



**SOLANO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes for Meeting of**  
**February 21, 2017 - 4:30PM-6:00PM**  
**2101 Courage Drive, Fairfield CA 94533**

**General Meeting**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Michael Wright called the regular meeting of the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) to order at 4:31pm. Roll call confirmed a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Esmeralda Liberato, Michael Wright, John Mackenzie, Joyce Papetti-Thompson, Monica Brown, Melanie Norris, Tiffany Banks

MEMBERS ABSENT: Heather Theaux-Venezio, Lori Espinosa, Lis dela Torre, Mark Headrick

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments received regarding items scheduled on the agenda.

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Monica Brown, seconded by Esmeralda Liberato, the MHAB approved the February 21, 2017, agenda and the meeting minutes of the January 17, 2017, MHAB meeting.

Meeting minutes and agenda approved by unanimous vote

**V. DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**

1) Behavioral Health Program:

a. Quality Improvement-Sandra Sinz

i. Ms. Sinz was offered and accepted the Behavioral Health Director position.

ii. Proposition 47 Grant:

The grant was submitted today. Through a public advisory committee process we ended up honing in on plans to establish one or two residential treatment center programs. The other big piece of the project is case management in order to follow people through their continuum of care. Another big component is that we would like to establish a sober living house in each of the three major Solano County cities. The grant is for \$6 million over the next three years.

b. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)-Tracy Lacy

i. We had a very successful Bridges Over Troubled Water African American faith-based initiative training attended by 85 plus community partners last Thursday.

ii. No Place Like Home Grant – This is going to be a competitive application grant. We have been meeting with the cities to try to identify properties that can be used or to find developers that we might connect with in order to move forward with this application.

iii. Mobile Crisis - The content of the RFP is being finalized. We have reached out to the city police departments to find out what shift they have the most crisis calls come

- in. The mobile crisis will not be 24/7 to start with, they will be working 12-hour shifts. We are waiting to hear back from a couple of departments and then we will go forward with releasing the RFP.
- iv. Housing – We have a new clinician starting next week. This clinician will be MHSA funded and their focus will be homeless youth. We know that a subset of that population will be CSEC kids. Our Mental Health Specialist is funded by a PATH grant. She will be working closely with Sandy Rose who, also, does homeless outreach with Health & Social Services. They are now doing riding along with the Vallejo and Fairfield Police Departments and have engaged the Rio Vista police departments as well.
  - v. CSEC – Tomorrow there is a Train the Trainer training. There is a large CSEC Committee that has developed the curriculum. They will be doing this training with other providers.

Questions from the Board include:

1. Does the clinician get referrals from the school district or foster care? How does that process work? *Primarily we will be working with child welfare. That is where we'll start. At any given time there are a handful of kids that are considered to be foster youth that are AWOL from their placement and are out in the community being exploited. Those names will be provided to us and we will be trying to locate those kids, engage them and get them back in. Recently, Meredith Webb, MHSA supervisor, did a ride along with the Vallejo Police Department and identified several locations where homeless youth are congregating. We have talked to the Vacaville PD and will be looking at some areas there as well. We will be riding along initially and then will be developing where the referrals will come from.*
  2. I am not familiar with all of the programs. What is CSEC? *Commercial Sexually Exploited Children & Youth. This clinician will be focused on homeless youth. Not all of them will be CSEC kids.*
  3. When will the clinician be fully up and running? *The clinician starts on Monday.*
  4. When can she come give the Board an overview of her initial findings and plan? *Give her a couple of months. We need to get her oriented to the County systems.*
- 2) May is Mental Health Month 2017-Ad Hoc Committee
- Consumer Art Show - Angela Faulkner
- i. Angela has volunteered to help with the May is Mental Health Month artwork. She will need a space to house the art work.
  - ii. Angela requested the following agenda items for the next meeting.
    1. Approve flyers to go out to the public
    2. Approve flyers to go out to the artists.
    3. Framing party multipurpose room reservation date. Hopefully the last week of April. After framing we take them to where they are going to be displayed. We will need help with transporting and setting up the paintings.
- 3) Outreach Committee Report – Joyce Papetti-Thompson
- We are trying to find somewhere to place the art. Ms. Brown has offered to place them at the Board of Supervisors so that it will be visible from the street as well as inside the building.
- 4) Membership Committee Report – Tiffany Banks
- Scott Whitehouse is interested in becoming a member of the Board. Mr. Whitehouse was present and provided an introduction of himself to the Board.
- 5) Suicide Prevention Committee Liaison Report – Tracy Lacey
- a. Suicide Prevention Plan – We will be embarking on a community process where we will be developing a County wide suicide reduction plan. The opening forum is March 15, 2017, 2-4pm. We are inviting stakeholders, schools, providers, etc., to come up with a shared language and ideas for the plan. When the plan is finished it will be brought before the Board for approval.

- b. Gun Shop Initiative – The initiative should be done soon. We have developed the Ten Commandments of Gun Safety brochures. Those should be ready by the next MHAB meeting.
- 6) Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board Liaison Report – No Report
- 7) Data Dashboard Committee Report
  - a. The Data Dashboard Committee will be meeting immediately following the MHAB meeting.

**VI. SCHEDULED CALENDAR (Action Items)**

- 1) Old Business
  - a. May is Mental Health Month – Monica Brown is requesting ideas for the May is Mental Health Month Board of Supervisors Resolution. Dates in May available for the resolution are May 2, 9, and 23. She requested that this be put on the March agenda.
- 2) New Business
  - a. Design 2017 agenda (define what presentations and/or activities the Board wants for 2017)
    - i. Tabled until the next meeting due to Chair and Vice Chair being absent from this meeting.
    - ii. Angela Faulkner had a few suggestions:
      - 1. Try to get a cross section of what is going on in the County. You'll generally have two per meeting, one is a County function, and one is a non-profit that the County funds function. You have a short presentation from each one.
      - 2. A presentation from Exodus Crisis Stabilization Unit.

**VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC :**

- 1) The board received comments from the following:
  - I. Denise Coleman
  - II. Leslie Molera

**VIII. BOARD COMMENTS:**

- 1. Joyce Papetti-Thompson shared that she is having a difficult time recruiting people for the May is Mental Health Month Ad Hoc Committee.
- 2. John Mackenzie participated in the quarterly meeting for the American Psychiatric Nursing Association. He suggested all watch the seven minute video, "Better Soar that Sorry", and a 27 minute video "Overtaken" both on Youtube.com.
- 3. Esmeralda Liberato expressed her appreciation to those present from the public who attended the Board meeting.
- 4. Michael Wright shared his experiences this past month interviewing people coming out of jail in Solano County. He said it is very interesting to hear where people are from and where they are going. A lot of these folks have mental illness and are repeat offenders. It was a real eye opener and he has been sharing what he learns with the local police departments.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT : 5:41 pm**