

**Behavioral Health Board Minutes
San Luis Obispo County
August 18, 2021
3:00p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Levenson
Amber Gallagher
Melissa Cummins
Marshall Hamilton
David Riester
Joseph Kurtzman
Robert Reyes
Rose Fowler Plummer
Marcella Paric
Johnny Rodriguez
Sara Sartain for Sup. Ortiz-Legg

HEALTH AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Robin
Laura Zarate
Néstor Veloz-Passalacqua
Sarah Sartain

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eulalia Apolinar
Josh Pintor (for Sheriff Parkinson)
Mary Bianchi
Supervisor Ortiz-Legg
Pamela Zweifel
Nicole Bennett

GUESTS:

Dana Ready
Jon Nibbio
Jessie Yates

1. **Barbara Levenson called meeting to order @ 3:01 pm.**
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**
 - Round-table introductions.
3. **Public Comments-**
 - Joseph Kurtzman:
 - There is a Statewide crisis in homelessness. There's a scramble for solutions all over the State. One of the things being done is energy and time is being spent and Forty-seven members of the community have been housed in a peer-run program with no help from the State. Someone wants to shut this place down. Please call your supervisor. Don't displace these members of the community. Please talk to members of the community.
 - Johnny Rodriguez: I support and follow Joseph Kurtzman's comment. We are building healthy working relationships in this community, and we are asking for people to support Sunny Acres by reaching out to your Board of Supervisor. It's mind blowing that we could be homeless within a month. Thank you.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from June 16, 2021
M/S/C: Melissa Cummins/Marshall Hamilton Abstain: None
5. **Ongoing Business: Renew and Comment on Draft Annual Report for Calendar Year 2020:**
Draft five was presented at the Executive Committee meeting with an amendment: Pam Zweifel's name has been added.

Approval as amended to go to Board of Supervisors. M/S/C: David Riester/Joseph Kurtzman All Approve. Abstain: None

6. New Business: Discuss going back to in-person meetings or post for public:

- In-person meetings where to resume on October 1st, 2021. The exception to the Brown Act was valid during the emergency order which currently is terminating on September 30th. Unless we get another extension prior to September 30th to allow Brown-Act meetings to continue meeting virtually, we have to go back to in-person meetings or under the Brown-Act, wherever a board member meets, that address has to be posted and open for the community to come in and join.
- If the emergency order continues, we need to decide where you would like to meet or if you're willing to post the address you're meeting from by Zoom.
- Would really like to continue meeting by Zoom due to the surge of the pandemic.
- The St. Stevens Church would be a good option.
- If any Board members have other meeting ideas, please forward to BHB Chair.

7. Membership Committee Report- Update:

Welcome Dana Ready to our meeting today. She is interested in becoming a BHB member. Katia Goodman is also interested in joining our BHB. We will be following up with both perspective members.

8. Committee Representatives Update:

- Quality Support, Joseph Kurtzman, started to meet. Amanda Getten is running this group. The CSU numbers have gone down. Caseloads and staff turn-over have the staff overwhelmed. We will continue to talk about this. Amanda will have me represent the QA for Drug and Alcohol Services as well.

9. Director's Report:

- It's been difficult hiring folks. We had Clinician recruitments and only got eight respondents. We will be onboarding some LPTs.
- We added a floating Temp-LPT that would cover different sites, but that person has been hired permanently in North County so we will need to hire and train another Temp for that floating position. Some Clinicians have left to schools, a few retired and others went to private practice. We are continuously hiring.
- SLO City is dedicating some funding to hire two co-response teams for behavioral health needs with Law Enforcement. They will also be trying first in the County, a co-response with EMT. Met with Chief Scott to talk about it. We're excited to see all that rule out.

10. Member Highlight- Pam Zweifel

Mary Bianchi- will present next month.

**11. Presentation: Health Care Access – Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua
[HCAD Presentation \(1\).pptx](#)**

12. Adjourn 4:52pm