



SOLANO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes for Meeting of
October 18, 2016 - 4:30PM-6:00PM
2101 Courage Drive, Fairfield CA 94533

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Espinosa opened the meeting at 4:30pm. A quorum was not present. The Board received a program presentation until it was determined that a quorum was established. Chair Espinosa called the regular meeting of the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) to order at 5:03pm. Roll call confirmed a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tiffany Banks, Lori Espinosa, Erin Hannigan, John Mackenzie, Melanie Norris, Heather Theaux-Venezio, and Mike Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lis dela Torre, Esmeralda Liberato, and 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 Erin Hannigan, seconded by Heather Theaux-Venezio, the MHAB approved the October 18, 2016 meeting agenda and the September 20, 2016 meeting minutes as written.

Meeting minutes and agenda approved by unanimous vote (NOTE: John Mackenzie arrived late and is not included in this vote).

IV. PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS:

Katherine Kellum, Mental Health Clinical Supervisor & Michael Kitzes, Sr. Mental Health Services Manager for the Solano County Children's Mental Health Foster Care Unit presented to the MHAB Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) and the new law on AB1299 about presumptive eligibility. CCR is a public policy created to reform the Child Welfare System with the ultimate goal to place children in foster homes and decrease the use of congregate care. Presumptive eligibility basically means the transfer of responsibility for providing specialty mental health services from a child's original county of jurisdiction to the new county of residence when placed in foster care. Statistics of outcomes in long-term group home placement presented.

Foster care providers training and licensure discussed; 40 hours of continued training per year. Group homes will still exist, but will only provide up to six months of services per child.

Questions and comments from the Board include:

- 1) Because there will be so many children transitioning from group homes to foster homes and foster homes are currently difficult to come by, how will we handle that? *Solano County is creating a unit to support and recruit foster families. Probation is hiring social workers to support these families.*
- 2) Is there respite built into the system? *Yes, and relatives have to be licensed to care for children. There will be a financial incentive as well.*

- 3) How many children are we housing from other counties? *687 kids in all, 374 are ours, 313 are from other counties.*
- 4) So, you are saying that the kids that are here from other counties we are paying for? *Right now we pay for some and the other county pays for some.*
- 5) Is there reimbursement? *Yes, the state made allowances in a recent bill. We will receive realignment money in the following year to make up for it. The other counties will have to pay something. These are federally mandated services.*
- 6) As I understand it, we have a hard time finding foster families. It doesn't seem like that is factored in. Sometimes these kids are a threat to foster families. What protects them? *We are introducing Intensive Treatment Foster Care, ITS. Only 1-2 kids will be placed in a home. There is financial incentive and training. Foster parents will be required to do progress notes for Medi-cal billing.*
- 7) Foster parents have complained about not having respite services available to them. Have you thought about recruiting social workers to be foster parents?
- 8) Some foster parents are not a good fit. If foster care is a state responsibility, why aren't foster parents being trained? *Foster family agencies will be training foster families.*
- 9) Will there be penalties for not placing kids with a foster family in time? *The deadline will probably be extended.*
- 10) What happens when there are not enough foster families to care for these kids? *CWS is trying to partner with other agencies. Solano County is going to contract out with a family recruiting program. The goal is to find 40 family members and then narrow it down to 12. San Francisco piloted this program and it has been very successful. Foster families will have a lot more services available to them that weren't there before and that is good incentive.*

V. DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

1. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM REPORT: Halsey Simmons
 - 1) Solano County Health & Social Services was officially approved for the Whole Person Care Grant.
 - 2) Behavioral Health is currently recruiting two managers, one for Children's Intensive Services and one Adult Manager. Solano County is also recruiting for two adult Psychiatrists and one Child Psychiatrist.
 - 3) Full Service Partnership (FSP) program is being distributed across the County. Until recently, FSP was only in Fairfield. We now have clinicians and mental health specialist in Vacaville, Fairfield, and Vallejo.
 - 4) Solano County is recruiting for Deputy Director. The job description is being finalized now and will go out to the press soon.
2. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT REPORT (QI): Sandra Sinz, Mental Health Services Administrator
 - 1) The annual External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) review takes place tomorrow, October 19th and 20th.
 - 2) QI has established a Clinical Work Group to standardize protocols and create tools for staff to deal with crisis situations. The documents developed during these workgroups will help standardize our suicide assessment protocols.

Questions and comments from the Board include:

- 1) Can these tools be adapted by other programs? *We are working on developing training material for primary care providers.*
- 2) Is it possible for the QI review report to come here? *Yes, we can share the report with you when it comes out.*
- 3) How many primary care physicians have you targeted? *We are starting with Solano County doctors because we already have those relationships and then we will be branching out to other primary care physicians.*
- 4) Will you be tracking the doctor consults? *Yes, we will definitely be tracking the number of consults and the time it takes.*

5) Can we see that report? Yes

3. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA): Tracy Lacey

- 1) Currently working on 3-Year Integrated plan and it's taking time to put together. Ms. Lacey would like to postpone the posting of the report until the December meeting.
- 2) In addition to transitioning the FSPs we are currently transitioning the Foster Care Unit.
- 3) Upcoming Events:
 - a. Health and Wellness Fair- October 22, 2016, 11am – 2pm, 505 Santa Clara St., Vallejo in the Joseph Room at the JFK Library. A flyer was available to those present.
 - b. CSEC Training – The West Coast Children's Clinic will be providing a free training on Monday, October 25. They will be providing us with validated screening tools for risk factors.
 - c. January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. The West Coast Children's Clinic will be presenting information about Human Trafficking in January.

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Lori Espinosa

- 1) Chair Espinosa asked Board Members who have done site visits in 2016 to forward their reports to the Board Clerk for the annual report.

5. OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: No Report

6. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Tiffany Banks

- 1) Ms. Banks requested that at least two members volunteer to interview membership applicants Mark Headrick and Denise Coleman after the meeting. Melanie Norris, Michael Wright, John Mackenzie, and Lori Espinosa volunteered.
- 2) The MHAB will vote in new committee positions for 2017 in January. Please send names and nominations to the Board Clerk.

7. SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT: Lori Espinosa

- 1) The committee is working on community forums for the Suicide Prevention Plan.
 - a. Ms. Espinosa reported out on the Suicide Out of the Darkness walk on October 15, 2016 that raised \$8000.00. A special recognition went out to Board of Supervisor, Erin Hannigan, for her participation. Thank you, Ms. Hannigan!

8. ALCOHOL & DRUG ADVISORY BOARD (ADAB) REPORT: No Report

VI. SCHEDULED CALENDAR (Action Items) None

VII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Tracy Lacey asked the Board to postpone the MHSA 3-Year Annual Report to December. She would like to present at 3:30PM, one hour before the board meeting starts at 4:30PM.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:

- 1) Michael Wright reported on his visit to the County Jail.
- 2) Tiffany Banks addressed Halsey about his retirement.
- 3) Lori Espinosa presented a gift to Halsey on behalf of the Board.
- 4) John Mackenzie reported about attending the North Bay Stand Down for Veterans.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 5:35pm