

**Behavioral Health Board Minutes**  
**San Luis Obispo County**  
**June 19, 2019**  
**3:30p.m.**  
**2180 Johnson Ave, 2nd Floor, Library Conference Room**  
**San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Eulalia Apolinar  
Theresa Scott  
Jim Salio  
David Riester  
Marshall Hamilton  
Barbara Levenson  
Loretta Butterfield for Elizabeth (Liz) Smith  
Pamela Zweifel  
Mary Bianchi  
Nicole Nix for Supervisor Adam Hill  
Joseph Kurtzman  
Clint Weirick  
Rose Fowler Plummer  
Joyce Heddleson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bill McQuilken  
Marcella Paric  
Elizabeth Smith  
Stephanie Landgraf (for Sheriff Parkinson)  
TeaEster Higgins

**HEALTH AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:**

Anne Robin  
Laura Zarate  
Nestor Veloz-Passalaqua  
Frank Warren

**GUESTS:**

Joe Madsen  
Melissa Cummings

1. **Clint Weirick called meeting to order @ 3:00 pm.**
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**  
Round-table introductions.
3. **Public Comments-**  

**Joseph Kurtzman-** States there is no TMHA at the moment in the Re-Entry program. There is a great need when people in the community leave jail. This program is so valuable.

  - Update from Joe Madsen: Currently doing evaluations and interviews for the Re-Entry program. We will fill one position and Anthony is on a leave, should be coming back within a month.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from May 15, 2019 approved.  

M/S/C: Nix/Zweifel Abstain: None.
5. **Ongoing Business:**

- **By-Law Committee Members: Clint Weirick, Mary Bianchi and Eulalia Apolinar:**  
By-Laws -Laura Zarate to ask Amy Olson on where we are with the process. We are estimating this final draft to go in front of the Board of Supervisors on August 6, 2019.

- **AD-HOC Committee for Spanish Language Services- Discussion:**  
Mary to send out a Doodle Poll to set a meeting or telephone conference.

- **AD-HOC Committee Members:**
  - Mary Bianchi- Chair
  - Marcella Paric
  - Nicole Nix
  - Pamela Zweifel
  - Rose Fowler-Plummer
  - Joseph Kurtzman

Eulalia Apolinar, Theresa Scott, and Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua are available for resources.

**6. New Business: Annual Report Planning:**

We use information from different divisions, and it goes to Board of Supervisors (BOS). January 2020 would be a good time for this Board to present to BOS. CALBHB has great examples of Annual Reports. The Annual Report is a great opportunity to thank and acknowledge previous Behavioral Health Board Members and welcome new ones. Nikki Nix would be happy to help with presentations and prepare certificates. Presentations should not be more than 10 minutes.

**Ideas to include in our Annual Report to give an overview:**

- There is a limited understanding of what this Board does. Explain.
- Mention Strategic Plans for current year
- Highlight SLO Wellness
- AD HOC – Need for services in Spanish
- Process Improvement Plan
- Databook
- Highlight number of activities/ Committees this Board represents

We will plan to have a draft completed in November, approve in January and present to BOS in February.

**7. Membership Committee Report: Update Two New Applications:**

We have two new applications and we have two vacancies. Melissa Cummings, who is joining us at this meeting and Grace Arthur, a Cal-Poly student who is heading home for the Summer have both applied.

Currently everybody is identified as a member of the BHB in the Maddy Book, because the Bylaws changed the designation of those folks who represent agencies from “Professional” to “Agency”, we’ll work on getting that language consistent. Jim Salio, Teresa Scott, Eulalia Apolinar, Sheriff’s Department representative, will all be under Agency.

If you represent the BHB officially on a Committee, email Laura Zarate to update our roster.

**8. Behavioral Health Administrator's Report:**

- We will be engaging the Strategic Planning Process. We are in the early discussions. It is exciting we will have support in doing that. Setting Health Agency goals. Hopefully we will start in the Fall.
- We have All-Staff meetings coming up. There will be a Youth and an Adult Summit as well as a Drug and Alcohol Services one. If you have a special recognition for a Staff person or a program, please send them in to Anne
- Homeless Outreach: Margarette Shepard is the Clinician, Julia Tidik is the Nurse Practitioner. Jose Gonzalez is the Case Manager. They can do evaluations and prescribe.
- Prado: We will be adding a Clinician at Prado. Possibly M-F 8am-5pm. They will be available to provide case management, do assessments and open cases.
- Whole Person Care: The State budget includes \$ 20million for competitive grants. Michelle Shoresman will be leading this effort for the Health Agency.
- No Place Like Home: Application for funding was approved by BOS.
- Grants: Waiting on two big ones. One is the State Hospital Grant to do Forensic, Incompetent to Stand Trial and MH Diversion work in the Community and the other is the California Health Facility Financing Agency (CHFFA) to remodel the downstairs of the Health Agency to accommodate more offices. We should hear about them this week.
- Compassion for the Homeless Challenges and Opportunities is tonight from 6pm-8pm. Will have fourteen representatives on a panel in Cambria. Anne Robin, Laurel Weir, Sheriff, Fire Department, Schools, Pastor are some of the participants.
- Twin and Sierra Vista Hospitals now have two Mental Health Clinicians in their Emergency Department. We contracted with Sierra Wellness.
- Patty Ford is retiring! We will have a gathering in the Aqua Room on July 2, 2019 3:30pm – 5pm and then at Milestone after. We wish her the best! Jill Rietjens will be taking her place as Youth Services Manager.

**9. Adjourn the BHB Meeting at 3:56pm.**

**10. Public Hearing Called to Order at 3:56pm: Innovation Projects for FY 19-23- Nestor Veloz-Passalacqua:**

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Today ends the 30-day public comment period. The BHB approval will go to the BOS who have final approval. Then it goes to Sacramento.

Back from BHB from recess. Joyce Heddleson moves recommendation to BOS, approved as presented, second by Nikki Nix. Abstain: Jim Salio, Eulalia Apolinar, Theresa Scott and Mary Bianchi.

**11. Adjourn at 5:25pm**