Behavioral Health Board Minutes  
San Luis Obispo County  
January 19, 2021  
3:00p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Barbara Levenson  
Marshall Hamilton  
David Riester  
Rose Fowler Plummer  
Mary Bianchi  
Nicole Bennett  
Supervisor Ortiz-Legg  
Joseph Kurtzman  
Robert Reyes  
Lori Thomas (for Amber/ SELPA)  
Pamela Zweifel  
Melissa Cummins  
Josh Pintor (for Sheriff Parkinson)  

MEMBERS ABSENT:  
Eulalia Apolinar  
Johnny Rodriguez  
Amber Gallagher  
Marcella Paric  

GUESTS:  
Jon Nibbio  
Jessie Yates  
Dana Ready  

HEALTH AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:  
Anne Robin  
Laura Zarate  

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

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

3. Public Comments-  
   • Pam Zweifel:  
     o Excited to announce that Andrew Holland has joined NAMI. Had first joint meeting. Putting together an advocacy committee called Andrew Holland Advocacy Committee. Briand Atwell and Joseph Kurtzman are part of this committee.  
   • Nicole Bennett:  
     o Holman Group is now a Behavioral Health vendor- the mild to moderate will now be treated by Cen-Cal Health and not by Holman Group. Members may now call Cen-Cal Health directly for their treatment. Cen-Cal Health is trying to reduce barriers. SLO County Behavioral Health is working closely and collaboratively with Cen-Cal Health.  
   • Anne Robin:  
     o The homeless count “Point in Time” was scheduled for January 26th ahhs been moved to February 23, 2022. Everyone is welcomed to volunteer. There is a volunteer application on the Drug and Alcohol website.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from November 17, 2021  
   M/S/C: Marshall Hamilton/Pam Zweifel Abstain: None

5. **Ongoing Business:**

   **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

   Vote in favor of meeting by Zoom in January: Pam Zweifel, Mary Bianchi, Marshall  
   Hamilton, Melissa Cummins, David Riester, Lori Thomas, Nicole Bennett, Joseph  
   Kurtzman, Supervisor Ortiz-Legg, Jessi Yates, Rose Fowler-Plummer. All in favor of  
   meeting by Zoom in January.

6. **New Business:**

   - **AD-HOC PROCEDURES**
     Anne Robin shared the procedures on screen. The purpose of an ADHOC  
     Committee is to identify issues in our County, identify people who would be  
     interested in being part of this Committee for a short term. It can be anything  
     under our purview.  
     Laura Zarate to send out AD-HOC procedures and BHB can email back topic  
     ideas. Some ideas are: Criminal Justice, Employment, Disaster, Elder Adults,  
     Suicide Prevention, LGBTQ

   - **CALBHB- BARBARA LEVENSON TO REPORT BACK**
     Barbara Levenson reported back her findings. The CALBHB meeting was from  
     9am-1:30pm. The meeting covered several topics including Bill SB 465, three  
     Grants related to Crisis Services and African Coalition.

7. **Membership Committee Report:**

   - **UPDATE:** Very pleased to have had the opportunity to interview Dana Ready.  
     We will present her next meeting for voting as a potential Behavioral Health  
     Board member. David Riester and Mary Bianchi believe she will be a good asset  
     to this Board.

   - **DISCUSS CURRENT INTEREST AND ACTIVITY:** This will take place  
     instead of Member Highlight. The Board member will describe the area of  
     program related to current Behavioral Health issues or specific concerns  
     important to them.

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

9. **Member Highlight: Tom Milder**

   Tom Milder is not available this month. Starting next month, will transition  
   into Member sharing what specifically are their activities pertaining to this  
   Board.

10. **Director’s Report:**
• 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.
• Need a contracted Grant writer. Frank Warren and Dr. Star Graber have done an amazing job, but we need a contracted Grant writer.

11. Presentation: Assessing the Continuum of Care for Behavioral Health Services in California Data, Stakeholder Perspectives, and Implications- Anne Robin.

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/Assessing-the-Continuum-of-Care-for-BH-Services-in-California.pdf:

12. Adjourn at 4:20pm M/S/C: Pam Zweifel/Joseph Kurtzman