

**Behavioral Health Board Minutes
San Luis Obispo County
January 20, 2021
3:00p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clint Weirick
Barbara Levenson
Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg
Robert Reyes
Marshall Hamilton
Nicole Bennett
Pamela Zweifel
Amber Gallagher
Joseph Kurtzman
Joyce Heddleson
DAVID RIESTER
MELISSA CUMMINS
JESSICA YATES (FOR SHERIFF PARKINSON)
JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ
EULALIA APOLINAR
MARCELLA PARIC
JOSH PINTOR
ROSE FOWLER PLUMMER

MEMBERS ABSENT:

TeaEster Higgins
MARY BIANCHI

HEALTH AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Robin
Laura Zarate

GUESTS:

Jill Bolster-White
Jonathan Nibbio

1. **Eulalia Apolinar called meeting to order @ 3:00 pm.**
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**

Round-table introductions.
Joseph Kurtzman: Re-entry Team, Andrea Hernandez and Anthony Benavidez have moved on. Feeling the loss of that team. We would like to see that revived in that capacity. Jill Bolster-White: Currently conducting interviews and hope to fill those positions in a couple of weeks.
Clint Weirick: Senator John Laird was sworn-in on December 7th, 2020 representing District 17. He is now serving SLO County.
3. **Public Comments-**
 - None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from November 18, 2020 approved with one correction: M/S/C: Zweifel/Cummins Abstain: None.
5. **Ongoing Business:**
 - Report on MHSA Update That Went to B.O.S.: Board of Supervisors heard a brief presentation from Frank Warren. BOS approved plan and sent to the State. Thank you all for participation on the hearing and giving feedback.

6. **New Business:**

- **Chairing discussion- need 2nd Chair to BHB:**
By-Laws state BHB Chair has authority to assign a Second Vice Chair. If anyone interested, contact our Chair, Eulalia Apolinar. Second Vice Chair will cover for Chair in the event Chair is not able to, as well as attend the Executive Committee Meeting.
 - Marcella Paric states interest.
 - Eulalia appointed Marcella Paric as Second Vice Chair.
- **Review committee assignments.**
Roster was sent out to BHB stating Committee assignments on page 3. BHB members reviewed all Committee assignments and suggested we add the Committees to our regular monthly Agenda for updates. Laura Zarate to add Membership Committee to Roster with members: Eulalia Apolinar, Mary Bianchi, and David Riester.

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

- We ask that BHB members review Roster and send any changes to Laura Zarate.
- Will update member profiles and will send out a new BHB Application. Please do fill out and send back to Laura Zarate to archive.
- Welcome and thank you to Supervisor Ortiz-Legg for joining us today and appreciate her interest on Behavioral Health issues.
- Introducing Josh Pintor. He is representative of the Sheriff. Welcome Josh!

8. **Member Highlight- Josh Pintor**

Josh Pintor shared his educational, vocational, and some of her personal history.

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

Discussed COVID's impact on our department:

- Rise on self-harm in youth, no additional deaths, challenges of working from home.
- Our DAS clients where not doing well so we had to get back into in-person services with all preventative measures.
- Closed a couple of sites because of COVID outbreaks and resumed services doing tele-health at home. Reinstated all safety precautions.
- Staff is resilient and clients are receiving services.
- Anne spent all day volunteering in Paso Robles vaccine clinic. 75+ folks where so grateful and happy they were getting their vaccine. We are hopeful the County will continue receiving vaccines to be able to vaccinate all individuals.
- We continue to test for COVID.
- All our staff who contracted COVID have recovered, some were hospitalized, and some recovered at home.
- Laura Zarate has been working at the EOC providing COVID information to our underserved Spanish-speaking community.

Budget:

- Grants: State has one-time funds to get buildings and rehabilitation at this time.
- Cathy Manning and her team are working on Status-Quo budget and getting that in.

10. **Presentation: Discussed what presentations would you like to see this year.**

A Behavioral Health brochure was sent out to BHB members to review all the services we provide.

Here are suggestions for presentations:

- Medication Assisted Treatment

- Recovery Residences- Housing for DAS Clients, monitoring out of Co. places for folks to live
- Public Guardian -Conservatorships
- Criminal Justice- Stepping Up
- All Diversion Court programs
- Innovation- How money is spent. Results of programs.
- Cen-Cal/Medi-Cal (Nicole)
- Youth- Foster Care
- We have two MHSA presentations

11. **Adjourn BHB Meeting:** 4:20pm