

MINUTES – APPROVED
January 16, 2020

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

December 19, 2019

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Health Services Agency, 1400 Emeline Avenue, Bldg K, Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA

Present: Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Hugh McCormick, Joanna Whitcup, Kate Avraham, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills, Serge Kagno, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

Excused Absence: Antonio Rivas

1. Public Comments
 - Dr. Gail Newel, Health Officer - first time attending Board Meeting
 - Faye Rector, NAMI Advisory Board Member
2. Approved meeting minutes for October 17, 2019.
Motion by Supervisor Greg Caput to approve October 17, 2019 MHAB minutes. Second by Hugh McCormick.

AYES: Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Hugh McCormick, Joanna Whitcup, Kate Avraham, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills, Serge Kagno, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Antonio Rivas

3. Standing Board of Supervisors (BOS) Report, Supervisor Greg Caput
 - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Watsonville Behavioral Health Building held on December 6, 2019. Building provides one-stop for various services.
4. Standing Behavioral Health (BH) Directors Report, Erik Riera
 - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Watsonville Behavioral Health Building – over 100 people attended.
 - Several retirements of BH staff: Pam Rogers-Wyman, Adult Services Director and Linda Betts, BH Personnel Liaison.
 - Looking at reorganization in BH, particularly focusing on ACCESS and Mobile Crisis Programs, which are responsible for bringing people in and connecting people with services here at the County. Goal is to make the programs more front facing to the community and have a greater role in reaching out to different organizations in the community. As a result, considering moving both programs from Adults Services to the Community Engagement Program.
5. Ad Hoc Committee and Standing Committee Reports:
 - a. Jail Committee Report – Chair: Rebekah Mills
 - Introduced Jail Information packet to Chris Clark, Chief of Corrections. Information packet will be in reception at the jail. PDF version will be posted on the following webpages: Jail, NAMI, Probation Department
 - b. Community Engagement Committee Report – Chair: Kate Avraham
 - Kate attended event at Temple Beth El, sponsored by COPA.
 - Serg attended non-profit wage equity alliance. Ray Cansino of Community Bridges can do presentation at this meeting.
 - MHAB table at the Calciano Symposium, Friday, March 1, 2019, 8:45am to 3:45pm, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk Coconut Grove Grand Ballroom.

- c. MHSa Advisory Committee – Chair: Lynda Kaufmann
 - ACCESS CA MHSa trainings went incredibly well, very informative.
 - Next MHSa meeting: January 13, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Health Services Agency, 1400 Emeline, Room 206, Santa Cruz. Items for discussion: budget, outcomes (how it is measured), steering committee and how to launch it.
 - “Refresh” may take away money and reallocate funds. Lose \$1 million/year. MHSa Committee to draft letter and bring back to the Board for vote to support keeping our funds.
- d. Membership Committee – Chair: Hugh McCormick
 - Welcome Joanna Whitcup, newest Mental Health Advisory Board Member.
- e. Site Visit Committee – Chair: Hugh McCormick
 - Telecare (CSP) – report will be provided at the next MHAB meeting.
 - Janus Site Visit – report to be completed.
 - Future Site Visits: CSP, PHF, Collaborative Courts

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Substance Use Disorder Services (SUDS) Commission and MHAB Merger Committee Members: Lynda Kaufmann (Chair), Serg Kagno, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Xaloc Cabanes
- b. MHCAN request: Letter of support regarding Special Use Permit
 - Kate read draft letter: To rescind the requirement of having a security guard present at the facility; and to have one food delivery per month from Second Harvest for MHCAN members.

Motion made by Erika Miranda-Bartlett to approve the draft letter as amended. Second by Rebekah Mills.

AYES: Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Hugh McCormick, Joanna Whitcup, Kate Avraham, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills, Serg Kagno, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Antonio Rivas

- c. Biennial Report
 - Board Members to forward all input/feedback, including site visit reports to Xaloc by January 4th. The Board will vote on the final report at the January meeting.
- d. Discussion of Measure G and Funding for Mental Health – postponed.
- e. Patients Right’s Advocates Monthly Stats (November) by George Carvalho, Advocacy, Inc.
 - Total number of unduplicated clients: 13; 5 from community, 8 community based
 - Total Number of clients represented at hearings: 45
 - Number of complaints addressed: 40; 9 community based, 31 facility-based
 - Monitoring of the following facilities: Telecare (including CSP), Casa Pacifica, Wheelock, Willowbrook, Opal Cliffs, Palos, El Dorado Center
 - SOC 341 mandated abuse reporting for dependent adults – received 5 from 7th Avenue facility
 - Provided one training and one introduction at 7th Avenue facility
 - Gave a training to Front Street, Inc staff (12-15 individuals) role of the advocate, mandated reporting, etc.
 - Hearings
 - Total number of people certified – 39 hearings

- Total number of people asked for release against doctors advise: 17
- People didn't ask for release 22
- Of the 17 who asked for their release, 2 won their hearings
- Those who contested, 15 were held and were not released
- Mental Health Advisory Board requests written information from George on a monthly basis

7. New Business/Future Agenda Items

- a. Telecare issue due to shortage of long-term facilities – discussion postponed.

Motion to adjourn made by Rebekah Mills. Second by Erika Miranda-Bartlett. Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.