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**MINUTES: Mental Health Advisory Board Meeting**

**April 21, 2020, 4:30 – 6:00 pm**

**Virtual Meeting: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

- The meeting was called to order at 4:37 PM by Supervisor Monica Brown. A quorum was attained.

**MHAB Members Present**

1. Monica Brown, Supervisor
2. Denise Coleman
3. Daniel Cotton
4. J.D. Hatchett
5. Rachelle Jackson (late)
6. Michael Wright

**Behavioral Health Staff Present:**

1. Sandra Sinz, BH Director

**MHAB Members Absent**

1. Heather Theaux-Venezio, Chair (E)
2. Roxanne M. Rodezno-Medearis (E)

**II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

- Linda Kaufman, Psynergy program provided an update on how they are conducting business in the COVID-19 environment. They currently are still taking new referrals at all of their facilities. They do not have any COVID-19 positive tests. They do have isolation space if needed and practicing social distancing, using PPE and taking for staff and clients temperatures daily.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Approval of the March 17, 2020 Minutes  
Monica Brown motioned to approve the March 17, 2020 Minutes. The motion was properly moved and seconded. Ordered by a vote of 6-0.

**IV. APPROVAL OF APRIL 21, 2020 AGENDA**

- Denise Coleman motioned to approve the April 21, 2020 Agenda. The motion was properly moved and seconded. Ordered by a vote of 6-0.

**V. SCHEDULED CALENDAR**

**a. Routine Business**

- i. Laura's Law Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Referrals
  - There were no updates.
- ii. MH Related Legislation
  - There were no updates.
- iii. LPS/PES Meeting Discussion
  - There were no updates.

**b. New Business**

- Deputy Director of Behavioral Health, Sandra Sinz provided an overview of how Behavioral Health is operating under these unusual circumstances in relation to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Discussed potential budget crisis impact it will impose on the County. Informed Board that March and April services are being covered through the County but need to think about May and June which is to be determined.
- Board Member, Michael Wright wanted to know if the County was providing housing for homeless, in hotels, like other counties due to the Pandemic. Deputy Director, Sandra Sinz confirmed that Solano

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County is currently assisting the homeless with housing through motels to help reduce the spread of the virus in the homeless communities.

- Board Member, Denise Coleman asked Supervisor Brown if citizens can avoid evictions during the pandemic due to behavioral health concerns. Supervisor Brown was going to investigate whether it was specific only about the virus or whether it included behavioral health issues too. Deputy Director was going to ask for clarity from Joyce Goodwin.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- There were no public comments on matters listed on the Agenda.

**VII. STAFF REPORTS**

a. Director's Report

- There may be a 20% impact of MHSA revenues. Will keep the Board apprised of new developments.

b. MHSA Report

- There were no updates.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Executive Board

- There were no updates.

b. Membership

- Sandra informed MHAB that a member from the Board was needed for the Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board in order to have dual roles in both Boards. She asked if anyone was interested. Denise Coleman volunteered to be the dual Board member at both MHAB & ADAB and Daniel Cotton agreed to be her alternate.

c. Outreach and Education

- There were no updates.

d. Ad hoc committee (if applicable)

- There were no updates.

**IX. BOARD DISCUSSION OR ACTION**

- Board Member Michael Wright said the Mental Health Leadership team for the work around Laura's Law.
- Board Member Daniel Cotton also wanted to thank the Mental Health Leadership team, Denise Coleman and J.D. Hatchett for their roles in helping the homeless population in our community.
- Supervisor Brown wanted it recorded that Mental Health Advisory Board member & Chair, Heather Theaux-Venezio, be excused for not being able to attend the last few meetings as a result of COVID-19 situation.
- Supervisor Brown informed MHAB that volunteers are needed to help with Meals on Wheels. Daniel Cotton volunteered to help. They will connect offline.

**X. ADJOURN**

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM by Supervisor Monica Brown.