

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

**February 18, 2020, 4:30 – 6:00 pm**

**2101 Courage Drive, Multi-Purpose Room, Fairfield, CA 94533**

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 PM by Supervisor Monica Brown. Quorum not attained.

**MHAB Members Present**

1. Monica Brown, Supervisor
2. Rachele Jackson

**MHAB Members Absent**

1. Denise Coleman (E)
2. J.D. Hatchett (E)
3. Heather Theaux-Venezio, Chair (E)
4. Michael Wright

**Behavioral Health Staff Present:**

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

**II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Irene Khangeb, a member of the public, came to speak to share her concerns.

**III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2020 MINUTES**

Quorum not attained. Will add to the March 17, 2020 Agenda.

**IV. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020 AGENDA**

Quorum not attained.

**V. PRESENTATION**

No presentation for the month of February.

**VI. SCHEDULED CALENDAR**

**a. Routine Business**

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

Sandra Sinz provided an update regarding AOT referrals. Approximately twenty referrals since inception.

**ii. MH Related Legislation**

- Composed a letter to the Honorable Jim Beall in support of Senate Bill 803, the Peer Certification bill that was vetoed. Marisol Lopez to send electronically to Senator Beall's office and mail original.

**iii. Lesli Caldwell Houston wanted to let Board know about a bill that is pending to widen definition of intellectual disability. This it does not limit it to proof of disability of the age before 18 because of the studies about the formation of the brain. Goal is to increase access to those in need of services.**

- Will send information to Marisol Lopez to disseminate to the Board and NAMI.
- Supervisor Monica Brown will speak with Karen and Jennifer, draft a letter in support of the bill. Assemblyman Jim Frazier is on the Intellectual Disability Committee.

**iv. LPS/PES Meeting Discussion**

Heather Theaux-Venezio was not in attendance to provide an update but the Board did briefly discuss the Travis AFB evacuee situation and Sandra Sinz pointed out that Solano County Behavioral Health has Mental Health Clinicians on stand-by via Tele Psych to offer mental health services should they have a need.

**b. New Business**

No updates.

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**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. Topics covered were around Department State Hospital Felony Diversion Allocation, JAG Grant, Diversion Referrals, Integrated Data System, Requests for Qualifications (RFQs), Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, and Beck Board & Care Project below.

Sandra Sinz made announcement that Solano County was granted 6.3 million for the residential board and care, provided handouts of the Quality Improvement Committee presentation with announcements and provided highlights from the Director's Report.

**b. MHSA Report**

Tracy Lacey wanted to inform the Board that Behavioral Health is applying in partnership with Solano Office of Education, the local school districts, and some charter schools for the Mental Health Student Services Grant. It has been put out by the Mental Health Services Oversight Accountability Commission. Going to the Board of Supervisors on February 25, 2020 for approval. Submission for the grant application is due on February 28, 2020. This is an augmentation to the School Wellness Center programs services.

School Wellness Center is expanding to 10 -15 school. Have reversion money to spend. Need to make an amendment for Office of Ed to add more money and send to the Board of Supervisors for approval. If we add 10 more, that would bring us up to 30 wellness centers implemented this school year.

We will be hosting with OAC a Youth Innovations Committee, three youth ideas of labs. Will be held on March 23, 2020. Youth from Yolo, Sacramento, and Solano counties are being invited. Will drive funding opportunities for the future.

Statewide WET Plan – The Workforce Education Plan asking counties to collaboratively do a 33% match and will be regionally administered. One of the southern counties, possibly Santa Clara is the lead for our region. Will have intern stipends. Core is the education track for psychiatry providers, MDs, and Nurse Practitioners. Possibly some loan repayment. Stay tuned for that.

Supervisor Monica Brown requested that Tracy Lacey summarize the Solano County Behavioral Health upcoming events with description and dates for the Board. Will send to Marisol Lopez to forward to MHAB members.

They are looking at MHSA funding, in addition to expanding MHSA to be used for co-occurring or primary diagnosis of substance use disorders and allowing flexibility percentage allocations.

Innovation Projects – We have Early Psychosis, PEI funded already so we are ahead of the trend. There is a lot of discussion about allocating money for homeless crisis in communities. Need to keep an eye on this so that money is not diverted out of direct mental health services and programs that we need for clients.

Reminder that May is Mental Health Month and she is working on writing the Resolution to submit to the Board of Supervisors due by April. Asked if Supervisor Monica Brown or Solano County to sponsor an activity. The event will be held on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Vallejo Waterfront. More information to come.

Tracy Lacy will email Supervisor Monica Brown summary of actives to decide whether she can sponsor an activity.

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**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Executive Board  
No updates.
- b. Membership  
The Membership Committee will interview Mental Health Advisory Board applicant Roxanne Michelle Rodezno Medearis and move forward to the Board of Supervisors for formal approval.
- c. Outreach and Education  
No updates.
- d. Ad hoc committee (if applicable)  
No updates.

**X. BOARD DISCUSSION OR ACTION**

NAMI is running as an Executive Committee for a year now because they do not have a President in place. They are seeking to fill the roles of both Vice President and President.

Supervisor Monica Brown asked NAMI to send the job descriptions for the President and Vice Presidents positions to Marisol Lopez for her to forward to the MHAB members so that they could help disseminate to their networking groups.

**XI. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM by Supervisor Monica Brown.

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## Memorandum

To: Local Mental Health Board, Solano County  
From: Sandra Sinz, LCSW, Behavioral Health Director  
Date: February 18, 2020  
RE: Monthly report of significant issues

1. **Department State Hospital Felony Diversion allocation** – We are in the process of engaging in this contract with DSH. This will bring \$3.2M in funding to treat felony diversion clients who are at risk of being found incompetent to stand trial. We are creating a small Caminar program as well as serving these clients through other programs, both locked and unlocked, as long as the locked program is not a State Hospital.
2. **Beck Board and Care project** – Project design is underway. This is largely in the hands of General Services, with BH input, at this phase of the project.
3. **JAG Grant** – The grant services will be provided by Caminar out of the Sheriff's office, folded into the existing MIOCR program in the jail. We have learned that almost all of the referrals for MH diversion are in fact in the County jail at the time of the referral (Minute Order) by the Court. This is also pending development of an MOU between H&SS and Sheriff. We are trying to figure out how to decrease the amount of time that a client spends in jail pending review of their treatment recommendations, as the current process is roughly 6 weeks.
4. **Laura's Law AOT** – We received two referrals so far in February for a total of 20 referrals since inception. Most often these referrals are triaged by the staff involved in homeless outreach services.
5. **Diversion Referrals** – We have a Clinical Supervisor overseeing the Forensic Triage Team. This team receives referrals for diversion and for other forensic programming. Embedded within is the Assessment function that was previously done by clinicians in the FACT team. We re-allocated 1 MH Specialist and added 2 FTE Clinicians in last year's budget to support this function.
6. **Integrated Data System** – BH is participating in piloting a Microsoft product that will be a repository of client information for better tracking and analysis. This was prompted by needing a system to better track what beds we are paying for, and where, and who was occupying that bed. It has expanded since the H&SS Integration project was also seeking a database that could serve across service divisions, and hopefully reduce redundancy in information collected by multiple programs.

7. **Request for Qualifications (RFQs)** – Two RFQs were posted for 1) children’s (6-21) EPSDT outpatient services (currently held by Aldea, Uplift, A Better Way, Child Haven, and Rio Vista Care), and 2) children’s (0-5) EPSDT services (currently held by Uplift, Child Haven and A Better Way). The 0-5 service requires focused training as a specialty area and is not a service that is offered by County-operated programs. The County operates children’s outpatient clinics in Fairfield, Vallejo and Vacaville.
  
8. **Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System** – Implementation is stalled between Partnership Health Plan, DHCS, and CMS. The most recent go-live date was April 1, which will not happen, and there has not been a new target date set.