Behavioral Health Board Minutes  
San Luis Obispo County  
November 17, 2021  
3:00p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Barbara Levenson  
Marshall Hamilton  
David Riester  
Rose Fowler Plummer  
Marcella Paric  
Mary Bianchi  
Nicole Bennett  
Supervisor Ortiz-Legg  
Joseph Kurtzman  
Sarah Sartain (for Supervisor Ortiz-Legg)  
Tom Milder (for Robert Reyes)  
Robert Reyes  
Lori Thomas (for Amber/ SELPA) 

MEMBERS ABSENT:  
Eulalia Apolinar  
Johnny Rodriguez  
Pamela Zweifel  
Amber Gallagher  
Melissa Cummins  
Josh Pintor (for Sheriff Parkinson)  

GUESTS:  
Jill Bolster-White  
Jon Nibbio  
Jessie Yates  
Joe Madsen  
Seleste Bowers  
Dana Ready  
Clint Weirick

1. Barbara Levenson called meeting to order @ 3:00 pm.

2. Introductions and Announcements:  
   - Round-table introductions.

3. Public Comments:  
   - Joseph Kurtzman:  
     - Apologize for absenteeism. Has been a very stressful time but things have changed drastically at Sunny Acres. Very proud of our community. We are still here. Thank you to Supervisor Ortiz-Legg, she is one of many supportive people.
   - Sup. Ortiz-Legg:  
     - Grateful to be part of this Board and gotten to know Joseph Kurtzman and what he stands for. Very proud of our community. We stand with you all the way Joseph.

4. Presentation: Cen-Cal Health – Seleste Bowers:  
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5. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from October 20, 2021  
   M/S/C: Mary Bianchi/David Riester Abstain: Joseph Kurtzman (absent)

6. Ongoing Business: None
7. **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
   M/S/C: David Riester/Nicole Bennett All in favor of meeting by Zoom in January.

8. **New Business:** Member Discussion on Attending MHSA Stakeholder Meetings and Reporting Back. Laura Zarate to add MHSA discussion to BHB calendar in September: Who is interested in participating in different MHSA topics and will be ready to report in October. Another option is to attach MAC meeting minutes to our BHB minutes for added MHSA information.

9. **Membership Committee Report- Update:** Welcome Dana Ready. Looking forward to her application to the BHB. Next in line for Membership Highlight: Tom Milder, Lori Thomas, Alternates. Discussed what is next when we get to the end of our highlight member list. Maybe spend that time each on talking about what brings us to the Behavioral Health Board, who do we represent.

10. **Committee Representatives Update:** No Update

11. **Member Highlight: Sarah Sartain**
    Sarah Sartain shared her educational, vocational, and some of her personal history.

12. **Director’s Report:**
    - This week we are working to move the Dispatch/Placement services from Emergency Departments to out of County hospitals from the PHF to Sierra Mental Wellness Group. It will be a process, but our goal is two-fold: Assist people in Emergency Department find a bed/placement and also allow the PHF to focus on providing excellent in-patient care. Emphasis is to provide more mobile and robust services in the community.
    - A new grant has been received. Crisis Care Mobil Units (CCMU) is one of them which will expand coverage for youth triage/crisis response in North County. and expanding the dispatch/call center to 24/7.
    - There are still several grants to be released early next year.

13. **Adjourn at 4:20pm M/S/C: David Riester/Joseph Kurtzman**

    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](MHSA-Annual-Update-for-FY2020-2021_DRAFT-October-2021)
    Accept the Report and send to the Board of Supervisors. M/S/C: Marshall Hamilton/Joseph Kurtzman

15. **Adjourn 4:52pm**