

**Mental Health Board Minutes**  
**San Luis Obispo County**  
**February 15, 2012**  
**3:00 to 5:00pm**  
**2180 Johnson Ave.**  
**San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tyler Brown  
Pam Crabaugh  
Karl Hansen  
Joyce Heddleson  
Jill Heuer  
Kelly Kenitz for Ian Parkinson  
Theresa Merkle (*CenCal Health*)  
David Odell  
Stephan Ponce  
David Riester  
Jim Salio

**GUESTS:**

Sue Foote (Probation)  
Loyce Tobler\_(Probation)

**MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT:**

Charmaine Quinlan  
Mary Lee Waggoner  
Vicki Shelby for Frank Mecham  
Lisa Kelley

**MENTAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen Baylor  
Jane Ahlquist  
Janet Amanzio  
Frank Warren  
Brad Sunseri

1. **Meeting** was called to order @ 3:00 pm by David Riester.
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**
  - Introductions were made.
  - It was requested that the presentation from Jim Salio, (AB109 update) be moved forward due to time constraints from the folks from Probation.
3. **Citizen Comments:** Citizens are invited to make comments relevant to Mental Health issues at this time. *None at this time.*
4. **Action Item Re:** January 18, 2012, meeting minutes were reviewed and followed by motion of approval by Joyce Heddleson and seconded by Tyler Brown and unanimously approved by the Board. (MSC: Heddleson/Brown)
5. **Presentation: AB 109 Update from Jim Salio, Sue Foote and Loyce Tobler from Probation**
  - Sue Foote and Loyce Tobler, along with Jim Salio, spoke about their experiences supervising the new Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) clients.
  - Due to the realignment process (AB 109) probation has hired extra staff. Having a Drug and Alcohol Counselor and a Mental Health Therapist conduct a intake screening at the same time, helps the clients to take care of a lot of issues in one visit.
  - There are 100 new inmates in the jail due to AB109. The environment has changed drastically, and the jail is overcrowded. The Sheriff's department is working on expanding the jail and increase housing to accommodate over crowding. There are increase gang issues, racial problems, and prison mentality.
  - Tom Beem, Mental Health, is our contact person relating to clients from AB 109.
  - There is a big problem in getting inmates files from the CDCR we continue to receive clients without records. Probation is receiving signed releases from clients, but

CDCR is supposed to send records along with clients. Jim Salio to follow up with the State on this issue.

#### **6. Presentation by Frank Warren**

- **Website**: Frank gave us a brief update on our website. We don't have a webmaster, so each department is responsible for their own website. Frank has updated all of D/AS and Mental Health Services with current information. He has posted minutes and agendas (for read only) and will forward a link to the Mental Health Board for easy access.
- **PEI**: The PEI stakeholders meeting will be held on February 29, 2012, at which time they will take a look at the PEI plan, also will review progress of each program.
- **MHSA** Advisory Committee is meeting On February 29, 2012. This committee will advise the Department on priorities should there be an increase in CSS funds.
- **Innovation** – MHSA Innovation Project Status Files: Frank distributed a packet of updates of 8 Projects for Innovation.
  - ✓ **Operational Coastal Care** program is being offered at Cuesta College for Cuesta college students only. This program is by referral only.
  - ✓ **Atascadero High School** has set up a Wellness Center, open Monday-Friday, (closed on Tuesday)

7. Update by Brad Sunseri on Evidence Based Practices used by Youth Services. Evidence base practices such as “Wraparound Services,” and “FSP” have proven to be working for youth. Mental Health works with TMHA and Probation in using these methods to keep kids out of the hospital.

#### **8. Director's Report – Karen Baylor**

- The state Department of Mental Health will be closing June 30, 2012. More information to follow.
- Budget was turned in on time and there were no service level reduction in County Mental Health.

#### **9. Committee Reports:**

- Adult Services – there is a new Chair for the Adult Services Committee, Stephen Ponce
- Legal Services – No report.
- Children's Services – No report.
- Adult Services Policy Council – no report.
- Executive Committee – No report.

*The next Mental Health Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 3:00pm – 5:00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Health Campus.*

*Jane Ahlquist*