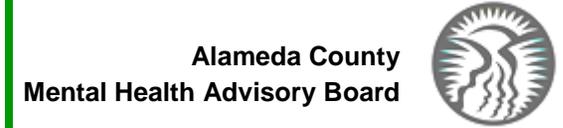




**Adult Committee APPROVED Minutes**  
**October 28, 2020 ◊ 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**  
**2000 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland, CA**  
**Eden Room**  
**Video Conference Meeting**



<b>Committee Members:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Marsha McInnis</b> ( <i>Chair, District 1</i> )
<b>ACBH Staff:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Jennifer Mullane</b> ( <i>Interim Adult Services Director</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Michael Kessler</b> ( <i>Clinical Program Specialist for the Older Adult Division</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Angelica Gums</b> ( <i>Administrative Liaison and Recording Secretary</i> )

Meeting called to order @ 12:00 PM by **Chair Marsha McInnis**.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
<b>Roll Call</b>	Roll Call completed.	
<b>Emergency Action</b>	None.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Tabled.	
<b>Correspondence</b>	None.	
<b>Chair's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marsha invited a legal advocacy group for disability rights to present at the next Adult Committee Meeting.</li> <li>She confirmed that we'll have a November meeting, but is unsure if we'll have a meeting for December.</li> </ul>	

**Director's Report**

Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) provided a departmental update on current operations.

**DHSA Pilot Program:**

- ACBH shared with the committee that they will be implementing a new pilot program (DHSA) that will divert individuals who spend long lengths of time in jail awaiting restoration of competency at Napa State Hospital. The program is voluntary and can be refused. It is intended to divert individuals arrested for committing a crime, after receiving a mental health evaluation, who meet the criteria for diversion laws AB 1810 and SB 215, which are part of penal code 1001.326, and specifically addresses low-level felonies, into treatment and have their charges dismissed or significantly reduced.

It does not allow participation from those who have committed murder or child sexual abuse. Individuals who are willing to abide by the treatment program based on an evaluation by a psychiatrist, risk assessment and the court can participate.

ACH is looking to divert 7 individuals each year over the next three years and is working closely with the District Attorney, Courts, and Justice Involved Mental Health (JIMH) taskforce Steering Committee. The pilot is projected to begin late November.

**Behavioral Health Court:**

- Behavioral Health Court has been an effective means of diverting individuals away from the criminal justice system.

To date, we have diverted 70 to 80 individuals away from the criminal justice system and into treatment. This number is somewhat low, due to COVID, however, at any given time, that number can matriculate upwards to 90 to 100 individuals.

Marsha would like regular department updates from Jennifer and Kate on existing programs.

There was a question regarding services for individuals experiencing dual diagnoses/co-occurring disorders; ACBH works closely with providers to administer mental health treatment and substance use services for those who need it.

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<b>Intensive Outpatient Program</b>	<p>Dr. Maurice Fried contacted the Mental Health Advisory Board Adult Committee to request a letter of support in keeping the Alameda Health System's (AHS) Intensive Outpatient Program open.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IOP program is operational within Highland and Fairmont hospitals and has been part of AHS since 1999. AHS has a long history of providing outstanding behavioral health care to people in the county experiencing severe mental illness (SMI).</li> <li>• The IOP program is intended to serve the Medicare population and be a “step down” from John George and a “step up” for people who need care. About 3000 individuals with SMIs are cared for through Highland and Fairmont hospitals, 200 to 300 individuals receive services through the IOP program. It has also been successful in diverting individuals away from jail and into treatment.</li> </ul> <p>The program is at jeopardy of being cut from the AHS budget to maintain current operations. Dr. Fried is requesting a letter from the Mental Health Advisory Board in support of keeping the program open to be sent to the Board of Supervisors (BOS).</p> <p>AHS is currently undergoing leadership changes with its Board. The BOS indicated that they will look at various scenarios around governance by March. Current Trustees will be in place until end of November.</p> <p>In the meantime, Dr. Fried is trying to garner as much support as possible to keep the IOP program open.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marsha said that she will communicate this need of support to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) affiliates, who support with advocacy efforts, and bring this information to the full MHAB Board.</li> <li>• Dr. Fried will send us the dates of the upcoming BOS meetings where they will speak at public comment. The Committee requested a fact sheet for people to speak from.</li> </ul>
<b>Reports</b>	<p>Beverly, who works for the Mental Health Association Alameda County requested that the Committee share her direct contact information with individuals who need services. Typically, she would travel to John George to share resources, but since COVID, she has been working remotely. Family Education Resource Center, Patient Rights, are all working remotely. They receive support by calling: 510-334-7721.</p>	
<b>Future Agenda Items</b>	<p>1) ACBH Adult and Older Adult System of Care Update</p>	

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	2) Presentation on Patients' Rights 3) DRC lawsuit for September	
<b>Committee Comment</b>	None.	
<b>Public Comment</b>	None.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Adjourned at 1:08 PM	

Minutes submitted by A. Gums