

**MINUTES – Approved
January 19, 2023**

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

DECEMBER 15, 2022 ♦ 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
1400 EMELINE AVE, ROOMS 206-207, SANTA CRUZ
Microsoft Teams Meeting (831) 454-2222, Conference 846 369 176#

Present: Hugh McCormick, Jeffrey Arlt, Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig, Serg Kagno, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput
Excused: Antonio Rivas, Jennifer Wells Kaupp
Staff: Tiffany Cantrell-Warren, Karen Kern, Jane Batoon-Kurovski

- I. Roll Call – Quorum present. Meeting called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Chair Xaloc Cabanes.
- II. Public Comments
 - Nicolas Whitehead – asked if there is a record of MHAB recommendations made to Behavioral Health and asked about the relationship the board has with the director of the department, either accepting of recommendations, or not accepting.
 - Ludmila Boiko – shared her story regarding her daughter.
 - Richard Gallo from Access CA – asked for the status of the MHSA Coordinator. Richard also stated he sent emails regarding the importance of CPP to be included with the MHSA. He attended the Budget Committee and commended them on bringing up the concerns regarding Telecare and being more inclusive with CPP.
 - Perry Spencer – from a local non-profit called Up 2 Peace and Steve Dilley from the Veterans Art Project, attended the meeting to introduce themselves. Their mission is cultivating actions of peace through youth, veterans and community utilizing art and music, and an advocacy program for mental health and PTSD. Two upcoming events are on Friday, June 2, 2023 and at Cabrillo College in November 2023.
- III. Board Member Announcements
 - Maureen McCarty resigned from the MHAB.
 - Front Street tour was completed by Maureen and Serg. Next tour is MHCAN. Laura, Xaloc, Mike and Hugh will attend the MHCAN tour.
 - Serg has been invited to participate in the panel interviews for the new BH Director. Serg encouraged the MHAB to send him ideas and questions on what should be included in the interviews.
- IV. Business / Action Items
 - A. Approve October 20, 2022 Minutes.

Motion/Second: Michael Neidig / Valerie Webb
Ayes: Hugh McCormick, Jeffrey Arlt, Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig, Serg Kagno, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput
Nays: None
Absent: Antonio Rivas, Jennifer Wells Kaupp
Motion passed.

- B. Adoption of Assembly Bill 361 – Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meetings
Motion/Second: Jeffrey Arlt / Laura Chatham
Ayes: Hugh McCormick, Jeffrey Arlt, Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig, Serg Kagno, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput
Nays: None
Absent: Antonio Rivas, Jennifer Wells Kaupp
Motion passed.

V. Reports

A. Secretary's Report

- No attendance issues.
- Reminder to the board to send all completed training information to Jeffrey.
- All members are up to date with the Ethics Training.
- Jeffrey announced there is a consumer complaint from Julia Clancy Smith and her husband. Their daughter passed away due to a change in medication. She was under supervision by the County.

B. Board of Supervisors Report – Supervisor Greg Caput

- Supervisor Caput clarified that there will be a Sheriff's Oversight Person, not a committee. This person will be independent of the Sheriff's office and will be looking at prisoners held at County jail and making sure complaints are heard.
- Discussed at BOS Meeting regarding open restrooms in businesses. Of the 58 counties in CA, none have an ordinance that require bathrooms to be open to the public. The County is asking each business to cooperate and to have bathrooms open/accessible to the public. Currently trying to make agreements with business owners rather than creating law.
- Update on the park in South County - \$1.6 million short for the 39-acres. Purchase price is \$2.2 million. The County is leasing with the option to buy and have one more year to purchase.

C. Behavioral Health Report, Tiffany Cantrell-Warren, Interim Behavioral Health Director, HSA Assistant Director

- 1) At 12/13 BOS meeting, Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of the former Bay Federal building at 5300 Soquel Ave, adjacent to Sheriff's Center in Live Oak. The intention is to house Youth CSP and Youth Crisis Residential Program.
- 2) Notified of tentative award from State of CA BHCIP Round 4 grant for \$11.79MM to fund infrastructure to build a Youth CSP and Youth Crisis Residential Program.
- 3) Successful completion of External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) audit in November for DMC-ODS providing on-going CalAIM updates & support for all BH staff (County & contract partners for both Mental Health Plan and DMC-ODS)
- 4) CA Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Overview - This is our Medi-Cal system for primary care through mild to moderate mental illness to serious mental illness, and our substance use disorder services. Goals of CalAIM can be found here: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CalAIM/Pages/calaim.aspx>. Also, recommend the CalAIM BH Initiative website at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/BH-CalAIM-Webpage.aspx> and the Fact Sheet at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CalAIM/Documents/CalAIM-BH-a11y.pdf>

Some changes will be administered through the Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (CAAH and Beacon) and some will be administered through the County SMH Plan. Three different Medi-Cal health plans for BH: 1) Beacon is mild to moderate; 2) County MH is the health plan for serious mental illness; 3) Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) for Medi-Cal SUDS. Some SUDS services can also be treated in the primary care setting under the CCAH Medi-cal Managed Care plan. Through CalAIM, there will be:

- a. No Wrong Door entry – coordinating multiple access points so that people can be routed to services regardless of where they enter.
- b. Behavioral Health Payment Reform – Transition for Cost-based reimbursement to Fee-for-service effective July 2023, which means a set amount is reimbursed for the type of service that is provided and the type of provider. The rate setting methodology was just received from the state and running models to assess the impact to revenues under the current productivity. The goal is to understand how large the financial hit will be, then consider how to soften that impact for current providers (internal and external) and how to provide additional QI and PI incentives for current and future providers (internal and external).
- c. While CalAIM presents some challenges in learning how to work in a new system, it also presents opportunities for collaboration, access, care coordination, and overall improving health outcomes with more efficient use of resources.

Karen Kern – Adult Behavioral Health Services Director Update

1. Crisis Now – opportunity for a Technical Assistance project through the MHSOAC, Santa Cruz is one of 4 counties participating. The goal will be to assess current state and then develop a plan to address three areas: call center, 24/7 mobile crisis teams, and receiving centers. The goal is to understand what is needed in Santa Cruz to get to implementation on these three areas.
2. AB 2275 is the legislation that requires providing a hearing by the 7th day after 5150 is originally written. The division is working on shifting workflows to meet the new requirements and will convene a meeting with the Hearing Officer, Patient Rights Advocate and Telecare. Once next steps are determined, the hospitals will be contacted. This may put more pressure on our crisis system and on the PHF who are working with hearings that have only happened on Tuesday's and Friday's.

D. Committee Updates

1. Standing Committees

a. Budget

The committee is learning about budget categories. They reviewed the BOS consent agenda and focused on Encompass and Telecare who received funding increases. The committee is seeking clarification on how the consent agenda allowed for an increase in funds for a contract that expires in six months. Jeffrey also announced that there will be a presentation by Elece Hemple from Petaluma People's State regarding the 24/7 mobile crisis response system on January 11th.

b. Ideal Crisis System

Motion to dissolve the ICS Committee as a Standing Committee and become an Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion/Second: Xaloc Cabanes / Laura Chatham

Ayes: Hugh McCormick, Jeffrey Arlt, Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig, Serg Kagno, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

Nays: None

Absent: Antonio Rivas, Jennifer Wells Kaupp

Motion passed.

c. Community Engagement/Publicity – the last two scheduled meetings have been cancelled due to no quorum.

2. Ad Hoc Committees

- a. Peer Support Certification – MHCAN is done with their trainings. SHARE has ongoing trainings. Hugh reported that he hopes to have a date and format of exam by the next meeting. Hugh also shared that one of the requirements to get

certified is to have a high school diploma. By June 2023, expect to have 10-15 peer specialists locally.

- b. 988 – Jeffrey corresponding with Andrea of Family Services regarding new posters and asked for job descriptions that can be distributed to the community to help get the word out about their vacancies. 988 is still under the radar due to staffing and resources still under capacity.

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

George Carvalho was present at the meeting and provided the October and November reports.

George shared the following:

1. For BH Director Interviews, he stated that the panel should consider a person who has a commitment to Patients' Rights.
2. Director Suzanne Stone has resigned. The program continues to have two days furlough per month. Core funding has been reduced.
3. Comment regarding AB 2275 – it prevents people from “parking lot 5150.” When a person is released from 5150, 12 hours must elapse before they are placed in another 5150. This is trying to remedy the serial 5150.

VI. New Agenda Items

1. Approve letter of appreciation for former Behavioral Health Director Erik Riera

Motion/Second: Jeffrey Arlt / Serg Kagno

Ayes: Hugh McCormick, Jeffrey Arlt, Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig, Serg Kagno, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

Nays: None

Absent: Antonio Rivas, Jennifer Wells Kaupp

Motion passed.

2. Approve letter of appreciation/recommendation for former Member-At-Large Marlize Velasco

Motion/Second: Laura Chatham / Michael Neidig

Ayes: Hugh McCormick, Jeffrey Arlt, Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig, Serg Kagno, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

Nays: None

Absent: Antonio Rivas, Jennifer Wells Kaupp

Motion passed.

VII. Future Agenda Items

1. 2022 Data Notebook – to be discussed and approved for submission at the January meeting.
2. Letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the benchlands – Serg to draft letter.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.