

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL  
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**SOLANO  
COUNTY**

**MINUTES: Mental Health Advisory Board Meeting**

**February 18, 2020, 4:30 – 6:00 pm**

**2101 Courage Drive, Multi-Purpose Room, Fairfield, CA 94533**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 PM by Supervisor Monica Brown. Quorum not attained.

**MHAB Members Present**

1. Monica Brown, Supervisor
2. Rachelle Jackson

**MHAB Members Absent**

1. Denise Coleman (E)
2. J.D. Hatchett (E)
3. Heather Theaux-Venezio, Chair (E)
4. Michael Wright

**Behavioral Health Staff Present:**

1. Tracy Lacey, Sr. MH Manager
2. Sandra Sinz, BH Director

**II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Irene Khangeb, a member of the public, came to speak to share her concerns.

**III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2020 MINUTES**

Quorum not attained. Will add to the March 17, 2020 Agenda.

**IV. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020 AGENDA**

Quorum not attained.

**V. PRESENTATION**

No presentation for the month of February.

**VI. SCHEDULED CALENDAR**

**a. Routine Business**

**i. Laura's Law Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Referrals**

Sandra Sinz provided an update regarding AOT referrals. Approximately twenty referrals since inception.

**ii. MH Related Legislation**

- Composed a letter to the Honorable Jim Beall in support of Senate Bill 803, the Peer Certification bill that was vetoed. Marisol Lopez to send electronically to Senator Beall's office and mail original.

**iii. Lesli Caldwell Houston wanted to let Board know about a bill that is pending to widen definition of intellectual disability. This it does not limit it to proof of disability of the age before 18 because of the studies about the formation of the brain. Goal is to increase access to those in need of services.**

- Will send information to Marisol Lopez to disseminate to the Board and NAMI.
- Supervisor Monica Brown will speak with Karen and Jennifer, draft a letter in support of the bill. Assemblyman Jim Frazier is on the Intellectual Disability Committee.

**iv. LPS/PES Meeting Discussion**

Heather Theaux-Venezio was not in attendance to provide an update but the Board did briefly discuss the Travis AFB evacuee situation and Sandra Sinz pointed out that Solano County Behavioral Health has Mental Health Clinicians on stand-by via Tele Psych to offer mental health services should they have a need.

**b. New Business**

No updates.

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**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments on matters listed on the Agenda.

**VIII. STAFF REPORTS**

**a. Director's Report**

Sandra Sinz provided handouts of the Director's Report and went over highlights from the report. Topics covered were around Department State Hospital Felony Diversion Allocation, JAG Grant, Diversion Referrals, Integrated Data System, Requests for Qualifications (RFQs), Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, and Beck Board & Care Project below.

Sandra Sinz made announcement that Solano County was granted 6.3 million for the residential board and care, provided handouts of the Quality Improvement Committee presentation with announcements and provided highlights from the Director's Report.

**b. MHSA Report**

Tracy Lacey wanted to inform the Board that Behavioral Health is applying in partnership with Solano Office of Education, the local school districts, and some charter schools for the Mental Health Student Services Grant. It has been put out by the Mental Health Services Oversight Accountability Commission. Going to the Board of Supervisors on February 25, 2020 for approval. Submission for the grant application is due on February 28, 2020. This is an augmentation to the School Wellness Center programs services.

School Wellness Center is expanding to 10 -15 school. Have reversion money to spend. Need to make an amendment for Office of Ed to add more money and send to the Board of Supervisors for approval. If we add 10 more, that would bring us up to 30 wellness centers implemented this school year.

We will be hosting with OAC a Youth Innovations Committee, three youth ideas of labs. Will be held on March 23, 2020. Youth from Yolo, Sacramento, and Solano counties are being invited. Will drive funding opportunities for the future.

Statewide WET Plan – The Workforce Education Plan asking counties to collaboratively do a 33% match and will be regionally administered. One of the southern counties, possibly Santa Clara is the lead for our region. Will have intern stipends. Core is the education track for psychiatry providers, MDs, and Nurse Practitioners. Possibly some loan repayment. Stay tuned for that.

Supervisor Monica Brown requested that Tracy Lacey summarize the Solano County Behavioral Health upcoming events with description and dates for the Board. Will send to Marisol Lopez to forward to MHAB members.

They are looking at MHSA funding, in addition to expanding MHSA to be used for co-occurring or primary diagnosis of substance use disorders and allowing flexibility percentage allocations.

Innovation Projects – We have Early Psychosis, PEI funded already so we are ahead of the trend. There is a lot of discussion about allocating money for homeless crisis in communities. Need to keep an eye on this so that money is not diverted out of direct mental health services and programs that we need for clients.

Reminder that May is Mental Health Month and she is working on writing the Resolution to submit to the Board of Supervisors due by April. Asked if Supervisor Monica Brown or Solano County to sponsor an activity. The event will be held on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Vallejo Waterfront. More information to come.

Tracy Lacy will email Supervisor Monica Brown summary of actives to decide whether she can sponsor an activity.

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**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Executive Board  
No updates.
- b. Membership  
The Membership Committee will interview Mental Health Advisory Board applicant Roxanne Michelle Rodezno Medearis and move forward to the Board of Supervisors for formal approval.
- c. Outreach and Education  
No updates.
- d. Ad hoc committee (if applicable)  
No updates.

**X. BOARD DISCUSSION OR ACTION**

NAMI is running as an Executive Committee for a year now because they do not have a President in place. They are seeking to fill the roles of both Vice President and President.

Supervisor Monica Brown asked NAMI to send the job descriptions for the President and Vice Presidents positions to Marisol Lopez for her to forward to the MHAB members so that they could help disseminate to their networking groups.

**XI. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM by Supervisor Monica Brown.