

March 15, 2016



SOLANO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes for Meeting of
March 15, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Faulkner called the meeting of the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) to order at 4:30pm. Roll call confirmed a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tiffany Banks, Lis delaTorre, Angela Faulkner, Erin Hannigan, Melanie Norris, Heather Theaux Venezio, Alan Werblin, and Mike Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lori Espinosa, Esmeralda Liberato, Joyce Papetti-Thompson

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board received comment from Yolanda Garcia Martinez and Jeannette Goyetche, representing The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Solano County. Flyers and documents distributed.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

On Motion of Chairperson, Angela Faulkner, seconded by Alan Werblin, the MHAB approved the March 15, 2016 agenda as written and the February 16, 2016 meeting minutes with corrections to:

1. Item III; Joyce Papetti-Thompson, Outreach Committee Chairwoman instead of volunteer.
2. Item V.e; "Board of Supervisors passed a resolution for (instead of to) acceptance..."
3. Item V.8a; "the board agreed (instead of decided) to remain ..."
4. Item VI.2; inclusion of Joyce Papetti-Thompson as the 5th Board Member of the Ad Hoc "May is Mental Health Month" planning committee.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Vote

IV. PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS:

Officer Kenneth Doughty of Vallejo Police Community Services presented Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).

Comments, Questions & Answers:

1. The Board suggested Solano County Law Enforcement Agencies coordinate CIT Training efforts.
2. Can citizens attend this training? CIT training is specific for Law Enforcement.
3. The Board stated there is a dual purpose for the training; 1. Protection for citizens, 2. Protection for law enforcement.
4. Members of the public requested community services training for professionals who work in mental health fields to train citizens with mental illness on how to interact positively when a recipient of a police interaction.

V. DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

1. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM REPORT: Sandra Sinz, Mental Health Services Administrator, provided an update on Local, State and Federal Mental Health Services to include updates regarding:
 - a) Solano County Behavioral Health FY2016/2017 Budget has a 3 million dollar shortfall and the division will be freezing positions except for psychiatrists and grant funded positions. The decrease in revenue was not anticipated; contracts are under expended.
 - b) Staffing and Psychiatry updates

- c) EQRO final report is still pending.
2. MHSA: Tracy Lacey, Senior Mental Health Services Manager and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Coordinator provided information on:
 - a) Suicide Prevention Committee Community Forum
 - b) MHSA may hire an outside consultant in preparation for the next 3 year Community Planning Process.
 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Angela Faulkner
 - a) Chair Faulkner asked for nominations for the Hero Awards of educators who go "above and beyond"; names can be emailed to Angela.
 - I. The Board asked that information be added to the May is Mental Health Month calendar
 - b) Reminder of the upcoming Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions Training. Registration required by March 25, 2016.
 - c) Announcement of the NAMI Benefit Yoga Class Fundraiser.
 4. MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT: Angela Faulkner
 - a) Ms. Faulkner reported out on May is Mental Health Month calendar events; flyers of events will be sent out to libraries, Kaiser and Mental Health Contract Service Providers.
 - b) Mental Health Consumer Art Fair Project:
 - 1) Framing Party event is scheduled for May 2nd at 1:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room
 - 2) Angela needs all artwork by April 15, 2016
 - 3) Artwork will be displayed at Umpqua Bank in Fairfield and another venue in Vallejo
 5. OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: Angela Faulkner On Behalf Of Joyce Papetti-Thompson
 - a) Outreach committee is coordinating with MHSA staff for future events
 - b) The Outreach committee will collaborate with MHSA for a mission statement with goals and present at the next MHAB meeting.
 6. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Tiffany Banks
 - a) Ms. Banks presented the Membership Committee Mission Statement to the Board:

"The mission of the Membership Committee is to increase appropriate Board membership consistent with the requirements set forth in statute. This is comprised of two areas of activity:

 1. To increase Board Membership
 - By using the County's Network of Care website to advertise current Board vacancies
 - By using marketing material and disseminating those to appropriate potential applicants in various settings.
 - By accepting and following up on referrals made to the Committee, conducting interviews to determine eligibility, 'fit' and areas of possible contribution by potential candidates.
 2. To retain existing Board members
 - By providing orientation and initial support
 - By linking new Board members with mentors as these are available and directing new Board members to appropriate knowledge and service resources to help them more capably fulfill their role as Board members.
 - b) Board requested name tags and business cards
 - c) John Mackenzie, applicant for the board, has been in attendance for of two consecutive meetings
 7. SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMITTEE: Lori Espinosa (Absent)

No Report

8. ALCOHOL DRUG AND ADVISORY BOARD (ADAB) REPORT: Lis delaTorre

1. The ADAB has a strong desire to network with MHAB to discuss mutual goals and the implementation of such to create a working relationship.
2. Chair Faulkner asked for Ms. delaTorre to assist in the coordination of a meeting time with ADAB board chair and Chair Faulkner to schedule collaborative board meetings.

VI. SCHEDULED CALENDAR (Action Items)

1. Chair Faulkner stated that one of the mandates of the Board is to look at various contractors. Board Members are encouraged to visit one to two contract agencies per year and report feedback on any contract agencies during the meetings. Contact Chair Faulkner for time on the agenda; and the report will go into the minutes as an official record.
2. Board Member Mike Wright reported his findings on the Homeless Outreach Activities with Dan Marshall of Fairfield Police Department:
 - a. Question/Answers & Comments:
 1. What services are available to Homeless who want help? Fairfield Police Department uses a database of 1500 contacts for homeless placement. It was suggested that Solano County Homeless Outreach Clinician could route calls/inquiries for homeless services.
 2. How do the Police determine who vacates the camps? The Homeless are given a 72 hour notice to vacate. Law enforcement offers services; a place to go and transportation.
 - b. Board Wright's recommendations for program improvements:
 - a. Increase collaboration between law enforcement and County Health and Social Services
 - b. Accept constructive criticism
 - c. Consideration of the use of ankle bracelets
 - d. Better enforcement with landowners
 - e. Sign over County as payee and use 1/3 of funds for housing

VII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board received comments from the following:

1. Denise Coleman,
2. Stephen Stickney Sr.
3. Donna O'Brien. The Board invited Ms. O'Brien to return to the April meeting of the MHAB.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 6:28PM.