

Behavioral Health Board Minutes
San Luis Obispo County
November 20, 2019
3:00p.m.
2180 Johnson Ave, 2nd Floor, Library Conference Room
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Riester
Clint Weirick
Eulalia Apolinar
Barbara Levenson
Nicole Nix (for Supervisor Adam Hill)
Mary Bianchi
Rose Fowler Plummer
Joyce Heddleson
Joseph Kurtzman
Christy Mulkerin, MD (for Sheriff Parkinson)
Robert Reyes (for Jim Salio)
Elizabeth (Liz) Smith
Marshall Hamilton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marcella Paric
Pamela Zweifel
Bill McQuilkin
TeaEster Higgins
Theresa Scott

HEALTH AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Robin
Kristin Ventresca
Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua

GUESTS:

None

1. **Clint Weirick called meeting to order @ 3:00 pm.**
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**
Round-table introductions. No announcements.
3. **Public Comments-**
 - Joseph Kurtzman- Probation Veteran's Wellness Check, commend their professionalism and sensitivity to people's needs. Thank you DPO Macias, DPO Byrd and DPO Martinez.
 - Mary Bianchi- Went to an organization called 100 Women Who Care who started back East. They raise funds for local non-profits twice a year by listening to different programs then voting on who gets the funds this year. Sat next to someone with Shower the People who provide showers to the homeless. Very informative.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from October 17, 2019 approved.
M/S/C: Nix/Kurtzman Abstain: None.
5. **Board Member Reports: None**

6. Ongoing Business:

- **Membership Committee Report- Update:**

- Thank you, Anne Robin, Scott Seyer and Nikki Nix, for getting our Agenda item calendared so quickly. Melissa Cummins has been approved by BOS to the Behavioral Health Board.

- **Committee Liaison:** No Updates

- **AD-HOC Committee for Spanish Language Services- Update:**

- Have been learning a lot Learning how to do an AD-HOC Project for BHB- Goal is to get the final report by January.
- Have completed interviews with:
 - County MH Adult Services
 - County Youth Services
 - Latino Outreach Program
 - Drug and Alcohol Services
 - Promotoras Collaborative
 - Transition Mental Health
 - Seneca
 - Family Care Network
 - Sierra Mental Wellness Group
- Will talk with Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua about his role with Spanish-language translation along with Laura Zarate who are the team on doing most of the Spanish-language translations for the Health Agency as well as approve the skill level for people who self-identify as bilingual.
- It has been an amazing, the openness, the interest and excitement on staff sharing what they are trying to do to serve the Spanish-language clientele and that the challenges have been noted.
- Recommendation for next AD-HOC Project: Suggest read the MHSA Reports to get full picture

7. New Business: By-Laws Additional Update

Additional Recommended changes by BHB:

- Remove period on Objective 1 (page 1)
- Change title to Behavioral Health Director from Behavioral Health Administrator and Mental Health Director on Objective 6 (page 2)
- Change California Mental Health Planning Council to California Behavioral Health Planning Council on Objective 7 (page 2)
- Replace bullet point “b” to “a” on Objective 8 (page 2)
- Clear all grammatic errors: Don’t capitalize the word mental

Action to approve to present to BOS with all changes: M/S/C: Heddleson/Smith Abstain: None.

8. Behavioral Health Administrator's Report:

- Would like to calendar a time with BHB to go over the CALAIM – State-wide projects to move ahead the Medi-Cal system including the Behavioral Health System waiver report and payment reform. This will be a long (several years) project to come up with new performance contract, State plan amendments, change some of the waiver language. Will impact Social Services, Regional Center, Cen-Cal and Health Agency, both public health and behavioral health.
- Been working on the Institute Mental Disease (IMD) exception which is the Federal law that keeps our PHF at 16 beds to lift that cap.
- Children's Advocacy Center: Center for Family Strengthening received a Victim's of Crime Grant to help develop a Children's Advocacy Center for children victims of crime managed thru the District Attorney's office and Children's Advocacy Center. BH will be involved.
- Our new Quality Assurance and Criminal Justice Division Manager will be announced once it is approved by BOS on December 10, 2019.
- The External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) is December 3, 2019 at 8:30am. Joyce Heddleson is the BHB representative.
- Greg Vickery is retiring. We will send an invitation to his retirement celebration soon.

**9. Presentation: MHSA LGBTQ and Needs Assessment Results- Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua
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10. Adjourn BHB Meeting at 4:45pm. Open Public Hearing

11. Public Hearing: MHSA Annual Update Report Frank Warren

[http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Behavioral-Health/Forms-Documents/Mental-Health-Services-Act-\(MHSA\)/MHSA-Annual-Updates/SLO-County-Annual-Update-19-20_DRAFT_30-Day.aspx](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Behavioral-Health/Forms-Documents/Mental-Health-Services-Act-(MHSA)/MHSA-Annual-Updates/SLO-County-Annual-Update-19-20_DRAFT_30-Day.aspx)

Substantive corrections/comments received on-line:

- Editing about programs
- "Please listen to family members of clients that are on the Release of Information, about what the clients are experiencing with meds of life events to better further their treatment, specially if family members are pro-active with care about the client".
-this comment has been dealt-with internally and will not be a response to the MHSA report.

Action to approve MHSA Final Report to be presented to BOS:

M/S/C: Nix/Bianchi Abstain: None.

8. Adjourn the BHB Meeting at 5:04pm.

