, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted by Mayra Mendoza, Confidential Assistant III