

Behavioral Health Board Minutes

San Luis Obispo County

August 15, 2018

3:00p.m.

2180 Johnson Ave, 2nd Floor, Library Conference Room

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marshall Hamilton
Jennifer Caffee (for Debbie Arnold)
Jim Salio
Mary Bianchi
Clint Weirick
Molly Eisen-Kearns
David Riester
Pamela Zweifel

GUESTS:

TeaEster Higgins

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stephanie L. (for Ian Parkinson)
Kimberly Miramon
Mackenzie Morrison
Elizabeth (Liz) Smith
Eulalia Apolinar
Marcella Paric
Theresa Scott
Joyce Heddleson

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Robin
Patty Ford

1. **Clint Weirick called meeting to order @ 3:04 pm.**

2. **Introductions and Announcements:**

Round-table introductions.

3. **Citizen Comments:**

1. None.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from June 20, 2018.

M/S/C: Riester/Hamilton

5. **Ongoing Business:**

A. **Behavioral Health Fair in January:**

We had agreed to have some members of the Behavioral Health Board get together to help develop the plan for it. Volunteers are:

- Nicole Bennett
- Pamela Zweifel
- TeaEster Higgins
- Clint Weirick
- Frank Warren's Staff

A suggestion was made to Behavioral Health Fair run until 6pm for those who work. Laura Zarate, Frank Warren and Anne Robin will work on getting dates out for members to meet.

6. Membership Committee Report:

- Passed out Membership Roster for members to update with their email.
- Mackenzie Morrison, our Cal-Poly student has conflicts in her schedule. Should know in the next couple of weeks if she will be able to continue as a Behavioral Health Board member.
- Have some prospective members: Rose Fowler-Plummer was interviewed by David Riester and Mary Bianchi. They will be on the agenda next month for approval.
- Executive Committee recommend people attend two BHB meetings prior to applying for membership.
- Designating Alternates: Public Officials are allowed to have an alternate that they appoint. The Membership Committee would like to have another discussion with the Executive Committee regarding Alternates and will bring information back at the September meeting.
- Will email link for the Local BH Board and Commissions so all have access to them. Great resources on State mandates and ideas on what other Boards throughout the State are doing.

7. New Business: Consideration of New Member to Behavioral Health Board: William McQuilkin, JR.

Membership Committee would like to recommend William McQuilkin, Jr. to approve as a New Member of the Behavioral Health Board. M/S/C: Bianchi/Riester

8. Presentation: Children's Services/Schools- Patty Ford:

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9. Behavioral Health Administrator's Report:

- Recommendation for those interested in becoming a BHB Member, consider attending a couple of meetings prior to applying. This will ensure they are in fact interested and able to commit to 10 meetings per year.
- There is a lot of State money coming out of the Governor's Budget for immediate aid to homeless individuals. One part of that money is called: "Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment" It will go to BOS for a resolution on September 18, 2014. Must go back to the State with the BOS Resolution Letter before September 25. Very broad definition. It is \$525,000 that has to be spent by June of 2020. We got together with shelter operators to see what they need. They need more help with assessing and quick access to MH care. So we came up with paying for 1 or 2 vans that will have tele-Psychiatry equipment on board, will have a peer and clinician and access to tele-psychiatry and will serve people at the shelter or other homeless camps. We are looking at how to sustain the staff in the long-term because this is a one-time funding. THMA will be operating this program under an expansion of the HOT Team
- Mental Illness and Criminal Justice Meeting: We developed priorities for change. Sheriff Parkinson took these priorities and the Stepping-up priorities and combined them. The Stepping-up initiative is how can we reduce the number of mentally ill patients go to jail.
- Other priorities: Expanding the Crisis Intervention Team and Expanding Community Action Team. The Department recently received a SAMHSA grant to expand Community Action Team clinical supports, which will work with the Sheriff's CAT team.
- The funding that built the CSU came from a Grant thru the California Health Facility Financing Agency. They have a new grant for another million dollars. Can only be used to acquire or renovate a Mental Health facility for Criminal Justice Diversion. This Grant application is due by March.

- Mental Health Services Act Town Hall Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 28th from 5pm-6:30pm. at the Nipomo Library 918 W. Tefft St., Nipomo CA.
- Tenet Hospital is funding one MH Staff person at Sierra Vista and one at Twin Hospital. They will do crisis triage and assessments. This is an expansion of the Sierra Wellness Contract.

9. Adjourn at 4:57pm. Our Next BHB Meeting will be on September 19th, 2018.