

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

Meeting called to order @ 12 PM by Vice Chair L.D. Louis.

Roll Call/Introduction of Guests

Mental Health Board Members:

Present: Vice Chair L.D. Louis, Marsha McInnis, Tamika Greenwood, Linda Ramus, Juliet Leftwich

Absent:

Excused: Sheldon Koiles, Brian Bloom, Lee Davis, Loren Farrar

BHCS Staff: Carol Burton, James Wagner, Robin Eldridge, Shannon Chanhthavong

Public: Alison Monroe, Joe Rose

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Roll Call / Introductions	Roll call was taken. Introductions were made.	
Emergency Action	None.	
Approval of Minutes	June minutes have not been approved. Will review at next meeting.	
Correspondence		
Action Items:		
BHCS Interim Director's Report	<p>Carol Burton: Karyn Tribble will begin her new position as Director starting on September 23rd. They will be working together over the next few months to assist in Dr. Tribble's transition. Dr. Karyn Tribble has been with ACBH before and presently is working at AHS (Alameda Health Systems) and is responsible for overseeing John George.</p> <p>Carol will return to chairing the JIMH (Justice Involved Mental Health) Task Force, formerly called Committee to De-incarcerate Mentally Ill. She will continue to work alongside ACBHCS.</p> <p>Juliet had questions in regards to the idea of converting the downtown jail into a mental health facility or housing for the homeless. Carol stated some of the mayors will tour the jail and look at it as a possibility for homeless residency. Glen Dyer was not a good venue. No final decision has been made as this is still a possibility. There are some concerns about homeless individuals being in a jail. Carol and James visited two locations SF General and Santa Clara to see how they were being funded. All counties are not funded by County general funds like Alameda County. Right now, first choice for the facility will go to the mayors who will be responsible for renovation and/or compatibility.</p>	

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<p>Chair's Report and Discussion</p>	<p>Annual Banquet: Will be discussed during the Executive Committee meeting. The Board discussed scheduling options for the banquet because we are quite late into the year. Due to the amount of time needed for preparation, discussion was concerning the possibility of moving the banquet to the Spring of 2020. An ad hoc committee is suggested.</p> <p>Ad Hoc Committee: Did not meet over the summer. A phone conference took place in May to talk about annual report. No discussion in June and no meeting in July. Progress is being made towards the annual report. Will try to have a draft ready for review at next month's meeting. Q: Does the report go to the entire BOS or just to the Health Committee? A: The report thus far has only gone to the Health Committee, but this is a possibility, since it is a report to the entire BOS. Working towards letter format; input from Theresa Comstock as to the format of the report.</p> <p>Elections: It was recommended that the elections be tabled until the next meeting.</p> <p>New MHAB Meeting Date/Time: New proposed day and time is the 2nd Monday of each month from 2:30pm to 4:30pm although this does not work for everyone. Marsha McInnis suggested 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in order to better accommodate her schedule. James stated that 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. would be difficult for the administrative support staff as their services would end immediately at 5pm. It was suggested that this be put on the calendar for next month for a vote. Robin will check the room availability for the 2nd Monday from 2-5pm, or the 3rd Monday from 2-5pm in the meantime.</p> <p>ACBH Director Interviews: Participation on one of three panels came from the MHAB. Despite past concerns regarding the quality of interviewees, this was not the case this time. There was voluminous input from the Board.</p> <p>Bylaws: Marsha, Loren, and Juliet are part of the ad hoc committee and have reviewed the bylaws. 2/3 vote of the appointed Board members are needed for the approval of the bylaws. There are approximately 10 items that need to be addressed. It was recommended that a special meeting or retreat be held to discuss those items that fall outside of the regular agenda, including the bylaws, meeting times, possibilities of reducing the number of required board members, etc. The bylaws must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>CJC Task Force: The Diversion and Alternative Committee was chaired by L.D. The goal is to encourage law enforcement to be more compassionate toward the clients that are in the need of services, to respond in a more sophisticated fashion. Meetings are scheduled for future comment and planning. A more detailed report is anticipated by the end of October, 2019. Carol: This was not originally designed for the DA to be involved. The program is waiting for financial support to get it off the ground.</p>	

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<p>MHAB Committee Chairs' Reports</p>	<p>Children's Advisory Committee: Damon Eaves has been coming to the meetings to report on the SOC. There was an extensive presentation regarding children in the school system, to talk about determining what services are and are not provided through Behavioral Healthcare. Would like to see more parent navigation resources throughout the county.</p> <p>Criminal Justice Committee: Santa Rita has been high on the research list. Investigations are ongoing. Brian reported that the Fremont Police Department are disbanding their mobile evaluation team, and will not be able to attend meetings anymore. A speaker from Root & Rebound, an organization based out of Oakland made a presentation on the various services they are able to assist inmates with. CJC will be making recommendations to the BOS regarding dealing with specific mental health issues that are taking place in the jails.</p> <p>Santa Rita Jail Visit: Yvonne Jones is willing to assist in scheduling a tour of Santa Rita. Everyone present is interested in going on the tour. Hopefully the tour will be completed before the October meeting so that it can be discussed. The tentative date is September 23. Marsha stated that the last tour she took lasted approximately 4 hours.</p> <p>Adult: Report received from Kate Jones director of Older Adult Services about CMS demands the county operates as a managed care organization. BHCS would be like a network advocate collecting clinical data on persons using services. Crisis Residential Programs: The plan is that there will be one form for referrals and one database created concerning available beds. One goal is to reduce the number of 5150 holds in the County. Pathways to Wellness made a presentation as well. More information would be available to refer to when Adult subcommittee minutes are posted on website. Lorna Jones from Bonita House will be the guest at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>Discussion Items</p>	<p>Tracy Hazelton, Colette Winlock, and Amy Woloszyn from ACMHSA came in to discuss the new MHSA Outreach Campaign</p> <p>Came in to discuss phase 2 of their outreach campaign. Wanted opinions from the public as well as the members of the board on the new posters and images to be displayed around Alameda County.</p> <p>MHSA Meeting is at 2000 Embarcadero Cove on the 4th Friday of every month at 2:00p.m. Linda Ramos will represent the MHAB at this meeting.</p>	
<p>Public Comments</p>	<p>Alison Monroe from Alameda County Families Advocating for the Seriously Mentally Ill has some comments. It was recommended that Alison's items be placed on the agenda for October or November. She will be speaking on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Subacute Psychiatric Hospital Beds • More Licensed Permanent Supportive Housing for the Mentally Ill. 	

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	Joe Rose: Presentation on the Mentor on Discharge Program contract not renewed by Alameda Health System. This item was recommended to be placed on the agenda for input into the annual report.	

Adjourned 2:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted by S. Chanhthavong