

May 17, 2016



SOLANO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes for Meeting of
May 17, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alan Werblin, called the meeting of the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) to order at 4:40pm. Roll call confirmed a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lis delaTorre, Esmeralda Liberato, Melanie Norris, Heather Theaux Venezia, Alan Werblin, and Mike Wright

Member Applicant, John Mackenzie, present.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tiffany Banks, Lori Espinosa, Erin Hannigan, Angela Faulkner, Joyce Papetti Thompson

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON A MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No public comments received regarding items scheduled on the agenda.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

On Motion of Melanie Norris, seconded by Heather Theaux Venezia, the MHAB approved the April 19, 2016 meeting minutes with the inclusion of 5150 hospital emergency department training under "Director's Report". On a motion of Esmeralda Liberato, seconded by Heather Theaux Venezia, the MHAB approved the May 17, 2016 agenda with one addition: Report from Mike Wright regarding the recent site visit to the jail of the MHAB.

Motions Approved by Unanimous Vote

IV. PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS:

Sherry Fahey, Mental Health Clinical Supervisor of Solano County Health & Social Services (H&SS) Behavioral Health, presented Successful Mental Health Addiction and Recovery Treatment (SMART) Program. Brochures distributed.

Comments, Questions & Answers:

1. Are SSI recipients eligible for the SMART program? If they are SSI, they are not eligible for SMART, however, staff can connect them to the proper resources.
2. Is someone who is sanctioned eligible? If they are sanctioned, they are not eligible but there are situations where somebody might get sanctioned and in order to cure the sanction they would have to attend SMART for an assessment; and in that case, SMART collaborates with H&SS Employment and Eligibility (E&E) workers to best serve the client.
3. Do you provide services in other languages? Yes, we offer English and Spanish and we have access to interpreters of other languages.
4. How many clients are in the program? Approximately 80ish.
5. How are metrics tracked? H&SS Employment and Eligibility has a tracking program called Workforce Participation Rate (WPR) that shows the client's rate of stabilization and return to work.
6. Board members shared compliments of the Vacaville program.

7. What is your access to transitional housing or access to domestic violence safety housing? SMART partners with Safe Quest and with Family Stabilization Unit within E&E which has funding to pay for housing for clients.
8. Is there any way to access these programs prior to birth? We have pre-natal community services called PEAK collaborative and Children's programs for ages 0-5.

V. DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

1. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM REPORT: Halsey Simmons, Deputy Director of H&SS Behavioral Health, provided an update on Local, State and Federal Mental Health Services to include updates regarding:
 - a) Mr. Simmons distributed an article explaining the Steinberg Bond Measure regarding homelessness and its impact on County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding stream.
 - 1) Q/A – Is it true that the County will go through the application process and there is a possibility that our County money could be used to fund another County? Yes, some of the existing County allocated MHSA funds could go to the recipients of this bond measure.
 - b) Budget: There are no plans for Behavioral Health to acquire additional staff or to do any further expansion in FY16/17.
 - c) H&SS Department is considering applying for a grant program called “Whole Person Care”, more to come once the department submits the application.
 - d) Board Members would like to receive more information regarding the “Signature Program”.
 - 1) MHSA and Caminar are scheduled to present at an upcoming Board meeting regarding Caminar's Home program and case management for housing issues.
2. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT: Sandra Sinz, Mental Health Services Administrator
 - a) Ms. Sinz gave an update on the recent 5150 training to certify staff at Sutter and NorthBay in an effort to enable Emergency Department's to determine and process a safe discharge of a patient. Solano County Behavioral Health (SCBH) will offer staff as consultants during the beginning of this program.
 - a) SCBH will look at providing more general trainings through the Wellness and Recovery Unit.
 - b) Currently, SCBH provides staff at the jail to do 5150's.
 - b) Tele psych psychiatrist are in place with Exodus, the County's Crisis Stabilization Unit.
 - c) SCBH has changed Crisis Residential contractors and are in the process of transitioning to a Crisis Residential Facility. In the interim until the Crisis Residential receives licensure, we are staffing a current Peer Respite on Travis. Once opened, the Crisis Residential will be at Rosewood in Vallejo.
3. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT: Tracy Lacey, Sr. Mental Health Services Manager
 - a) Ms. Lacey informed the MHAB of an upcoming Department of Health Care Services review of the Block Grant funding source.
 - b) Outreach activity programs announced.
 - c) FY16/17 contracts are moving forward and staff are currently reviewing deliverables.
 - d) The Unit is in the process of hiring a Mental Health Specialist to work with law enforcement and the wellness center regarding homelessness.
 - e) Flyers and announcements will go out soon regarding the upcoming CSEC training (Commercially Exploited Children) given by Meredith Webb, Mental Health Clinical Supervisor.
4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Angela Faulkner (Absent); Lori Espinosa (Absent) – *Tabled*
5. OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: Joyce Papetti-Thompson (Absent) – *No Report*

6. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Lis dela Torre
 - a) Ms. dela Torre reported to the MHAB that the Membership Committee supports the application and qualifications of applicant John Mackenzie and recommends the Board approve his membership.
7. SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMITTEE: Lori Espinosa (Absent) – *No Report*
8. ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADVISORY BOARD (ADAB) REPORT: Lis delaTorre – *No Report*

VI. SCHEDULED CALENDAR (Action Items)

- a) Melanie Norris made a motion to approve sending the Mental Health Advisory Board membership recommendation of John Mackenzie to the Board of Supervisors for approval and seconded by Esmeralda Liberato
 - a. Motion Approved by Unanimous Vote

VII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board received a NAMI Event announcement from Cindy Limerick on behalf of NAMI Solano.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:

- a) Mike Wright gave a brief report on the site visit of the Solano County Jail attended by Mental Health Advisory Board Members.
- b) Dr. Alan Werblin stated that he will be resigning from the MHAB due to membership guidelines once he is hired on by Solano County Health and Social Services.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 6:04PM.