

**Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board FINAL Minutes**  
**June 10, 2019 ♦ 12:00pm-2:00pm**  
**The Redwood Conference Room, 1100 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro, CA. 94577**

Meeting called to order @ 12:10 PM by Chair Lee Davis.

**Roll Call/Introduction of Guests**

**Mental Health Board Members:**

**Present:** Chair Lee Davis, Loren Farrar, Brian Bloom, Juliet Leftwich

**Absent:** Ernest Hardmon

**Excused:** L.D. Louis, Marsha McInnis, Linda Ramus, Sheldon Koiles, Tamika Greenwood

**BHCS Staff:** Robin Eldridge, Carol Burton, James Wagner, Nathan Hobbs

**Public:** Alison Monroe, Whitney Moon, Taie Willis

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Roll Call / Introductions</b>	Roll call was taken. Introductions were made.	
<b>Emergency Action</b>	None.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	April and May minutes have not been approved because there is not a quorum. Will be reviewed during the next MHAB meeting.	
<b>Correspondence</b>		
<b>Action Items:</b>		
<b>BHCS Interim Director's Report</b>	<p><b>Carol Burton:</b> Acknowledged receipt of letter from MHAB to arrange a tour of the jail. Yvonne Jones will be coordinating with the jail. There will be an application and screening process prior to the tour. Possible dates are late July or early August. Tours are conducted during the business day.</p> <p>Re: retaining staff in BHCS: This is a challenge because of the pay scale that is in place and the employees are underpaid. There are other challenges as well. The Final Rule and the Network Adequacy requirements (federal and state) necessitate more documentation and certification of staff credentials. Providers must attest that they are providing culturally relevant services. We are trying to align with other counties that operate in the same manner. There are non-refundable penalties enforced if the requirements are not met, as well as legal ramifications if documents are signed by not authentic.</p> <p>The minimum wage will increase in 2020 to \$15.00 per hour.</p>	

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	<p>Position for Plan Administrator was interviewed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. An offer will be made to the Plan Administrator this week.</p> <p>County mayors are saying that the County is not doing enough to combat homelessness. However, the County allocated \$10M for services for homeless individuals with mental illness. A new regulation goes into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup> that reserve money can be moved into CSS and PEI. The mayors are requesting that some of this money go to homelessness.</p> <p>The question was asked about the possibility of the North County jail that is closing being converted into a psychiatric hospital. The department is looking at all of its options.</p>	
<b>Chair's Report and Discussion</b>	<p><b>Meeting:</b> There will not be a MHAB meeting in July.</p> <p><b>MHAB Meeting Dates:</b> It is proposed that the MHAB meeting be rescheduled from the 2nd Monday of each month to the 3rd Monday instead, or possibly later in the day. The Chair will make sure this is on the next meeting agenda. Elections will be rescheduled to August.</p> <p><b>Administrative:</b> Discussion regarding the MHAB website being upgraded. Carol stated that discussion can be had with the IS department. There is a new website in the making.</p> <p><b>Bylaws:</b> Marsha, Julie, and Loren have reviewed the bylaws. They would like to discuss the possibilities of reducing board membership number from 17 to 16 which would include 3 members per district, clarification of roles, and potentially increasing term limits.</p> <p><b>Agenda Packets:</b> Moving forward electronic copies of agenda packets will be emailed prior to meeting. Physical packets will be provided upon arrival of meeting.</p>	
<b>MHAB Committee Chairs' Reports</b>	<p>Subcommittee reports have been postponed until next meeting due to time constraints.</p>	
<b>Discussion Items</b>	<p><b>Interim County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator Nathan Hobbs</b> came in to give an overview of the drug and alcohol program and answer questions. It began about one year ago that was authorized by the State as a pilot-type program to pay for and enact services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries in a new way using Medi-Cal funds. It started on July 1, 2018 and will end on June 30, 2020, but may be reauthorized and extended. The program pays for drug and alcohol services that were not reimbursed in the past. It also transforms the program into a managed care plan. Benefits of this program include more treatment services covered by Medi-Cal, standardized assessment and patient placement criteria, increased coordination with other systems of care including physical/mental health care. Some of the goals are to improve client access to SUD services, improve overall health and wellness of SUD beneficiaries and provide well-trained, effective, sustainable SUD workforce. Additional goals include post-treatment abstinence and reductions in use, culturally responsive service design and delivery, and continuum of care and</p>	

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	recovery housing, which required outpatient treatment. Services are available for adults and adolescents.	
<b>Public Comments</b>	Alison Monroe expressed concern for obtaining licensed sub-acute beds and licensed, permanent support of housing.	

**Adjourned 1:40 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by S. Chanhthavong