

**Behavioral Health Board Minutes
San Luis Obispo County
June 15, 2022
3:00p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Levenson
Marshall Hamilton
Sarah Sartain for Sup. Ortiz-Legg
Eulalia Apolinar
Mary Bianchi
Robert Reyes
Amber Gallagher
Jessie Yates (for Sheriff Parkinson)
Nicole Bennett
David Riestler

HEALTH AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Robin
Laura Zarate

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Pamela Zweifel
Dana Ready
Rose Fowler Plummer
Johnny Rodriguez
Joseph Kurtzman
Melissa Cummins

GUESTS:

Connie Burns- Cen-Cal Health
Jonathan Nibbio
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Chris Emert- Veteran's Services
Christy Nichols

1. **Barbara Levenson called meeting to order @ 3:00 pm.**
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**
 - Round-table introductions.
3. **Public Comments:**
 - June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It provides an opportunity to promote awareness of—and critical actions that address abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older people.
 - June 18th is Juneteenth. Celebrations this month are sponsored in part by SLO County Behavioral Health, MHSA. The Health and Wellness Fair will be from 10am-pm.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from May 18, 2022
M/S/C: Mary Bianchi/Marshall Hamilton Abstain: Amber Gallagher
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 August: Robert Reyes, Mary Bianchi, Marshall Hamilton, Eulalia Apolinar, Barbara Levenson, Melissa Cummins, Sup. Ortiz-Legg, Tom Milder, Dana Ready, Lori Thomas, Amber Gallagher, Christy Nichols, Nicole Bennett, David Riester

All in favor of meeting by Zoom in August.

B. Present Draft Annual Report:

Members revised and commented on the Draft Annual Report. Suggested to add under Goals: MHSA Review provided prior to public hearing; board members pick sections of interest to review.

Motion to accept Annual Report once corrected. M/S/C: David Riester/ Amber Gallagher

C. Action Item: Present Slate of Officers- by Membership Committee:

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

All have agreed. No new nominations from the Behavioral Health Board. Motion to approve Officers for positions. Approved as presented by all Behavioral Health Board members.

6. New Business:

A) Planning Council Data Notebook- Anne to check with Quality Assurance. Hope to have it ready for review in August.

B) Volunteers to review MHSA Update in September (Sections by areas of interest). A little early to talk about it since we get report in October. Will talk about it next month.

7. Membership Committee – Update:

- Chris Emert, Administrative Services Officer from Veterans Services has agreed to participate in our BHB representing Agency with an Alternate. Welcome Chris!
- Christine Nichols, Community Relations Specialist, will be representing Cen-Cal Health in place of Nicole Bennett. Nicole has been promoted to manage the CalAIM Community Supports program. Congratulations Nicole! We will miss you! Andrea Montes Alvarado, Community Outreach Coordinator, who handles all sponsorship, donation, and event attendance requests, will act as Christine's back-up in case she is unavailable.

8. Committee Representatives Update:

- AD HOC Committee needs to reschedule to July. Drug and Alcohol Services will be doing Mental Health First Aid training on the date the Committee planned to pay a visit.

9. Member Current Subject of Interest- Amber Gallagher

Board Member described the area of program, related to current Behavioral Health issues and specific concerns important to her.

10. Administrator's Report:

- California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is a multi-year initiative by the Department of Health Care Services- each step of CalAIM has a lot of challenges.
- Medi-Cal enrollment is up, and staffing is down. 21% of budgeted LPHA positions are vacant. 23% of Counties have Mental Health vacancies over 30%.

- Improved data exchange- trying to be able to share clinical data to serve our clients better. The goal: have databases and paperwork to be the same by 2027.
- Hiring: How do we enhance our workforce.

For more information, these slides are available at CalMHSA.org

11. **Presentation: Cen-Cal/CalAIM Coordination of Services- Nicole Bennett and Christine Nichols**

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12. **Adjourn at 4:38pm**