

**MINUTES APPROVED –
October 17, 2019**

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

September 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, Serge Kagno, Antonio Rivas, Kate Avraham, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

Unexcused Absence: Bek Phillips, Hugh McCormick

1. Public Comments

- Maria Correia – following up on complaint that was addressed to the Board in March. Wrote a letter to Cybele Lolley regarding a grievance and never heard back. Attended Board meeting last month and still haven't heard from Cybele Lolley.

Motion by Antonio Rivas to include in next month's agenda: confirmation that Maria Correia received communication from the County regarding her grievance. Second by Supervisor Greg Caput.

AYES: Serge Kagno, Antonio Rivas, Kate Avraham, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

ABSTAIN: Erika Miranda-Bartlett

ABSENT: Bek Phillips, Hugh McCormick

2. Approved meeting minutes for June 20, 2019.

Motion by Kate Avraham to approve June 20, 2019 MHAB minutes. Second by Erika Miranda Bartlett.

AYES: Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Serge Kagno, Antonio Rivas, Kate Avraham, Rebekah Mills, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

ABSTAIN: Lynda Kaufmann

ABSENT: Bek Phillips, Hugh McCormick

Approved meeting minutes for July 18, 2019.

Motion by Erika Miranda-Bartlett to approve July 18, 2019 MHAB minutes. Second by Serg Kagno.

AYES: Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Serge Kagno, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills, Xaloc Cabanes

ABSTAIN: Antonio Rivas, Kate Avraham, Supervisor Greg Caput

ABSENT: Bek Phillips, Hugh McCormick

Approved meeting minutes for August 15, 2019.

Motion by Serg Kagno to approve August 15, 2019 MHAB minutes. Second by Supervisor Greg Caput.

AYES: Serge Kagno, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

ABSTAIN: Rebekah Mills, Antonio Rivas, Kate Avraham, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Lynda Kaufmann

ABSENT: Bek Phillips, Hugh McCormick

3. Standing Board of Supervisors (BOS) Report, Supervisor Greg Caput
 - MHAB Retreat was in Watsonville – toured the new Behavioral Health facility. Just opened on Monday. The new location will have full time psychiatrists, clinical counselors, drop-in's for children and adults, and connected to suicide hotline.

4. Standing Behavioral Health (BH) Directors Report, Erik Riera
 - Open House for the new Watsonville facility will be in 6-8 weeks.
 - Expanding staff in South County: MERT team and ACCESS team. Also building a mobile Behavioral Health Office, providing services and treatment space on wheels in the Watsonville community. The mobile office will be completed in 6-8 months.
 - CANSA project: standardized assessment tools that provide outcomes in terms of services that are provided to the kids, families and adults. Developing reports on the following: who is coming in for services; types of needs; where is system the strongest; which areas need to be improved. The first set of reports will come out in January and will be shared with the Board.
 - HOPES Evaluation – key findings and the complete Santa Cruz County HOPES Evaluation can be viewed on the Mental Health Advisory Board website by [clicking on this link](#)

5. Ad Hoc Committee and Standing Committee Reports:
 - a. Jail Committee Report – Chair: Rebekah Mills
 - Change in leadership at the jail
 - No update since retreat
 - Presentation on Medication Assisted Treatment in the Criminal Justice Setting on November 5th, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Encompass Community Services, 380 Encinal Street #200, Santa Cruz.

 - b. Community Engagement Committee Report – Chair: Kate Avraham
 - No update since retreat

 - c. MHSA Advisory Committee – Chair: Lynda Kaufmann
 - Current status: Ad Hoc Committee for 1 year to launch a community stakeholder steering committee.
 - Recommend Board members to sign up for CAL Matters
 - Other County Mental Health Advisory Boards have a report for Patient's Rights which includes information such as number of hearings, complaints at local Board & Cares, PHF's, how are they resolved, etc.

Motion by Lynda Kaufmann to add Patient's Rights Reports on the regular monthly agenda.
Second by Supervisor Greg Caput.

AYES: Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Serg Kagno, Antonio Rivas, Kate Avraham, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: Bek Phillips, Hugh McCormick

 - d. Membership Committee – no report.

 - e. Site Visit Committee – no report.

6. “Get Ready Santa Cruz County” Program – Patty Small, Volunteer Center Project Coordinator

The Volunteer Center received a grant for an 18-month project, ending on December 31, 2020. The grant is under the CA Office of Emergency Services, and the State is calling this Campaign “Listos California.” The Volunteer Center is calling their project (under the grant received) “Get Ready | Esten Listos Santa Cruz County.” It is disaster preparedness for those most vulnerable in Santa Cruz County. The Volunteer Center identified 3 groups that will be served:

- Isolated Seniors, possibly with physical mobility issues and low income
- Single Parent Families in Poverty
- Adults in Mental Health System of Care

[Link for More Info About Get Ready | Estén Listos Santa Cruz County Project](#)

Get Ready | Esten Listos Santa Cruz County SUMMIT: October 21, 2019, Santa Cruz Bible Church, 440 Frederick Street, Santa Cruz 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Click on the link to go directly to the Summit RSVP Page: [Register Here for Community Summit on October 21, 2019](#)

Project Contact: Patty Small, Engagement/Project Coordinator patty@scvolunteercenter.org
831-722-6708, ext. 311

7. Peer Employment in Mental Health Services Presentation by Rebekah Mills, Mental Health Advisory Board Member – postponed.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Nomination Committee for Board Member Positions

Motion by Erika Miranda-Bartlett for Xaloc Cabanes to continue serving as Chair. Second by Lynda Kaufmann.

AYES: Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Serg Kagno, Antonio Rivas, Kate Avraham, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Bek Phillips, Hugh McCormick

Motion by Erika Miranda-Bartlett for Rebekah Mills to continue serving as Secretary. Second by Kate Avraham.

AYES: Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Serg Kagno, Antonio Rivas, Kate Avraham, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Bek Phillips, Hugh McCormick

A new Co-Chair will be nominated at the next meeting.

b. Santa Cruz County Strategic Plan

Motion by Kate Avraham to approve the letter as amended, removing “people currently suffering from” and replace with “only” in the second paragraph. Second by Erika Miranda-Bartlett.

AYES: Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Serg Kagno, Antonio Rivas, Kate Avraham, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Bek Phillips, Hugh McCormick

Letter will be included in the Written Correspondence at the Board of Supervisors Meeting on October 8th at 9:00 a.m.

c. Substance Use Disorder Commission and Mental Health Advisory Board merger update – no update.

d. Discussion of Measure G and Funding for Mental Health – postponed.

e. 2019 Data Notebook

-Reviewed answers on pages 8, 10, 12

-Pages 25-26: Erika Miranda-Bartlett and Lynda Kaufmann will call treatment facilities to find out what trauma informed services are provided.

Motion to adjourn made by Lynda Kaufmann. Second by Erika Miranda-Bartlett. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.