

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
Behavioral Health Services Division



SOLANO
COUNTY

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT
(MHSA) ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING/
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

**December 1, 2020
TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 PM**

Virtual Meeting using Zoom – Details Below

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Mental Health Advisory Board Members:

Present: Supervisor Monica Brown, Heather Theaux-Venezio, Chair, Michael Wright, Denise Coleman, Jules D. Hatchett, and Rachelle Jackson.

Absent: Daniel Cotton

Behavioral Health Services Division:

Present:

Tracy Lacey, Sr. Mental Health Mgr.

Absent: Sandra Sinz, LCSW (Absent), Behavioral Health Director, Emery Cowan, BHS Administrator, and Leticia De La Cruz Salas, BHS Administrator

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) PUBLIC HEARING
DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

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| I. | MHSA PUBLIC HEARING CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Alyssum Maguire did roll call and the meeting was called to order by Supervisor Monica Brown at 4:07 pm. A quorum was attained. |
| II. | PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE AND GUIDELINES – Chair Supervisor Monica Brown explained MHSA Annual Public Hearing procedures. |
| III. | PRESENTATION: Solano County FY2020/2021 MHSA Annual Update & New MHSA Three-Year Plan FY2020/2023 – Tracy Lacey Ms. Lacey presented fiscal year 2020/2021 key outcomes from the MHSA Annual Update document and the new MHSA Three Year Plan for 2020-2023. Members of the public and the Mental Health Advisory Board members were given the opportunity to provide feedback on these documents and asked to specify if they wished for their comments to be recorded on both documents. The presentation is posted online. |
| IV. | PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments from the Public for the MHSA Annual Update and Three-Year Plan. |
| V. | BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS |

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| | <p>Comments below were presented by the Mental Health Advisory Board members as official public comments to be included in the official final Solano County FY2020/2021 MHSA Annual Update & New MHSA Three-Year Plan FY2020/2023 documents.</p> <p>1) Denise Coleman comment around decreased suicide rates. Thrilled that the suicide rate went down from last year and Ms. Coleman inquiry was curious if the numbers were lower for youth due to distance learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ms. Lacey said the Suicide Committee is tracking closely but is not sure why the numbers went down. Until recently, there were no minors who died by suicide. Generally, the predominance of suicides in Solano County (and nationally) are middle and older aged group. Recent increase in 19-29 year age range in this calendar year. Not entirely sure what the main factor is. <p>2) Denise Coleman comment about the CSU link of services rate. Ms. Coleman was wondering of the 90% clients that were linked to services at CSU discharge, how many existing clients were already in the link of service and linked back to the same service? For example, if the client is terminated from housing, becomes homeless, goes to the CSU, are the relinked to another housing service?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ms. Lacey said some of the link to services includes a combination of a treatment provider that they already have and some clients that are new to the service that were linked to our Access line who in turn linked them to the appropriate service. <p>3) Denise Coleman comment about the Peer Support Specialists that graduate from the training program. Ms. Coleman wants to know if Solano County can utilize Peer Support Specialists once they have completed the Peer Support Program as volunteers or interns so that they can practice their skills and gain employment, while helping individuals that need Peer Support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ms. Lacey said there is a need for Peer Support volunteers and does not see a reason why they should not volunteer. Stipend/gift cards were reduced in general because gift card can be perceived as payment and become an employer/employee situation. Cannot answer but will make effort to address in the documents. <p>4) Heather Theaux-Venezio comment about the Ms. Coleman's Peer Support recommendation above. Ms. Theaux-Venezio liked Ms. Coleman's idea about the Peer Support volunteering and gaining experience. She is open to the idea and helping Peer Support Specialists gain experience by coming in to the hospitals to interact with clients a few hours a day and interact with medical staff one on one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ms. Lacey will look into this. |
| VI. | <p>BOARD VOTES ON FOWARDING MHSA ANNUAL UPDATE AND THREE-YEAR PLAN TO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p> <p>Monica Brown motioned to approve submission of the MHSA Annual Update and MHSA Three Year Plan reports to the Board of Supervisors. The motion was properly moved by Heather Theaux-Venezio and seconded by Jules D. Hatchett. Alyssum Maguire did a roll call of the vote. The motion carried with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against.</p> |
| VII. | <p>CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING & ADJOURN</p> <p>The Public Hearing closed at 5:20 pm by Monica Brown.</p> |