

Behavioral Health Board Minutes
San Luis Obispo County
June 21, 2023
3:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Barbara Levenson
Marshall Hamilton
Jose Febus(CenCal)
Eulalia Apolinar
Melissa Cummins
LT Robert Crout (for Sheriff Parkinson)
Chief Robert Reyes
Dr. Dana Hunt
Amber Gallagher
Mary Bianchi (via Zoom)
Rose Fowler Plummer (via Zoom)
Leslie Brown
Donna Klein

Health Agency Staff Present:

Anne Robin
Christy Haney
Dr. Star Graber

Members Absent:

Joseph Kurtzman
Chris Emert
Supervisor Paulding
Hugo Balcazar

Guests:

Dr. Seth Stabinsky
Devon McClellan
Deprise Brescia
Jon Nibbio
Golzaar Madavi
Karry MacDonald
Jessica Yates

- 1. Barbara Levenson called meeting to order @ 3:05pm**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements:**
 - Round table introductions.
- 3. Public Comments:**
 - Marshall Hamilton: Marshall lives in Cambria and noticed a theme for ages 30-50 being marginally unhoused due to various reasons/situations.
- 4. Approval on Minutes:** Did not meet quorum, will vote on meeting minutes from May 17, 2023, at the next meeting.
- 5. Ongoing Business:**
 - At the June 6 Board of Supervisors meeting, they approved the updated bylaws, 2022 annual report, and membership renewals of Hugo Balcazar, Mary Bianchi, and Sheriff Ian Parkinson.

6. New Business:

- Golzaar Mahdavi- Genoa Healthcare has opened a pharmacy attached to the outpatient clinic at 2178 Johnson Ave in San Luis Obispo. They are open to both county and non-county clients. The hours of operation are 8:30am-5pm, Monday- Friday and closed for lunch from 12:30pm-1:00pm.
- Remaining year site visits: Sites that were mentioned were Family Care Network, Martha's Place, and SAFE (Services Affirming Family Empowerment). If you are interested in visiting any of these sites, or have ideas of a different site/program, please reach out to Barbara.
- Introduction of agency appointed board members:
 - Devon McClellan will be replacing Eulalia Apolinar
 - Jose Febus will be replacing Andres Pille

7. Membership Committee - Update:

- As a reminder, it is encouraged for those who are agency appointed to fill out a Behavioral Health Board membership application and to designate an alternate.
- If you are interested in being on the Membership Committee with Mary or know anyone that is interested in becoming a member of the Behavioral Health Board, please reach out to Mary or Christy.

8. Committee Representatives- Update:

- Jail Behavioral Health Unit Tour: Members who attended the tour were impressed with the efforts that the jail is taking to support the community long-term. They also encouraged anyone who is interested in visiting to take a tour.
- Mental Health Evaluation Team site visit: The MHET site visit is scheduled for Friday, June 30 at 9:00am. Mary, Rose, and Mellissa will be participating in this site visit.
- The last MAC meeting was held on May 31st. The staffing augmentations that were requested that the committee members vote on were:
 - 1.5 FTE- Homeless outreach team, Transitions Mental Health Association. They will be reaching out to those inside and outside of the libraries. This is a limited term position for 3 years, \$165,000.
 - 1.0 FTE- Spanish language support administrative assistant at Paso Robles Behavioral Health Department. Limited term position for 3 years, \$93,599 per year.
 - 1.0 FTE- Community resource specialist and family advocate with CAPSLO. Limited term position for 1 year, about \$93,500.
 - 0.5 FTE- Mixteco interpreter. Limited term for 3 years, about \$52,000.
 - 0.5 FTE- The Center for Family Strengthening requested an administrative assistant.
 - 1.0 FTE- The Center for Family Strengthening requested paraeducator coach, about \$102,000 per year.

****FTE: Full Time Employee***

- CALBHBC meeting: The data notebook is pending. We have been asked to find out the status of peer providers is for each county. The billing code has not been turned on yet for SLO County. We do have peers and certified peers working within our systems. Some of these specialized peers are TMHA, Sierra Mental Wellness, Family Care Network, Justice Services, and Drug and Alcohol Services. The peer certification is a course that requires experience and taking a test.
- If members are interested in a tour of Juvenile Hall, that will be available.

9. Member Subject of Interest: Leslie Brown

- Leslie Brown shared life experiences and her interest in being on the Behavioral Health Board.

10. Administrator's Report

- UCSF has released the Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative report. Their policy recommendations include increased access to housing affordable to extremely low-income households, expand targeted homelessness prevention, provide robust support to match the behavioral health needs of the population, increase household income through evidence-based employment supports, increase outreach and service delivery to people experiencing homelessness, and embed a racial equity approach in all aspects of homeless system service delivery. We should be hearing from the state this week if we have received the Bridge House Funding Grant in SLO County. Social Services received their first encampment funding for the City of SLO.
- Transformation of Behavioral Health Services, changes to the MHSA program: This proposal will need to be approved by the legislature and then would go on the ballot in 2024. 30% of the funding would be used by MHSA for housing intervention projects, 50% should be used for people who are chronically homeless with the focus on people in encampments, no more than 25% can be used for capital development projects. This would be commencing with the 2032-2035 fiscal years integrated plan. The county shall use a majority of medical services and supports for early intervention programs. This is about \$7.2 million, which means a loss of \$5.6 million locally. It is stripping our prevention programs, limits our mobile crisis program, limits our CSU, and limits other local programs as well. In the next year we will be looking at an 1115 waiver.

11. Presentation: Victim Assistance Program- Jessica Yates

- Jessica Yates gave a presentation on the Victim Witness Assistance Center. They provide a variety of services to reduce the trauma, frustration and inconvenience experienced by victims, witnesses, and family members affected by crime. See provided power point presentation.

12. Adjourn at 4:57pm