

APPROVED MINUTES

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

June 15, 2017

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1400 Emeline Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA

Present: Charlotte Reyes, Hugh McCormick, Jim Roszell, Maria Correia, Rick Martinez, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

Excused Absence: Aimee Escalante, Jodie Wells and Kate Avraham

Unexcused Absence: N/A

Introductions and Public Comment:

- Guests discussed alienated children, pathological parenting, money spent attempting to find due process in court while trying to get custody of their children/grandchildren, as well as their grievances with mental health professionals.
- 2nd story is doing a training in Intentional Peer Support. This training is for 2nd Story team members, volunteers and guests.
- NAMI would like to be on the next agenda to update the board about crisis care. They need 10 minutes.

Motion to approve May 18, 2017 meeting Minutes deferred to July 20 meeting

Standing Reports

Board of Supervisors Report - Greg Caput

- There is a need to determine if there should be a reinstated infirmary in the county jail. The Grand Jury mentioned something of this effect. There are currently no infirmary beds. This is connected with the contract for health care at the county jail. There will be a report next week to the Board of Supervisors.
- Report on status of women in the jail: The majority are incarcerated for non-violent criminal behavior; deals with poorer clients. There is a greater cost to the county when keeping women in jail because they cannot pay their bail. The report mentioned about ten different complaints that have arisen. Most should be minor problems to address.
- Jim Roszell: What would be the cost to the county to provide telephone services? Currently it costs two dollars to make a call from the county jail.

Mental Health Director's Report – Erik Riera

- Pending legislation (none have been finalized)
 - AB 720 Psychiatric Informed Consent for incarcerated adults
 - AB700 Public health: alcoholism or drug abuse recovery: substance use disorder counseling.
 - AB1372 Crisis Stabilization Units (NAMI representatives stated that NAMI does not want to see this pass. Does not allow county to keep people more than 24 hours,

- even if the county knows that a bed will become available in a hospital or treatment facility.) Ways to get feedback heard: contact the sponsor.
- AB1136 Health Facilities: Residential and SUD Treatment
 - AB1250 Counties and Cities Contracts for Services
 - AB1315 Early Psychosis Detection and Intervention
 - Whole Person Care Grant, coordinated health, behavioral health and social services: July 1st start date.
 - Budget Hearings – Health Services Agency June 21 between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm at county Board of Supervisors’ chambers
 - Data Note Book 2016. Actual data was provided by the state to the MHAB. Exclusive to children’s services. Proposes that board reviews the county’s responses. If the board has comments, they should be directed to the county.
 - Maria Correia would like to form a committee that would go over the Data Note Book so the MHAB can come up with a response.

Sub-committee and Board Member Reports: Maria Correia, Chairperson; Jim Roszell, Co-Chair; Kate Avraham, Secretary; Supervisor Caput; and, Hugh McCormick.

- Kate Avraham: would like to add a monthly meeting for the Executive committee to examine by-laws.
- Rick Martinez: thinks that would restrict members who would join the executive committee.
- Charlotte Reyes: thinks that there should be a review of sub-committees.
- Maria Correia: wants to ensure the board is more committed and that committees are more effective.
- Guest question: Is there community outreach asking community members to join committees?
- Hugh McCormick and Jim Roszell met to go over site-visit forms from the county. For now, they will do site-visits using our forms. They will look at integrating some of San Francisco’s forms. There have been no site visits in 4 months.
- Maria went to board meeting in San Jose. Santa Clara county has \$6 billion budget. \$500 million for Mental Health Services

Presentation: Child Family Rights Response Team – Fox Sloan

- Dr. Pat Hansen: Author of Invisible Grand parenting
Website: InvisibleGrandparent.com
- Alienated Grandparents Anonymous (AGA)
Support group meets at Christ Lutheran Church in Aptos, Ca.
- Erasingfamily.org – documentary aimed at children who have been taught to hate or have anger toward others.
- Change.org has a petition to have the American Psychological Association recognize that alienating family members is a form of child abuse.
- Children are taught to hate and be disrespectful. The goal behind the promotion of jury trials is for settlement and healthy divorce situations.

- AGA works to ensure that adults are not erased from children's lives.

Unfinished Business

- MHAB By-laws: Committee/Chairperson, Rick Martinez.
By-laws have been given to county council. Waiting for approval by county Board of Supervisors. If changes need to be made, make suggestions ASAP.
- Public Outreach Committee/Community Town Hall update – Jodie Wells
Jodie Wells not available; should meet as soon as possible.

New Business

- Data Notebook 2016 – update
Maria Correia and Charlotte Reyes will meet next week to go over the Data notebook.

Adjourn

Proposed: Rick Martinez

Second: Charlotte Reyes