

MINUTES – APPROVED
April 21, 2022

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

MARCH 17, 2022 ♦ 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

1400 EMELINE AVE, ROOMS 206-207, SANTA CRUZ

Microsoft Teams Meeting (916) 318-9542, Conference 165 963 902#

Present: Hugh McCormick (arrived at 3:15pm), Jeffrey Arlt, Michael Neidig, Serg Kagno, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput
Excused: Jennifer Wells Kaupp, Laura Chatham
Absent: Antonio Rivas
Staff: Jane Batoon-Kurovski

- I. Roll Call – Quorum present. Meeting called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chair Xaloc Cabanes.
- II. Public Comments
 - Richard Gallo, Access CA – stated that he will continue to send emails to the Board regarding trainings and workshops that may benefit the MHAB.
 - Kimberly Duangchai Lamounry, Intern with the CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALBHB/C) – stated that she forwarded the link to the March CALBHB/C newsletter. She thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication to the community.
- III. Board Member Announcement – Michael Neidig appointed as the newest Mental Health Advisory Board Member.
- IV. Business / Action Items
 - A. Approve February 17, 2022 Minutes
Motion/Second: Serg Kagno / Valerie Webb
Ayes: Hugh McCormick, Jeffrey Arlt, Michael Neidig, Serg Kagno, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput
Nays: None
Motion passed.
 - B. Approve Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program letter as amended.
Motion/Second: Serg Kagno / Mike Neidig
Ayes: Hugh McCormick, Jeffrey Arlt, Michael Neidig, Serg Kagno, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput
Nays: None
Motion passed.
- V. Reports
 - A. Secretary's Report – no update.
 - B. Board of Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Greg Caput
 1. Supervisor Caput mentioned the proposed Children's Crisis Residential Treatment program to be built in South County. Considering 24-hour hold and possibly longer

for youth coming in with an immediate crisis. Currently, the youth is sent out of the area to another location. Youth would have access to a residential type setting.

2. Watsonville Hospital Update

Supervisor Caputo stated there is over \$20 million in funding but need \$1.2 million per month for operational costs and revenue. There is a governance support team made up of 5 members who will govern the hospital. Their names will be announced at the next BOS meeting.

C. Behavioral Health Director's Report – Erik G. Riera, Behavioral Health Director

1. Program development update

Behavioral Health is putting together a grant that is available under the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program. This is a set of grants that were made available by the state this year for counties and local nonprofits to apply for funds to expand services in the community. The amount set aside for the Central Coast region was only \$14.9 million. The proposal is for an Adult Crisis Residential Program, a 16-bed alternative to hospitalization that will be located next to the current inpatient psychiatric program. The projected cost of building that facility is a little over \$13 million. If the state funded it, it would mean they were targeting all the available funds to this one project which is probably unlikely. Erik said they have spent over 6 months with an architectural firm doing the preliminary design for the facility but given the need and all the work already put into the project, they are going to go ahead and apply.

2. Mental Health Services Act Annual Update

The link to provide public comments is available on the Behavioral Health website. Erik encourages everyone to review the current plans and provide feedback on the current and future priority needs in the community.

D. Committee Updates

1. MHSA Advisory – no report.
2. Site Visit / Programs – no report.
3. Budget – no report.
4. SUDC/MHAB Merger – no report.
5. Community Engagement – no report.
6. Law Enforcement and Mental Health – no report.

E. Patients' Rights Report – George Carvalho, Patients' Rights Advocate

George is looking forward to the continued collaboration with the MHAB. George clarified there were no appeals from clients in the facilities that went to other jurisdictions.

VI. New Business / Future Agenda Items

A. Nominating Committee for Board Officers

Valerie Webb, Hugh McCormick and Mike Neidig volunteered to be on the nominating committee. They will provide nominations at the next meeting and the Board will vote on the executive members for the next year.

B. Summary of Retreat

1. Committees for the upcoming year:

- a. Budget – committee members: Jeff Arlt, Laura Chatham
- b. Ideal Crisis System - committee members: Jeff Arlt, Jenny Wells Kaupp, Laura Chatham, Serg Kagno
- c. Community / Publicity – committee members: Valerie Webb, Antonio Rivas
- d. Peer Support Certification – committee members: Hugh McCormick, Xaloc Cabanes
- e. 9-8-8 – committee members: Jeff Arlt, Serg Kagno, Valerie Webb
- f. Site Visits – Board members will announce at meetings if they intend to do a site visit and invite other board members to join.

2. Every board member is to attend a minimum of two trainings per year.

3. Presentation ideas for the upcoming year:

- a. 988 – Andrea Tolai from Family Services

- b. Margie Balfour, Quality Director for the crisis response center in Tucson to give a presentation on a model that is not used in Santa Cruz but fills gaps that we have around no wrong door, warm and welcoming 24/7 service.
 - c. CIT International, Memphis Model - to inform the Board on where the community's responsibility is for CIT, not just law enforcement
 - d. Petaluma- in 2020, they launched a mobile crisis response service, which included the partnership of 3 cities
 - e. NAMI Santa Cruz – Therese Adams, Executive Director and Anastasia Baboulevitch, Program Director
 - f. Contra Costa County – A3 Program: Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime. A county involved response for mental health and expanding services filling the gaps.
4. Reminder - 4 excused and unexcused absences in a year, including committees.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.