

**MINUTES – APPROVED**  
**September 17, 2020**

**MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

August 20, 2020

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Health Services Agency, 1400 Emeline Avenue, Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Present:** Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Hugh McCormick, Jennifer Kaupp; Lynda Kaufmann, Serg Kagno, Stephan DuBose, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

**Excused Absence:** Catherine Willis, Antonio Rivas

**Unexcused Absence:** Maryanne Tong

1. Public Comments

- Richard Gallo – 1) SB65 State Legislation bill which would allow MHSA funding to be used for jails did not pass, which is good news. 2) As the Coronavirus pandemic continues, more people rely on USPS to receive medications through mail-order pharmacies. USPS has been experiencing major delays in mail service for the needs of seniors and people with disabilities. The National Council on Independent Living and the American Association of People with Disabilities is requesting feedback from community who have experienced delays in receiving medications, medical supplies, basic necessities, paychecks, bills, etc.

2. Approved meeting minutes for July 16, 2020.

Motion by Erika Miranda-Bartlett to approve July 16, 2020 MHAB minutes. Second by Hugh McCormick.

AYES: Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Hugh McCormick, Lynda Kaufmann, Serg Kagno, Stephan DuBose, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

ABSENT: Catherine Willis, Antonio Rivas, Maryanne Tong

ABSTAIN: Jennifer Kaupp

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

- 100 people who evacuated their homes so far have moved to Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. Fairgrounds also taking in animals for families that have been evacuated.
- Watsonville High School gym will be an overflow site for individuals who have been evacuated.

4. Ad Hoc Committee and Standing Committee Reports:

a. Jail Committee Report – Chair: Hugh McCormick

- Jail Orientation packet is in the redesign phase.

b. MHSA Advisory Committee – Chair: Lynda Kaufmann

- Fund Reversion – revert unspent MHSA funds back to State (no funds to revert for County of Santa Cruz)
- Prudent Reserves authorizing counties to access funds from MHSA prudent reserves for mental health expenditures for children's, adults, and housing assistance
- MHSA funding includes five sections: 1) Community, 2) Prevention; 3) Intervention; 4) Innovations; 5) Capital Funds. Not allowed to touch innovation dollars but have the flexibility of moving the other funds around where needed.

- c. Site Visit Committee – Chair: Hugh McCormick
    - New co-chair: Serg Kagno
    - Reviewing Telecare site visit
    - Doing preliminary work for the Behavioral Health Court Site visit
  
  - d. SUDC/MHAB Merger Committee – Chair: Lynda Kaufmann
    - County Counsel met with subcommittee and discussed structure of new board (bylaws, policies, procedures, mission statement, expectations, etc.). All items will be discussed at the retreat.
5. Patients' Rights Report – no report.
6. Unfinished Business
- a. Recovery Café letter  
Motion by Erika Miranda-Bartlett to send letter of support for the Recovery Café to Board of Supervisors. Second by Lynda Kaufmann.  
  
AYES: Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Hugh McCormick, Lynda Kaufmann, Stephan DuBose, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput  
ABSTAIN: Serg Kagno, Jennifer Kaupp  
ABSENT: Antonio Rivas, Maryanne Tong, Catherine Willis
  
  - b. Conflict Resolution Center of Santa Cruz
    - Motion by Lynda Kaufmann to send thank you letter to Conflict Resolution Center of Santa Cruz for the mediation training they provided to the MHAB. Second by Serg Kagno.  
  
AYES: Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Hugh McCormick, Lynda Kaufmann, Serg Kagno, Stephan DuBose, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput  
ABSTAIN: Jennifer Kaupp  
ABSENT: Antonio Rivas, Maryanne Tong, Catherine Willis
  
  - c. Retreat Update – due to the pandemic and meeting restrictions, the concept of all board members meeting in person is unrealistic. Moving forward with a virtual retreat meeting. November date and time to be determined.
7. New Business/Future Agenda Items
- a. Audits & Improvements – no report
  - b. Community Engagement Committee to be added on the agenda on a regular basis.  
Chair: Stephan DuBose

Motion to adjourn made by Serg Kagno. Second by Erika Miranda-Bartlett. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.