



**APRIL 19, 2022**

**4:30 – 6:00 PM**

**MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**Mental Health Advisory Board Members Present:** Supervisor Monica Brown, Denise Coleman, Vice Chair, Daniel Cotton (late), Jules D. Hatchett, Rachele Jackson, Chair, Heather Theaux-Venezio (late) and Michael Wright.

**Behavioral Health Services Division Members Present:** Emery Cowan, Deputy Director Behavioral Health and Tracy Lacey, Senior Mental Health Manager. **Absent:** Leticia De La Cruz Salas, Behavioral Health Services Administrator and Kate Grammy, Behavioral Health Services Administrator.

**DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Rachele Jackson at 4:31 pm. A quorum was attained.

II. CONFIRMATION OF VIRTUAL DISCUSSION: Consider adopting a resolution of the Mental Health Advisory Board authorizing remote teleconference meetings for the period March 15, 2022 through April 15, 2022 as a result of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic state of emergency.

Rachell Jackson motioned approval to a adopt a resolution of the Mental Health Advisory Board authorizing remote teleconference meetings through May 19, 2022 as a result of the pandemic state of emergency. The motion was properly moved, seconded and passed with a unanimous vote of 4 in favor and 0 against.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

IV. APPROVAL OF APRIL 19, 2022 AGENDA

Rachele Jackson motioned to approve the April 19, 2022 Agenda. The motion was properly moved, seconded and passed with a unanimous vote of 4 in favor and 0 against.

V. APPROVAL OF MARCH 15, 2022 MINUTES

Rachele Jackson motioned to approve the February 15, 2022 Minutes. The motion was properly moved, seconded and passed with a unanimous vote of 4 in favor and 0 against.

VI. SCHEDULED CALENDAR

1 Routine Business

1) Laura's Law Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Referrals

Marisol Lopez provided updates and included in Director's Report below.

2) MH Related Legislation

Tracy Lacey provided a few legislation updates related to Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and mental health advisory boards.

3) LPS/PES Meeting Discussion

Heather Theaux-Venezio provided LPS/PES updates of discussions from the last meeting. Topics included suicide rates, CSU services, improvements in the 5150 process by Suisun City Police Department.

	<p>2 New Business</p> <p>1) California State Board of Pharmacy 355 Tuolumne Permit Update  Marie Fe-Tiongson provided the Mental Health Advisory Board members and the public with changes/updates related to California State Board of Pharmacy 355 Tuolumne Permit which are required by the State (DEA) when changes/updates occur, below are the items sought.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i . Updating the clinic permit name to Solano County H&amp;SS Vallejo Mental Health.</li> <li>ii Change Professional Director (remove Dr. King) and add Dr. Matyas as the acting medical Professional Director responsible for the clinic pharmacy permit compliance.</li> <li>iii Adding Marie-Fe Tiongson, in the role of Administrator of the clinic pharmacy permit, as additional support to the Professional Director.</li> </ul> <p>The Mental Health Advisory Board members agreed to the changes/updates provided above and did not have any concerns.</p>
VII.	<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS</p> <p>There were no items from the Public on matters listed on the Agenda.</p>
VIII.	<p>STAFF REPORTS</p> <p>1 Director's Report  Emery Cowan provided updates from the attached Director's Report.</p> <p>2 MHSA Report  Tracy Lacey provided updates on May is Mental Health Month (MMHM), multi-media campaign May is Mental Health Month (MMHM) Remix, school based mobile crisis expansion to Rio Vista.</p>
IX.	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Executive Board</li> <li>2 Membership</li> <li>3 Outreach and Education</li> </ul> <p>There were no Committee Report updates during this meeting.</p>
X.	<p>BOARD DISCUSSION</p> <p>Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) Members addressed mental health issues that affect our community.</p>
XI.	<p>ADJOURN</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm by Michael Wright.</p>

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# Memorandum

To: Local Mental Health Board, Solano County  
 From: Emery Cowan, LPCC, Interim BH Director  
 Date: April 19, 2022  
 RE: Monthly report of significant issues

**May MH Month BOS presentation-** on April 26<sup>th</sup>, BH and PH will do a joint presentation with distinct resolutions to honor MH Month and Maternal MH Week. PH will have a client share their story: Khristal Ponce, Mental Health Clinician will introduce the client, Ohomoime Okochi who goes by the name, Patience.

**BH Medical Director-** contingent offer out to possible candidate, pending LiveScan and credentialing process.

**Staffing retention and hiring problems continue-** as of 3/5/22, we are at a 14% vacancy rate, down from 19%, which is promising however our hard to fill positions (Clinician, specialist, nurse, psychiatry) continue to get an insufficient number of applicants in recruitments. We have submitted a recruitment/retention plan to administration and HR. This continues to have an impact on direct service work, timeliness, and other staff having to take on more cases. Contractors are also highly impacted (some at a 30+% vacancy rate) resulting less service capacity- most are asking for rate increases.

**HHAP-3 funding:** BH was awarded the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 3 funds with an initial in the amount of \$321,569.16 and its remainder disbursement in the amount of \$1,286,276.65 after the approval of the HHAP-3 application and full execution of the Remainder Disbursement Contract for Funds. The updated Homeless Strategic plan is being updated with the Cap Solano JPA and the final application is due back to the state by end of June 2022. The items must be agendized so there will be a report to the BOS on 6/18/22 on the goals and intended use of these funds for MH and homeless/housing services.

**Forensic Referrals for March 2022**

MARCH 2022 FORENSIC TRIAGE TEAM Referral Breakdown			
MH Diversion	MH Court	MH Services	AOT
10	2	6	1
<b>Total: 19</b>			