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 Lamountry, 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 Caput 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.
4. SUDC/MHAB Merger – 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 Tolaio 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.