COMMUNITY / PUBLICITY COMMITTEE of the
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
AUGUST 5, 2022 ♦ 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
1400 EMELINE AVE, ROOM 207, SANTA CRUZ
Microsoft Teams Meeting (831) 454-2222, Conference 829 523 867#

Present: Valerie Webb, Marlize Velasco, Jennifer Wells Kaupp, Hugh McCormick
Excused: Maureen McCarty, Antonio Rivas
Staff: Jane Batoon-Kurovski

I. Roll call. Meeting called to order at 10:35 am by Valerie Webb.

II. Public Comments
   • Richard Gallo, Access CA volunteer – stated that his concern is CARE Court in the
     County of Santa Cruz. He said there is an estimate of 9,000 to 12,000 individuals
     who needs help getting out of homelessness. Richard said MHSA funding should not
     be used for CARE Court as that is not what it was intended for.

III. Adoption of AB361 – Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meetings
      Motion/Second: Jennifer Wells Kaupp / Valerie Webb
      Passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion of current goals and ideas
   1. Goal of committee is to advertise mental health resources and help people know the
      MHAB exists, publicizing that the MHAB is an advocate for the community, and find out
      what they need from the mental health board. The plan is to reach out to the following
      groups:
         a. Friends Outside, and then make a connection with the Deputy of Corrections. The
            committee wants to hear what they are currently doing at the jail, find out where the
            gaps are and see how the board can help. Valerie mentioned that she emailed the
            Deputy Chief of Corrections Freitas requesting to meet.
         b. Salud Para La Gente
         c. Reaching out to the LGBTQ youth in Santa Cruz through the Santa Cruz County
            Office of Education Youth Leadership Coordinator
   2. A Google document will be created to highlight main topic points the committee wants to
      bring up.

V. New Business
   1. Approve July and August minutes
   2. Elect Chair and Co-Chair
   3. Continue discussion of current goals
   4. Update Friends Outside meeting

VI. Adjournment
    Meeting adjourned at 11:12am.

MINUTES – Approved
September 2, 2022