

**Behavioral Health Board Minutes  
San Luis Obispo County  
May 18, 2022  
3:00p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Barbara Levenson  
Marshall Hamilton  
Sup. Ortiz-Legg  
Eulalia Apolinar  
Mary Bianchi  
Dana Ready  
Robert Reyes  
Lori Thomas (for Amber Gallagher)  
Johnny Rodriguez  
Joseph Kurtzman  
Melissa Cummins

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Josh Pintor (for Sheriff Parkinson)  
David Riester  
Nicole Bennett  
Pamela Zweifel  
Rose Fowler Plummer

**GUESTS:**

Jessie Yates  
Connie Burns  
Jonathan Nibbio  
Sheena Jones  
Michelle Cook

**HEALTH AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:**

Laura Zarate  
Frank Warren  
Joshua Woodbury

1. **Barbara Levenson called meeting to order @ 3:00 pm.**
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**
  - Round-table introductions.
3. **Public Comments:**
  - None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from April 20, 2022  
M/S/C: Mary Bianchi/Eulalia Apolinar Abstain: Melissa Cummins, Robert Reyes, Joseph Kurtzman
5. **Ongoing Business:**

**A. Administrative Action: VOTE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING MEETINGS BY TELECONFERENCE UNTIL THE BHB'S NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT, AS AUTHORIZED BY ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 361**

Vote in favor of meeting by Zoom in June: Robert Reyes, Johnny Rodriguez, Joseph Kurtzman, Pam Zweifel, Mary Bianchi, Marshall Hamilton, Eulalia Apolinar, Barbara Levenson, Melissa Cummins, Sup. Ortiz-Legg, Tom Milder, Dana Ready, Lori Thomas

All in favor of meeting by Zoom in June.

**B. AD-HOC Committee Update:**

Mary Bianchi: Proposing the BHB Executive Committee take the lead on the first AD-HOC site visit to review the process. Eulalia Apolinar, Barbara Levenson and Mary Bianchi will work with Dr. Star Graber and visit Atascadero Drug and Alcohol Services clinic. Will reach out to Dr. Graber and do a run on the process and then present the findings to BHB in August.

Would appreciate a response from all Behavioral Health Board members on which site visit they would like to attend. Laura Zarate to re-send forms for site visits to Board members.

Melissa Cummins is interested in visiting MH Services for inmates in both the prison and jail.

**C. Development of Annual Report- Barbara Levenson:**

Please send comments or suggestions on what you'd like to cover on the Behavioral Health Board Annual Report to Barbara Levenson.

**6. New Business: Present Slate of Officers- by Membership Committee:**

- Barbara Levenson
- Pam Zweifel- Vice Chair
- Eulalia Apolinar- Second Vice Chair
- Mary Bianchi- Membership Chair

Will vote on next BHB Meeting: June 15, 2022.

**7. Membership Committee – Update:**

- Anyone interested in joining our Behavioral Health Board please contact any member of the Behavioral Health Executive Committee.

**8. Committee Representatives Update:**

- ❖ Joseph Kurtzman attends the Quality Assurance (QA) meetings where members review statistics and updates from the Psychiatric Health Facility. Anyone interested in joining the QA meetings representing the Behavioral Health Board, please contact the BHB Executive Committee.
- ❖ Supervisor Ortiz-Legg suggested having a strategy meeting where we can have everyone gather and see how we can support each other and make changes in our programs. BHB members agree it would be nice to meet and support each other, though we need to check on Brown Act. Some members who are immuno-compromised expressed concern in meeting in person. Mary will add this topic to the BHB Executive Committee agenda.

**9. Presentation: Jail/Forensic Re-Entry Services- Jessica Yates**

**10. Adjourn at 4:16pm**