

**Behavioral Health Board Minutes**  
**San Luis Obispo County**  
**May 16, 2018**  
**3:00p.m.**  
**2180 Johnson Ave, 2nd Floor, Library Conference Room**  
**San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marshall Hamilton  
Marcella Paric  
Eulalia Apolinar  
Jennifer Caffee (for Debbie Arnold)  
David Riester  
Marcella Paric  
Theresa Scott  
Robert Reyes (for Jim Salio)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Molly Eisen-Kearns  
Stephanie L. (for Ian Parkinson)  
Elizabeth (Liz) Smith  
Loretta Butterfield (for Liz Smith)  
Kimberly Miramon  
Mackenzie Morrison  
Mary Bianchi  
Joyce Heddleson  
Clint Weirick

**GUESTS:**

Barbara Levenson (for TeaEster Higgins)  
Matias Bernard (GALA)  
Ellen Sturtz (GALA)  
Nicole Bennet  
  
Douglass Heinman (Tranz Central Coast)

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:**

Anne Robin  
Brianna Hansen  
Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua  
Frank Warren  
Laura Zarate

**1. David Riester called meeting to order @ 3:03 pm.**

**2. Introductions and Announcements:**

Round-table introductions.

Announcements:

- Very fortunate to be selected by a statewide project on LGBT Mental Health to be one of five Counties to develop a Task Force. Very Excited. If anyone is interested in advocating for LGBT Mental Health, please contact Ellen Sturtz.
- Tomorrow the Access Support Network (previously AIDS Support Network) is having their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual HIV/AIDS Update Symposium.
- Directing Change Screening and Award Ceremony will be on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 from 11am-2pm at Theatre at Ace Hotel 933 S Broadway, Los Angeles CA 90015. Some of the film winners include Arroyo Grande High School, Mission High School and Atascadero High School. This will be posted on our Social Media web site.
- We received a few Letters of Support for the SLO Acceptance (one of our Innovation Projects). We appreciate the outreach that the group, who is putting together the Innovation project, did to reach out to Cal-Poly, Trans, THMA, Twin Cities and others and they in return sent us their support.

**3. Citizen Comments:**

1. Douglass Heiman – Stated support for Innovation Project.

**4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from April 18, 2018.**

M/S/C: Hamilton/Paric

**5. Ongoing Business:**

A. Approve Slate of Officers:

- Presentation of Slate- David Riester and Joyce Heddleson:
  - ❖ Clint Weirick- President
  - ❖ Marcella Paric- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
  - ❖ Eulalia Apolinar- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Asked additional nominations from the Board. No other nominations.

M/S/C: Hamilton/Paric

**6. New Business:**

Consideration of new member applications:

- TeaEster Higgins
- Nicole Bennett

TeaEster has not interviewed. Will schedule to meet with her and will vote next month.

Nicole Bennett is recommended to be alternate to Teresa Scott by the New Membership Committee.

M/S/C: Scott/Hamilton

**7. Behavioral Health Administrator's Report**

- Board of Supervisors approved on Consent Kristel Regusci and Pam Zweifel as new Behavioral Health Board Members. Welcome!
- Yesterday the Homelessness Services Oversight Counsel (HSOC) met and did a comprehensive report to the B.O.S. on homeless issues and proposals for BOS to consider for funding or support. The primary item to be considered for approval by BOS is to add an additional Case Manager to the 50 Now Program, which means 10 more people will be served. The 50 Now Program is funded with County General Fund dollars and Contracted thru THMA and partnership with HASLO (Housing Authority) who provided 50 vouchers for Section 8 Housing. THMA provides the supportive and case management services. The 50-Now Program has been very successful.
- Home Share Program: This program finds people, mostly seniors, who have vacant rooms in their home and find a match for them to share not just the rent and utilities, but also companionship and support. The program has had 42 matches so far.
- Grand Jury – Will discuss more in detail after the report is approved by the BOS.
- Updates on Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF): It is being painted and some of the other maintenance has been started Safety-wise, we have changed a number of elements in the facility to reduce safety risks.
- David Riester: The Behavioral Health system is much more than a 16-bed facility. Those 16 beds are also not reflective of the broad range of needs of people with behavioral health needs.

**9. Adjourn at 3:45pm.**

**10. Public Hearing: MHSA Innovation Plan- Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua:**

To review the Draft: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Behavioral-Health/Prevention-Outreach/Services/Mental-Health-Services-Act-\(MHSA\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Behavioral-Health/Prevention-Outreach/Services/Mental-Health-Services-Act-(MHSA).aspx)

To comment: <https://www.research.net/r/SLOCoINN>

For further questions, please contact Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua (INN Coordinator); [nvelozpassalacqua@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:nvelozpassalacqua@co.slo.ca.us)

Recommendation to present the Innovation Plan to Board of Supervisors.

M/S/C: Paric/Zweifel