

Behavioral Health Board Minutes
San Luis Obispo County
March 21, 2018
3:00p.m.
2180 Johnson Ave, 2nd Floor, Library Conference Room
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joyce Heddleson
Clint Weirick
Jim Salio
Eulalia Apolar
Jennifer Caffee (for Debbie Arnold)
David Riester
Stephanie Landgraf (for Ian Parkinson)
Martin Bragg- Chair
Theresa Scott

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Molly Eisen-Kearns
Karl Hansen
Kimberly Miramon
Mackenzie Morrison
Marcella Paric
Marshall Hamilton
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Elizabeth (Liz) Smith

GUESTS:

Pam Zweifel
Kristel Regusci
Mary Bianchi
Ellen Sturtz
Joe Madsen

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Robin
Laura Zarate

1. 2:45 Tour of Crisis Stabilization Unit and Presentation- Christine Pirruccello

2. Martin Bragg called meeting to order @ 3:10 pm.

3. Introductions and Announcements:

Round-table introductions.

- CenCal Health is celebrating their 10th year anniversary in serving the San Luis Obispo County on March 28, 2018. Anyone interested in joining, contact Theresa Merkle-Scott.
- Marty Bragg –this will be his last meeting at Behavioral Health Board due to Family illness. It has been a wonderful experience.

4. Citizen Comments:

- Transgender Day of Visibility: March 31, 2018 4-6pm. At Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Luis Obispo County, 2201 Lawton Ave., SLO. Empowering our Transgender children. The event is free and young people are encouraged to attend. www.tranzcentralcoast.org
- Issue at County Jail on the news. Felt Mental Health was being attacked.
-Anne Robin: Any concerns or questions refer to County Administrative office.

5. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from February 23, 2018 with two changes.

M/S/C: Weirick/Heddleson

6. Ongoing Business:

- a) Year-Long Calendar- Need to know which Committees BH Board members are representing. Need to review By-Laws and timelines. Will need Executive Committee's help.
-We will send out topics to Board members, pick your top three and send back to Laura Zarate.
- May have a presentation rather than a Directors Report. Have two short presentations by BH Board Members: CenCal Health Benefits by Theresa Scott, Juvenile Dependency Court by Jim Salio, LGBTQ by Ellen Sturtz, Developmental Disabilities with Eulalia Apolinar, etc. If anyone will be willing to present, contact Laura Zarate to bring up on BHB Executive Committee.

b) Vote on Renewals of Appointments Who Expire 06/30/2018:

- Eulalia Apolinar
- Joyce Heddleson
- Jim Salio
- Theresa Scott

Joyce Heddleson moves to recommend these four persons listed here to be recommended to BOS to continue for another three-year term. M/S/C: Heddleson/Weirick

c) Vote on New Member Applicants:

- Kristel Regusci
- Pamela Zweifel

Will be interviewed and bring for vote next meeting.

7. New Business:

A. Establish Nomination Committee: David Riester and Joyce Heddleson are the New Member Committee. M/S/C: Salio/Caffee

This Committee will present a Slate to BHB at April meeting and will vote on Slate at June meeting. Will solicit new members at both meetings.

B. Oath of Office:

Theresa Merkle-Scott- was administered Oath of Office by Anne Robin.

C. Report on Grant Activities: David Riester and Clint Weirick:

The Community Based Organization/Preventative Health Grant (CBO/PHG) is a great program in our Community. Many different Grant requests. Lots of work in a short period. Very interesting and rewarding. Met on two occasions to review the 62 applications. It is an Advisory Committee; the final decision is made by the BOS. 1.4 million dollars were distributed. It was a privilege to participate.

7. Behavioral Health Administrator's Report:

- Attended the Homelessness Oversight Counsel - Did some planning about how to address homelessness and what items to recommend to BOS to prioritize. One of the rising areas of homelessness in our County are people over 50. Number of Veterans homelessness is going down. Estimated number of homeless is 368. Came up with a 10-year plan. Looking at where we can build to maximize housing closer to work. Also looking at First-Time Home Buyers Program and hoping to have BOS get funding for more Case Managers.
- Steve Martin the Mayor talked about the city of Paso working at evaluating whether or not to purchase the State property, the old CYA in Paso Robles. Just a recommendation for anybody out there who has a project for building that could be put up out onto that land for the public good, that would help the City decide to move ahead and negotiate to purchase it and the purchase price may be mitigated if the City buys it with already planned for public good. There is a 10-bed infirmary already there that was built back in 2004 in

good shape request for proposal has been released for companies to respond to operate jail medical, mental health and dental services. Several companies are interested in submitting proposals. It will be a 4 to 6 month process before a company is selected and contracted. In the meantime, the Health Agency will continue to provide health and mental health services in the jail.

- Sherriff Department made significant changes to improve the treatment of inmates at County Jail and we are working collaboratively with the Sheriff's Department.
- Jeff Hamm's last day is April 16, 2018. Candidate selected will be presented for approval by the BOS this coming Tuesday. Mike Stevens will be the interim Health Agency Director.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 5:03pm.