

**Behavioral Health Board Minutes**  
**San Luis Obispo County**  
**August 19, 2020**  
**3:00p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Riester  
Clint Weirick  
Barbara Levenson  
Mary Bianchi  
Robert Reyes (for Jim Salio)  
Marshall Hamilton  
Melissa Cummins  
Nicole Bennett  
Pamela Zweifel  
John Armstrong (for Sheriff Parkinson)  
Amber Gallagher  
Joseph Kurtzman  
Eulalia Apolinar

**GUESTS:**

Johnny Rodriguez  
Elissa Feld  
Michael Coughman  
Jessica Yates  
Jill Bolster-White

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

TeaEster Higgins  
Rose Fowler Plummer  
NICOLE NIX (FOR SUPERVISOR ADAM HILL)  
Marcella Paric  
Joyce Heddleson

**HEALTH AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:**

Anne Robin  
Laura Zarate

1. **Clint Weirick called meeting to order @ 3:00 pm.**
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**  
Round-table introductions.
3. **Public Comments-**
  - Elissa Feld: LGBTQ Task force update. MHOAC Grant ended. Applied to Community Foundation and received a grant that will be led by THMA. Will be called LGBTQ Mental Health Task Force of San Luis Obispo County.
    - Suicide Prevention Month will be next month. Will send different activities to Laura to forward to you all.
    - Suicide Prevention Survey is out please take it. Goal is to get information on what the needs are in SLO County for strategic planning.
  - Mary Bianchi: Promotoras have found themselves in higher demand. They are continuing looking for funding to be able to get our connecting families to services. Also, if you have families in need, Center for Family Strengthening and The Link are good resources.
  - Clint Weirick: Adult Drug Court Graduation will be on Friday, August 21, 2020. There will be 11 Graduates.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from June 17, 2020 approved.

M/S/C: Kurtzman/Zweifel Abstain: None.

5. **Ongoing Business:**

- AD-HOC Committee for Spanish Language Services-Update  
Have final draft ready. Reviewed changes with BHB.  
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Joseph Kurtzman makes a motion to approve AD-HOC Committee for Spanish Language Services Report. M/S/C: Kurtzman/Zweifel Abstain: None.

6. **Membership Committee Report- Update:**

- Amber Gallagher welcome to this Board. She is now in her official role replacing Liz.
- Johnny Rodriguez, Manager at Sunny Acres – interested in a position at the Behavioral Health Board. David and Mary would like to recommend Johnny Rodriguez to this Board. To be voted on next month.
- We have two vacancies on this Board.

7. **Member Highlight- Robert Reyes, Assistant Chief Probation Officer:**

Robert Reyes shared his educational, vocational, and some of his personal history.

8. **Director's Report- Legislative Update, Anne Robin:**

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9. **Presentation: Statewide and County Budget: Impact of Budget on Services- Anne Robin**

- County General Fund Impacts Presentation was pulled back prior to going to the Board of Supervisors until we review how much funding SLO County is receiving from the CARES Act- County had expenses from the General Fund that could be funded by the CARES Act.
- Sober Living Beds: Had 100,000 funds from General Fund that has been cut.
- Still trying to find a space for DAS in Paso Robles.
- Realignment Fund for 2011: Will come in at a reduced number than last year. Still waiting to see our first fund. If we get a reduced amount, we may need to ask for General Fund. We will have a better idea in a couple of months.

10. **Adjourn the BHB Meeting at 4:58pm.**