

**Behavioral Health Board Minutes
San Luis Obispo County
February 16, 2022
3:00p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Levenson
Pamela Zweifel
Marshall Hamilton
Sara Sartain (for Sup. Ortiz-Legg)
Eulalia Apolinar
Amber Gallagher
David Riestler
Josh Pintor (for Sheriff Parkinson)
Mary Bianchi
Joseph Kurtzman
Rose Fowler Plummer

HEALTH AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Robin
Laura Zarate
Josh Peters

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Johnny Rodriguez
Marcella Paric
Nicole Bennett
Robert Reyes
Melissa Cummins

GUESTS:

Jason Wells
Dana Ready
Jill Bolster-White
Joe Madsen
Jenny Dotzler
Clint Weirick
Jessie Yates

1. **Barbara Levenson called meeting to order @ 3:00 pm.**
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**
 - Round-table introductions.
 - Announcements:
 - Anne Robin: Excited to announce that Josh Peters has taken Judy Vick's Division Manager position. As you may know, Judy Vick has retired. Welcome Josh!
 - Joseph Kurtzman and Jessie Yates discussed presenting more information about jail services.
3. **Public Comments-**
 - None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from January 19, 2021
M/S/C: Mary Bianchi/Pam Zweifel Abstain: None
5. **Ongoing Business:**
 - A. 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, David Riester, Joseph Kurtzman, Jessi Yates, Eulalia Apolinar, Amber Gallagher, Josh Pintor, Barbara Levenson. All in favor of meeting by Zoom in January.

B. AD-HOC Committee Procedures and Topics

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.

Mary Bianchi: Site visits are a great idea to spend time with those contracted with the County. Maybe calendared yearly and may add to the Annual Report. Develop a full list of places related to BHB am pick from there which ones we want to visit that year.

Anne Robin: Have questions sent ahead of time. Have a site visit checklist. Pick three or four site places to visit. Might help to create and send a Survey Monkey with list of sites to prioritize.

Some ideas/topics of interest: Site visits, Recovery Homes and Sober Living Environments, Elderly Facilities/End of life concerns

Those interested in joining the time-limited AD-HOC Committee:

- Eulalia Apolinar
- Mary Bianchi
- Joseph Kurtzman
- Barbara Levenson

6. New Business:

- Presenting Membership Renewals Due for Re-Appointment on 06/30/2022:
 - Melissa Cummins
 - Rose Fowler-Plummer
 - Amber Gallagher
 - Joseph Kurtzman
 - Barbara Levenson

Bring as an Action Item to vote next month.

7. Membership Committee Report-

- Update
- Action Item: Vote on Recommendation of Dana Ready as BHB Member to go on Consent Agenda with Board of Supervisors.
M/S/C: David Riester/Pam Zweifel Abstain: None

8. Committee Representatives Update:

- ❖ Quality Assurance: Joseph Kurtzman- Lots of exciting things happening. Dr. Ilano is working with new Psych-Tech training. People will now have access to new anti-depressant medications, Eskatamine or Sprivato. This has never been tried in this County before. People with private pay have access to these medications but it will

be the first-time people with Medi-Cal will have access to them. Medications will be monitored and will not be for everyone. We are excited to give this a try.

9. **Member Current Subject of Interest- Board member will describe the area of program related to current Behavioral Health issues or specific concerns important to them**

- ❖ Barbara Levenson shared her interests, passions and why she became a Behavioral Health Board Member.

10. **Director's Report:**

- Reminder: Next Monday is President's Day and County Holiday.
- Infrastructure Plan Grant: Health Campus is working with Central Services. Phase one was to remodel Probation and add a parking. Next phase is the Health Campus. We hope to have an urgent care walk-in at the SLO campus by 2026. Next round of infrastructure grant funding is for children and youth. May refocus on youth walk-in and sobering for the North County.
- We received a planning grant and are seeking consultants to assist. pal.
- Health Agency Director Mike Hill is leaving to Colorado to start a new Public Health Department. Dr. Penny Borenstein will be our interim Health Agency Director.

11. **Presentation: First Five 3x3 Innovation Project- Wendy White.**

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12. **Adjourn at 5:00pm**