



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

**MINUTES – Approved
January 18, 2024**

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

NOVEMBER 16, 2023 ♦ 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
1400 EMELINE, ROOMS 206-207, SANTA CRUZ
Microsoft Teams (831) 454-2222, Conference 194 381 443#

Present: Antonio Rivas, Celeste Gutierrez, Jeffrey Arlt, Jennifer Wells Kaupp,
Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig, Stella Peuse, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes
Excused: Dean Kashino, Supervisor Felipe Hernandez
Absent: Hugh McCormick
Staff: Tiffany Cantrell-Warren, Jane Batoon-Kurovski

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- I. Roll Call – Quorum present. Meeting called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Chair Xaloc Cabanes.
 - II. Public Comments
 - Public member asked about the intentions of the County for SB43 – law expanded the definition of gravely disabled to go into effect January 1st. Son has been in County MH system, conserved by the County three times, and is currently in jail. She would like to know if the County will delay SB43.
 - Perry Spencer announced his latest project - calling for all people of all religions to come together on the 22nd of each month starting next month at 2:22pm for about 2 minutes and 22 seconds to embrace all our world leaders through prayer, meditation, contemplation, visualization, embracing them in peace.
 - III. Board Member Announcements
 - Mike has been appointed to the Veteran’s Counsel.
 - Dean has been appointed to the Children’s Behavioral Health Continuum.
 - Board members who are serving on other boards for the purpose of bringing information back to the MHAB will be given training credit for their time.
 - Antonio was sworn in as a Senior Assembly Member, representing Older Californians in Santa Cruz County.
 - IV. Business / Action Items
 - A. Approve October 19, 2023 Minutes
 - Motion/Second: Valerie Webb / Michael Neidig
 - Ayes: Antonio Rivas, Celeste Gutierrez, Jeffrey Arlt, Jennifer Wells Kaupp, Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes
 - Nays: None
 - Absent: Dean Kashino, Hugh McCormick, Supervisor Felipe Hernandez
 - Motion passed.

V. Reports

A. Secretary's Report

- No attendance issues.
- Hugh is past due to take Ethics training.
- Jennifer and Valerie – need to submit 2 hours of training.
- Available training opportunities are the MHSA Community Programming Planning video on the CalBHBC website and YouTube trainings from the CA Healthcare Foundation.

B. Patients' Rights Report – George Carvalho, Patients' Rights Advocate

The October report was provided, and George was present at the meeting. George provided clarification on the Riese Hearing which happens if the client refuses medication. This can only be initiated by the treating psychiatrist, who will ask the court authorization to medicate someone over their objections. Within 24 hours, the hearing will occur where the treating psychiatrist will testify, and either George or Davi Schill will represent the client. George stated that regarding AB2275 – if a person at CSP or ED is placed on second 5150, then George is notified. George stated his concern that there are people held in the emergency room for a long period of time. Unless they file a writ, they are there until placement is found. He stated it solves one issue of judicial review, but it doesn't provide the other end resources like case management and services for people.

C. Behavioral Health Report: Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Reform

Tiffany Cantrell-Warren, Director of County Behavioral Health

Changes to MHSA – Proposition 1

- SB326 Behavioral Health Services Act is now Proposition 1, which will be on March 2024 ballot and includes AB531 housing bond.
- Some major changes include renaming Mental Health Services Act to Behavioral Health Services Act; integration of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder; adds SUD-only populations and other priority populations; restructures the funding components to three new categories; expands planning and reporting beyond MHSA; new accountability and reporting for all BH funding.

Details of the current MHSA Requirements and the Proposition 1 Requirements can be found on the presentation slides [here](#).

D. Ad Hoc Committees

Board members for the following ad hoc committees:

- Site Visit – Celeste, Valerie, Laura, Jenny, Mike, Stella, Antonio
- Peer Support – Laura, Jenny, Mike
- Publicity/Community Engagement – Celeste, Valerie, Stella, Antonio

VI. New Agenda Items

A. Update Grand Jury Responses #R3 and #R6.

Motion to add, "to be completed by the end of the fiscal year, June 2024" to both questions.

Motion/Second: Antonio Rivas / Jeffrey Arlt

Ayes: Antonio Rivas, Celeste Gutierrez, Jeffrey Arlt, Jennifer Wells Kaupp, Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes

Nays: None

Absent: Dean Kashino, Hugh McCormick, Supervisor Felipe Hernandez

Motion passed.

B. 2022-2023 Biennial Report

The Chair requested all members write a statement for the report. The draft report will be discussed and voted on at the January meeting to submit to the Board of Supervisors.

VII. Future Agenda Items

- A. Propose rotation of meeting locations
- B. Support or not support Proposition 1
- C. Biennial Report highlighting activities in 2022-2023
- D. The Board of Supervisors is currently working on a resolution to change the tax allocation for Santa Cruz County. Jeffrey will draft a letter of recommendation that a large portion goes to Behavioral Health Services as it is not mentioned specifically in their resolution.
- E. Jeffrey will draft a letter regarding the need for a crisis receiving center in Santa Cruz County.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.