

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL
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SOLANO
COUNTY

MINUTES: Mental Health Advisory Board Meeting

August 18, 2020, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

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

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Conference ID: 531 848 930#

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

- The meeting was called to order at 4:30 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
6. Heather Theaux-Venezio, Chair
7. Michael Wright

Behavioral Health Staff Present:

1. Sandra Sinz, BH Director

MHAB Members Absent

1. Roxanne M. Rodezno-Medearis

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- There were no items from the public on matters not listed on the Agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Monica Brown motioned to approve the June 16, 2020 Minutes.
 - The motion was properly moved by Michael Wright and seconded by Denise Coleman. Ordered by a vote of 6-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Monica Brown motioned to approve the August 18, 2020 Agenda.
 - The motion was properly moved by Michael Wright and seconded by Denise Coleman. Ordered by a vote of 7-0.

V. SCHEDULED CALENDAR

a. Routine Business

- i. Laura's Law Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Referrals
 - Sandra Sinz provided a brief update on AOT referrals.
- ii. MH Related Legislation
 - Supervisor Brown and Ms. Sinz gave legislative update about SB803.
- iii. LPS/PES Meeting Discussion
 - There were no updates.

b. New Business

- There were no updates.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

VII. STAFF REPORTS

a. Director's Report

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- Sandra Sinz, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health talked about the budget crisis Behavioral Health is facing because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the effect it has on the 2020 & 2021 budgets.
- b. MHA Report
 - Sandra Sinz gave announced that the Mental Health Student Services Act Grant (four million with a 4-year period) was awarded to Solano County and will discussed at the August 25, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive Board

- Denise Coleman provided a few updates from the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (ADAB) meeting related to new housing projects, issues with the Beacon referral process, report that there has been an increase in visits to the Drug Safe website, and privatized treatment plan called Wise Retreat.
 - Ms. Coleman will deliver ADAB Minutes to Ms. Lopez to disseminate to MHAB members.
 - Ms. Sinz will look at the Beacon referral data and do test calls to identify why individuals are not getting to the correct program after being referred to Beacon.
 - Will Add Beacon Referral process to September 15, 2020 meeting.

b. Membership

- Currently we have eight MHAB members, possibly nine, but will recruit for Vice Chair and maybe one or two more members to join the Board.

c. Outreach and Education

- There were no updates.

d. Ad hoc committee (if applicable)

- There were no updates.

IX. BOARD DISCUSSION ACTION

- There were no updates to report.

X. ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM by Supervisor Monica Brown.

Note: Jennifer MacKinnon and Angus Perez of Uplift attended virtually.