

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

**Mental Health Advisory Board General Board Meeting - MINUTES
January 21, 2020 – 4:30 – 6:30 pm
2101 Courage Drive, Multi-Purpose Room, Fairfield, CA 94533**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:14 PM by Chair, Heather Theaux-Venezio. Attained quorum.

MHAB Members Present

1. Menlo Avestro
2. Monica Brown
3. Denise Coleman
4. J.D. Hatchett
5. Rachelle Jackson
6. Heather Theaux-Venezio (Chair)
7. Michael Wright

Behavioral Health Staff Present:

1. Tracy Lacey
2. Sandra Sinz (BH Director)

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Items from the public on matters not listed on the Agenda are listed below.

Steven Juhnke, Amir Development requesting an update on the New Residential Program. Specifically, around grant funding, traffic analysis, and site map/rendering.

Sandra Sinz provided brief update but will also be schedule a meeting with Mr. Juhnke et. al. around the end of March 2020 to go over new developments.

III. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 10, 2019 MINUTES

Heather Theaux-Venezio motioned to approve the December 10, 2019 MINUTES. The motion was properly moved and seconded. Ordered by a vote of 7-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2020 AGENDA

Heather Theaux-Venezio motioned to approve the January 21, 2020 AGENDA. The motion was properly moved and seconded. Ordered by a vote of 7-0.

V. PRESENTATION

No presentation for the month of January.

VI. SCHEDULED CALENDAR

a. Routine Business

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

Sandra Sinz provided an update regarding AOT referrals. Approximately six referrals since December 9, 2019. 45 clients referred to Diversion.

b. MH Related Legislation

i. Sandra Sinz presented the Press Release on Senate Bill 803, the Peer Certification bill that was vetoed. She proposed that the MHAB members send letters to Senator Beall as a Board in support of the SB803.

On our Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) sits three Peers. Heather Theaux-Venezio motioned to approve consideration of writing letters as a Board in support of Senate Bill 803 to certify Peers to Senator Beall. The motion was properly moved and seconded. Ordered by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

ii. LPS/PES Meeting Discussion

Heather Theaux-Venezio provided few brief updates from the last LPS/PES meeting.

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- Vacaville Police Department regarding hospital staff calling excessively about 5150's which is putting a strain on VPD. They are requesting that the Emergency Department appropriately use Police Department resources.
- Will add Medic Ambulance to the next LPS/PES Meeting. Heather Theaux-Venezio will ask Emery Cowan to invite Jimmy Pierson, Medic Ambulance to address some of the concerns that have come up.

c. New Business

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.

Adventist Health St. Helena Hospital in Napa will be closing their Psychiatric Unit in July 2020 so there will be a reduction of psychiatric beds.

b. MHA Report

- Tracy Lacey provided MHA updates related to suicide death data and will be sending information to MHAB in approximately one to two weeks.
- Applying for Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission Grant from the State for Students' Mental Health Services in partnership with Solano County Office of Education in all six school districts. Stakeholder meetings with the schools will be taking place next week to get their input.
- She also discussed proposed changes at the State level. Many politicians are proposing changes to the MHA Act and the way funds are allocated. Tracy will keep MHAB apprised.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive Board - none

b. Membership

i. Review Applications & Vote on Membership

- Lesli Caldwell-Houston
- Daniel Cotton
- J.D. Hatchett motioned to approve applications for Lesli Houston & Daniel Cotton if they meet qualifications to join as Mental Health Advisory Board members and move forward to the Board of Supervisors for formal approval. This motion was voted on and approved.

c. Outreach and Education - none

d. Ad hoc committee (if applicable) - none

X. BOARD DISCUSSION OR ACTION

a. Executive Board Goals

MHAB agreed to focus on the following goals: Mobile Crisis, Awareness, Education, Outreach with County Clinicians and Outreach with Homeless. Diversion may also be a focus.

Heather Theaux-Venezio motioned to approve MHAB goals above. The motion was properly moved and seconded. Ordered by a vote of 6-0.

XI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16PM by Heather Theaux-Venezio.