

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Barbara Levenson  
Pamela Zweifel  
Marshall Hamilton  
Sup. Ortiz-Legg  
Eulalia Apolinar  
David Riestler  
Mary Bianchi  
Rose Fowler Plummer  
Melissa Cummins  
Dana Ready  
Tom Milder (for Chief Reyes)  
Nicole Bennett

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Johnny Rodriguez  
Marcella Paric  
Amber Gallagher  
Josh Pintor (for Sheriff Parkinson)  
Joseph Kurtzman

**GUESTS:**

Jill Bolster-White  
Jessie Yates

**HEALTH AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:**

Anne Robin  
Laura Zarate  
Molly Heintz

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

**2. Introductions and Announcements:**

- Round-table introductions.

**3. Public Comments:**

- None

**4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from February 16, 2022**

M/S/C: Marshall Hamilton/David Riestler 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 April: Pam Zweifel, Mary Bianchi, Marshall Hamilton, David Riestler, Jessi Yates, Eulalia Apolinar, Amber Gallagher, Josh Pintor, Barbara Levenson, Melissa Cummins, Sup. Ortiz-Legg, Tom Milder, Rose Fowler Plummer, Dana Ready

All in favor of meeting by Zoom in April.

**B. AD-HOC Committee Procedures and Topics**

Mary Bianchi: Committee has not met yet- just starting. Working on a master list of desired and eligible site visits by the BHB. Looking at the general guidelines for notifications and questions to ask at each site visit. Each Committee Member will conduct one site visit per year.

Members for this committee: Mary Bianchi, Eulalia Apolinar, Joseph Kurtzman, Barbara Levenson.

**C. Discuss Ideas for Presentations for May, June and September**

May: Jail /Forensic Re-entry Services- Jessie Yates and Teresa Pemberton

June: Cen-Cal/Cal-AIM Coordination of Services- Nicole Bennett

September: Transitional Age Youth Full-Service Partnership- Family Care Network

**D. Action Item: Vote on Membership Renewals Due for Re-Appointment on 06/30/2022:**

- Melissa Cummins
- Rose Fowler-Plummer
- Amber Gallagher
- Joseph Kurtzman
- Barbara Levenson Ac

M/S/C: Mary Bianchi/Pam Zweifel

6. **New Business: None**

7. **Membership Committee Report-**

- Action Item: Vote on Membership Renewals due for re-appointment

8. **Committee Representatives Update:**

- ❖ Quality Assurance: Joseph Kurtzman attends.
- ❖ MAC and MHSA by-monthly meeting coming up.

9. **Member Current Subject of Interest/ Member Highlight- Eulalia Apolinar** shared her interest, passions and why she became a Behavioral Health Board Member.

10. **Director's Report:**

- Anne reviewed Care Court: CARE Court is a proposed framework to deliver mental health and substance use disorder services to the most severely impaired Californians who too often languish – suffering in homelessness or incarceration – without the treatment they desperately need. They are focusing on people with schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders who lack medical decision-making capacity – before they enter the criminal justice system or become so impaired that they end up in a Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Mental Health Conservatorship.

For more information about CARE Court: <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/care-court/>

- The Housing Services Oversight Committee (HSOC) just met. Currently looking at all resources to build shelter and temporary housing and eventually permanent supportive housing.
- All of the agencies are struggling to recruit staff. One of the reasons candidates decline positions is the cost of housing in SLO County, so while we are addressing the needs of our unhoused population, we also need to think about workforce housing.

11. **Presentation: Overview of the CALMHSA EHR Project- Molly Heintz.**

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