

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
Behavioral Health Services Division



**MENTAL HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

**November 17, 2020
TIME: 4:30 – 6:00 PM**

Video: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)
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Conference ID: 298 890 154#

Mental Health Advisory Board Members

Present: Monica Brown (Supervisor), Denise Coleman, Daniel Cotton, Jules D. Hatchett, Heather Theaux-Venezio (Chair) and Michael Wright.

Absent: Rachelle Jackson (Excused)

Behavioral Health Services Staff

Absent: Sandra Sinz, LCSW (Absent), Behavioral Health Director, Emery Cowan, BHS Administrator, Leticia De La Cruz Salas, BHS Administrator, and Tracy Lacey, Sr. Mental Health Mgr.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

I.	CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL The meeting was called to order by Monica Brown at 4:32 pm. A quorum was attained.
II.	ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC There were no items from the Public on matters not listed on the Agenda.
III.	APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 20, 2020 MINUTES Heather Theaux-Venezio motioned to approve the October 20, 2020 Minutes. The motion was properly moved by Michael Wright and seconded by Jules D. Hatchett. The motion carried with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.
IV.	APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 17, 2020 AGENDA Heather Theaux-Venezio motioned to approve the November 17, 2020 Agenda. The motion was properly moved by Michael Wright and seconded by Daniel Cotton. The motion carried with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.
V.	SCHEDULED CALENDAR 1. Routine Business a. Laura's Law Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Referrals Heather Theaux-Venezio provided an update on AOT and Diversion referrals from the last month. b. MH Related Legislation There were no updates on legislations related to mental health. 2. New Business a. Announcements about the December 1 st MHSA Annual Public Hearing Meeting, January 19 th Miranda Ramirez, MH Services Manager, Community Integrations Services will do Homeless Outreach Services presentation and Brown Act Training date to be announced.
VI.	PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no items from the Public on matters listed on the Agenda.

VII.	<p>STAFF REPORTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Director's Report Sandra Sinz was not in attendance. 2. MHSA Report Tracy Lacey was not in attendance.
VIII.	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Board There were no updates at this meeting. 2. Membership Ms. Brittany Jackson, Public Information Office, Vallejo Police Department. They are working on streamlining their communications, outreach community policing and crime reduction efforts. She looks forward to participating in Mental Health Advisory Board meetings. Officer Doughty, does crisis intervention training and outreach. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Marisol Lopez will forward the following meetings to Ms. Brittany Jackson so that she and Officer Doughty can participate going forward: LPS/PES series, 12/1/2020 MHSA Public Hearing meeting, and 2021 Mental Health Advisory Board meeting series. 3. Outreach and Education There were no updates at this meeting.
IX.	<p>BOARD DISCUSSION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michael Wright pleased with Laura's Law results and shared positive feedback about Crestwood facility. 2. Jules D. Hatchett seen community positive things occurring in the community, i.e. people attending programs, cleaner streets/homeless encampments due to homeless outreach efforts of Solano County employees and seen an increase of elderly members in the community. 3. Heather Theaux-Venezio has seen behavioral health increases throughout the local hospitals due of COVID19 pandemic. Pediatric Behavioral Health is growing. Working on how to at better serve Pediatric population and patient with behavioral health needs and positive COVID19 tests. 4. Denise Coleman asked about resource for students struggling with online distance learning/COVID19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Heather Theaux-Venezio suggested that she reach out to Tracy Lacey. 5. Monica Brown will ask Honorable Judge Healy, Solano County Superior Court, to speak at one of the Mental Health Advisory Board meetings.
X.	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm by Heather Theaux-Venezio.</p>
	<p>Introductions of members of the public that were present at the request of Ms. Theaux-Venezio: Cerrene Cervantes, New Executive Director, NAMI Solano County. Ms. Cervantes offered to speak at a future meeting.</p> <p>Mayra Montano, Behavioral Health, Mental Health Clinician, works in the Foster Care Treatment and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) units. Ms. Montano is also the Hispanic Outreach Latino Access Coordinator (HOLA) and Spanish translator. She has done several videos for Behavioral Health's Facebook page and partnered with Public Health to do outreach in the Latino community, specifically with impacts of COVID19.</p> <p>Yvonne Ezenwa, Behavioral Health Planning Analyst. Ms. Ezenwa will be helping Sandra Sinz, Behavioral Health Director on several data initiatives. She offered to help the Board with in-depth analysis requests and Behavioral Health procedures.</p>