

MINUTES – APPROVED
April 18, 2019

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

March 21, 2019

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1400 Emeline Avenue, Room 207, Santa Cruz, CA

Present: Bek Phillips, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Holly Heath, Hugh McCormick, Lynda Kaufmann, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

Excused Absence: Aimee Escalante, Kate Avraham, Rebekah Mills

1. Public Comments

- Maria Correia– addressed complaint with Quality Improvement. Sent letter to QI Director over a month ago and still no response. Requesting the Board to follow up on status of response.
- Terri Foster – shared her first experience with Mental Health Clinic a few years ago as a patient and was initially rejected because of not enough space. Called Clinic after initial rejection and eventually took her in.

2. Approved meeting minutes for February 21, 2019

Motion by Supervisor Greg Caput to approve MHAB minutes for February 21, 2019. Second by Erika Miranda-Bartlett.

AYES: Bek Phillips, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Holly Heath, Lynda Kaufmann, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

ABSTAIN: Hugh McCormick

ABSENT: Aimee Escalante, Kate Avraham, Rebekah Mills

3. Standing Board of Supervisors (BOS) Report, Supervisor Greg Caput

- \$10 million Homeless Grant from State of California will go to two locations:
 - Chestnut and Depot Park
 - Reopen River Street Camp. Limit to 50-60 peopleSome of the money will go to the Salvation Army in Santa Cruz and Salvation Army in Watsonville.
- New Mental Health Advisory Board Member replacing Jodie Wells: Antonio Rivas, former Councilman in Watsonville and retired teacher.

4. Standing Behavioral Health (BH) Directors Report, Erik Riera

- Update on County Operational Planning Process presentation. To view the presentation, go to the Reports section of the Mental Health Advisory Board website at:
<http://www.santacruzhealth.org/HSAHome/HSADivisions/BehavioralHealth/MentalHealthAdvisoryBoard.aspx>
- As of today, Watsonville Behavioral Health building will be complete by the end of April.

5. Ad Hoc Committee and Standing Committee Reports:

a. Jail Committee Report

- Chief Deputy Verinsky approved the Jail Orientation Packet. The information will be in the jail lobby and posted online. The finished product will be shared at the next meeting.

b. Community Engagement Committee Report – no report.

- c. MHSA Advisory Committee
 - This committee will change from an Ad Hoc Committee to a Standing Committee. A regular day and time to meet will be determined.
 - d. Membership Committee – no report.
 - e. Site Visit Committee – no report.
6. No presentation on Peer Employment in Mental Health Services. Board Member absent.
7. Unfinished Business
- a. Potential merger with the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission
No questions or concerns were submitted to the Recorder for discussion.
 - b. 2018 Data Notebook
No questions, comments or responses were submitted to the Recorder for additional discussion and clarification for this Board meeting.

Motion by Bek Phillips to approve the 2018 Data Notebook with the change on item #6, page 12. Second by Erika Miranda-Bartlett.

AYES: Bek Phillips, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Holly Heath, Hugh McCormick, Lynda Kaufmann, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

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ABSENT: Aimee Escalante, Kate Avraham, Rebekah Mills

- c. Advocacy for Housing in Neighborhoods
 - YIMBY's focus is replacing local elective officials, eliminating the hearing process when it comes to buildings, reducing the cost of permits, and increasing high density residential buildings.
 - CALBHB/C and the California Behavioral Health Planning Council is creating a tool kit for communities and boards to use when it comes to community resistance and community acceptance.
 - d. Visit facility that will replace Gateway Plaza Camp
Public Comment: The legal decision can be interpreted that you can't move a homeless person sleeping on city land unless you have another shelter space. Salvation Army will open 1220 River Street. The parking lot near Depot Park will be used for overnight sleeping, with no more than 50 people. Plan is to open by late April at the same time when Gateway Plaza is scheduled to close.
8. New Business
- a. Nominating Committee for Board Member positions
Three volunteers: Lynda Kaufmann, Hugh McCormick, Erika Miranda-Bartlett

Motion to adjourn made by Lynda Kaufmann. Second by Erika Miranda-Bartlett. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.