

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL  
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**MINUTES: Mental Health Advisory Board Meeting**

**May 19, 2020, 4:30 – 6:00 pm**

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

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**Conference ID: 219 581 634#**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

- The meeting was called to order at 4:41 PM by Supervisor Monica Brown. A quorum was attained. Heather Theaux-Venezio plans to return in June if COVID-19 situation eases.

**MHAB Members Present**

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

**Behavioral Health Staff Present:**

1. Tracy Lacey, Sr. MH Manager
2. Sandra Sinz, BH Director

**MHAB Members Absent**

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

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no public comments on matters not listed on the Agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of the April 21, 2020 Minutes  
Monica Brown motioned to approve the April 21, 2020 Minutes. The motion was properly moved by Denise Coleman and seconded by Rachelle Jackson. Ordered by a vote of 5-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MAY 19, 2020 AGENDA

- Monica Brown motioned to approve the May 19, 2020 Agenda. The motion was properly moved by Denise Coleman and seconded by Rachelle Jackson. Ordered by a vote of 5-0.

V. SCHEDULED CALENDAR

a. Routine Business

- i. Laura's Law Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Referrals
  - Sandra Sinz provided an update around AOT. It has been slow due to COVID-19 as a result only one diversion referral received and 3 referrals so far for the month of May.

- ii. MH Related Legislation

- There has not been much legislation as a result of COVID-19.
- Supervisor Monica Brown was going to connect with Karen Lange regarding SB-855 Health coverage: mental health or substance abuse disorders, the parity legislation that was introduced by Senator Wiener. According to Ms. Lange's response, the measure will not be moving forward.

- iii. LPS/PES Meeting Discussion

- There were no updates. Sandra Sinz will try to attend this week's meeting and give an update next month.

b. New Business

- Sandra Sinz provided an update about CHFFA Community infrastructure grant for the Solano County 16-bed residential treatment board and care on Beck campus. There is a four to six million funding gap

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to build the second half. One of the requirements is to open by June 30, 2022. Look forward to the ground-breaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies, per Supervisor Brown.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**VII. STAFF REPORTS**

**a. Director's Report**

- Sandra Sinz gave verbal update to the Board on current budget crisis (as known today). We will likely face a 7.6 million shortfall, not including decrease of expected funds from MHSA. Currently it looks like it could be an additional 20-25% loss of funding.

**b. MHSA Report**

- Tracy Lacey informed the Board that Solano County received the Mental Health Student Services Act Grant from the State. It is a partnership between Behavioral Health and local educational agencies which is one million per year over four years.
- Tracy was going to send an email about films with students from local high schools placed with honorable mentions. Please refer to email that Ms. Lacey sent on 5/19/2020.
- Tracy Lacey updated Board on the impact MHSA funding because of the current pandemic and how it relates to programs for Solano County.
- BOS approved amendment to add more of the reversion funds to the Office of Education contract to implement more wellness centers. Hope to get 20-30 across Solano County.
- Early Psychosis (EP) Grant is due June 26, 2020.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Executive Board**

- There were no updates.

**b. Membership**

- Supervisor Monica Brown said there may be one potential person interested in joining the Board.

**c. Outreach and Education**

- There were no updates.

**d. Ad hoc committee (if applicable)**

- There were no updates.

**IX. BOARD DISCUSSION ACTION**

- Cancellation of the December 2020 MHAB Meeting.
  - Monica Brown motioned to cancel the December 15, 2020 MHAB Meeting. The motion was properly moved by Michael Wright and seconded by Denise Coleman. Ordered by a vote of 5-0.
- Reminder that the November 2020 MHAB Meeting is also used to for the MHSA Annual Update for 3-Year Plan.

**X. ADJOURN**

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