

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Levenson
Pamela Zweifel
Amber Gallagher
Melissa Cummins
Marshall Hamilton
David Riestler
Rose Fowler Plummer
Marcella Paric
Mary Bianchi
Nicole Bennett
Josh Pintor (for Sheriff Parkinson)
Supervisor Ortiz-Legg

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eulalia Apolinar
Joseph Kurtzman
Robert Reyes
Johnny Rodriguez

GUESTS:

Jill Bolster-White
Jon Nibbio
Jessie Yates

HEALTH AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Robin
Laura Zarate
Frank Warren

1. **Barbara Levenson called meeting to order @ 3:00 pm.**
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**
 - Round-table introductions.
3. **Public Comments-**
 - Marcella Paric:
 - Advanced Peer Specialist Bill has been passed in California by Governor Newsom. Four staff from PAAT went to Los Angeles for Advanced Peer Specialist training. Very intense training which lasted several months. Will be compiling how we want to rule-out the program and timeline.
 - Nicole Bennett:
 - Cen-Cal Health will be carving in Behavioral Health which is the mild-to-moderate benefit. As of January 1, 2022, the Holman Group is the vendor and has been notified. We will manage this as well as our other vendors. We have a new Behavioral Health Director. Her name is Celeste Bowers. Will be conducting community presentations to introduce her.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from September 15, 2021
M/S/C: Marshall Hamilton/Pam Zweifel Abstain: None
5. **Ongoing Business:**
 - **Action Item: Vote on going back to in-person meetings or virtual.**

Discussed findings regarding the circumstances of the emergency and vote to continue using the law's exemptions for as long as it deems necessary.

- Members who voted for virtual meeting in November: Pam Zweifel, Supervisor Ortiz-Legg, Marshall Hamilton, Amber Gallagher, David Riester, Melissa Cummins, Mary Bianchi, Rose Fowler-Plummer, Marcella Paric, Nicole Bennett, Sargent Pintor.
- Members who voted for in-person meeting: None

6. **New Business:** None

7. **Membership Committee Report- Update:** No Update

8. **Committee Representatives Update:** No Update

9. **Director's Report:**

- Peer Certification: Senate Bill (SB) 803 was approved by Governor Newsom on September 25, 2020, which was the final step in creating the Peer Support Specialist Certification Program Act of 2020. The statute required the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) "to establish statewide requirements for counties or their representatives to use in developing certification programs for the certification of peer support specialists." Bill has passed. CalMHSA will be holding community input session throughout October to gather input from community on specific topics for program implementation. The sessions are virtual and run for 1.5 hours. Please feel free to forward information on listening sessions to your stakeholders. Information on CalMHSA Community Input Sessions are found here: [California Mental Health Services Authority | Peer Certification \(calmhsa.org\)](https://www.calmhsa.org/peer-certification)
We are working with CALMHSA to have a standardized certification.
- Cen-Cal: We've been having meetings to distinguish who falls into Mild-to-Moderate classification. Also have met regarding the transition to CALAIM. Lots of more discussions in the next 12 months.
- Staffing:
 - Judy Vick is retiring mid-January and would like this position filled soon for training.
 - Cultural Competence Manager/Equity and Inclusion Program Manager - interviewed 11 people. Very good candidates. We should have this position filled soon.
 - Suicide Prevention and Outreach position has been vacant but has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.
 - New Public Information Specialist position for Behavioral Health will be filled in a couple of weeks.
 - Public Information media work for our Spanish-speaking population that Laura Zarate is doing, will be expanding her education role and will hire someone to do some of the other work she is doing.
 - Spanish-speaking Specialists are needed now. If anyone interested for a Clinician, master-level position, please apply.

10. **Member Highlight- Sarah Sartain is not available. Supervisor Ortiz-Legg:**

Supervisor Ortiz-Legg shared her educational, vocational, and some of her personal history.

11. Presentation: MHSA – Frank Warren

The MHSA Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Update to the Three-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2023 is available now for review and comment from October 19 through November 17, 2021.

You can review the Annual Update here: [MHSA-Annual-Update-for-FY2020-2021 DRAFT-October-2021](#)

(Public Review until 11/17/21)

To Submit Comments or Questions:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MHSA_2020-21_AnnualUpdate

Comments must be received no later than November 17, 2021.

12. Adjourn 4:40pm