

**MINUTES – APPROVED**  
**March 17, 2022**

**MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

FEBRUARY 17, 2022 ♦ 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting (916) 318-9542, Conference ID 621 545 626#

**Present:** Antonio Rivas (arrived at 3:41pm), Hugh McCormick (arrived at 4:17pm), Jeffrey Arlt, Jennifer Wells-Kaupp, Laura Chatham, Serg Kagno, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

**Excused:** None

**Absent:** Catherine Willis

**Staff:** Jane Batoon-Kurovski

**Guest:** Dr. Ken Minkoff

- I. Roll Call – Quorum present. Meeting called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Chair Xaloc Cabanes.
- II. Public Comments
  - A. Jasmine Najera – former Forensic Services Program Manager for Santa Cruz County. Clarified that Monterey County donated \$3 million to the Pajaro Valley Health Trust.
- III. Board Member Announcements
  - A. Chair Cabanes announced that Supervisor Caput will not be seeking reelection. He thanked Supervisor Caput for his support, dedication, and everything that he has provided to the Mental Health Advisory Board.
- IV. Business / Action Items
  - A. Approve January 20, 2022 Minutes  
Motion/Second: Supervisor Greg Caput / Valerie Webb  
Ayes: Jeffrey Arlt, Jennifer Wells Kaupp, Laura Chatham, Serg Kagno, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput  
Nays: None  
Not Present during this action item: Antonio Rivas, Hugh McCormick  
Motion passed.
- V. Reports
  - A. Secretary's Report
    1. Retreat to be held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm
    2. Outside training opportunity – Adult Survivor System Navigation Workshop, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 3pm to 5pm. It is for individuals and organizations working with victims/survivors of crime to provide direct services, to make referrals, in navigating the system.
    3. Volunteers needed for the Homeless Point in Time Count on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 5am to 9:30am. The Point in Time Count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January.
    4. 988 system should be up and running for Santa Cruz by mid-July.
  - B. Board of Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Greg Caput

1. Supervisor Caput thanked the MHAB for all the work they do.
  2. Supervisor Caput said the letter on the Oversight Committee of the Sheriff's Office needs to come from the MHAB and should get on the Board of Supervisors agenda for discussion and clarification of everything that it entails.
  3. Update on projects
    - a. The vaccine site at Ramsey Park moved to the old West Marine Building.
    - b. Watsonville Community Hospital - Pajaro Valley Health Trust trying to take over and operate the hospital. The cost to purchase a bankrupt hospital is \$30-\$40 million. There is some state and local funding, and working on getting money from Sutter Hospital, Dominican Hospital, and Monterey County. A board will be formed to look into all the ramifications of taking over the hospital.
- C. Behavioral Health Report – Cassandra Eslami, Director of Community Engagement
1. Update on the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) application - the County has been funded with \$7.5 million towards the Children's Crisis Residential Program. The initial application was for \$20.5 million for the entire facility. Other options will be explored for the remaining \$13 million. Cassandra stated that they are going to look at the behavioral health continuum infrastructure programming money, which is coming out in August for the children and youth programs. Cassandra also stated that at this time, they are exploring the current BH SIP money that's available right now for programs for the adult crisis step down as they continue to try to expand the crisis continuum.
- D. Committee Updates
1. MHSA Advisory Committee – no report.
  2. Site Visit / Programs Committee – no visits due to COVID.
  3. Budget Committee – no report.
  4. Community Engagement Committee – flyer for the presentation distributed.
  5. Law Enforcement and Mental Health Committee – plan to have on-going presentations during the committee meetings and create a work group to follow up on the road map presentation.
- E. Patient's Right Report – Davi Schill was present for the meeting. No one had questions regarding the Patients' Rights Report.
- VI. Presentation: Roadmap to the Ideal Crisis System, Dr. Kenneth Minkoff  
The presentation includes essential elements, measurable standards, and best practices for behavioral health crisis response. Dr. Minkoff's presentation also included the vision, the three major sections of the report (Accountability and Finance, Crisis Continuum and Basic Clinical Practice), and tools to help implementation (steps for communities and steps for system leaders and advocates). [Click here to view the presentation slides.](#)
- VII. New Business / Future Agenda Items
- A. Development, implementation, and support of 988 Subcommittee – to be discussed at the retreat.
  - B. Additional one-hour monthly meeting to address special, urgent, or requested MHAB related topics – to be discussed at the retreat.
  - C. Consider Adopting Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings Allowing Remote Meetings. The Mental Health Advisory Board discussed Assembly Bill 361 which allows Brown Act advisory commissions and bodies to meet remotely during a state of emergency by approving a statement of findings every 30 days. The Board agreed the meetings should be held virtually and in a physical location.
- VIII. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.