



**Mental Health Advisory Board APPROVED Minutes**  
**Monday, November 16, 2020 ♦ 3:00pm-5:00pm**  
**2000 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland, CA**  
**Gail Steele Room**  
**Video Conference Meeting**



<b>MHAB Members:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Lee Davis</b> ( <i>Chair, District 5</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>L.D. Louis</b> ( <i>Vice Chair, District 4</i> ); <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Marcella Anthony</b> ( <i>District 1</i> ); <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Marsha McInnis</b> ( <i>District 1</i> ); <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tamika Greenwood</b> ( <i>District 2</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Linda Ramus</b> ( <i>District 2</i> ); <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Neil Penn</b> ( <i>District 2</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Loren Farrar</b> ( <i>District 3</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Ashlee Jemmott</b> ( <i>District 3</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Brian Bloom</b> ( <i>District 4</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Juliet Leftwich</b> ( <i>District 5</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Jessie C. Slafter</b> ( <i>District 5</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Vanessa Cedeño</b> ( <i>BOS Representative, District 3</i> )
<b>ACBH Staff:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Karyn Tribble</b> ( <i>ACBH Director</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>James Wagner</b> ( <i>ACBH Deputy Director</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Imo Momoh</b> ( <i>ACBH Deputy Director</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Kristin Boer</b> ( <i>Administrative Liaison</i> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Angelica Gums</b> ; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Asia Jenkins</b> ; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sarina Hill</b> ; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Nellie Bagalso</b>
<b>Unexcused Absences:</b>	<b>Marcella Anthony</b> ( <i>District 1</i> ); <b>Marsha McInnis</b> ( <i>District 1</i> ); <b>Neil Penn</b> ( <i>District 2</i> ); <b>Tamika Greenwood</b> ( <i>District 3</i> )

Meeting called to order @ 3:05 PM by **Vice Chair L.D. Louis**.

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<b>Roll Call / Introductions</b>	Roll Call completed.	
<b>Emergency Action</b>	None.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	October minutes approved.	
<b>Chair's Report</b>	<p><b>A. Ad Hoc Meeting – MHAB Regulatory Role</b>            In Dr. Tribble's presentation to the Board of Supervisors, she noted the MHAB would possibly have some role in collaboration with the JIMH Taskforce. There will be a planning meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm to discuss the MHAB regulatory role and collaboration with the JIMH Taskforce.</p> <p><b>B. Ad Hoc Meeting – Retreat Planning</b>            The MHAB will host the Annual Retreat in January 2021, and will need to do some planning for this event. The retreat will be virtual, and will need to do some research as to which meeting would work best. If members are interested in attending please send an e-mail to Lee.</p>	<p>A) Meeting invitation and details will be sent to member interested in attending. Lee, L.D., Juliet, Linda and Brian to attend meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm.</p>

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	<p><b>C. New MHAB Member Warren Cushman</b> Lee welcomed new MHAB member Warren Cushman to the Mental Health Advisory Board.</p>	
<p><b>Introduction by Warren Cushman</b></p>		
<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>	<p><b>A. Criminal Justice Committee</b> Last month's meeting in October was dedicated to discussing the presentation that was presented by Dr. Tribble at the BOS Retreat on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Many attendees of the CJC had listened in and made comments at the BOS Retreat. Time was spent discussing more of what kind of data is needed and wanted to make informed decisions about decreasing the number of serious mentally ill clients at Santa Rita Jail and in the criminal justice system. Julie drafted a letter with the data request to ACBH, that has gone out. It was suggested that at November's meeting we invite an industrial engineer to talk about data collection and how data can inform decision of the kind we're trying to make, and she will attend this month's meeting. Also, there was data request submitted on November 6<sup>th</sup> and asked that we receive it tomorrow, the day before the CJC meeting. All the data from the request will not be received by tomorrow, but will receive what's available and will have a presentation from Dr. Hall. He will be available to answer questions.</p> <p><b>B. Children's Advisory Committee</b> At last month's meeting time was spent on a deeper discussion from a presentation that was given by Jesse Slafter in July on dependent youth and their access to services through behavioral health. It was a really robust and interesting discussion, and hoping to do some follow-up work with the Children's System of Care on some of the gaps in services that were noted, and the limitations in terms of beds for young people who might be struggling with substance abuse. The next meeting which is this Friday, will be focused on Telehealth. The Committee has partnered Boldly Me and the Office of Family Empowerment. Tanya McCullum has invited a host of young people who have been trying to access services for the Oakland Unified School District. Also, Joe Rose of NAMI has been supporting the effort. The goal of the upcoming meeting is to hear from young people who have been trying to access services.</p> <p><b>C. Adult Committee</b></p>	

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	<p>In Member McInnis absence, Chair Davis reported that the Adult Committee is working with the Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) at Fairmount Hospital. The IOP has some concerns with being closed and has requested that the Adult Committee take a look at some of the issues around that, and has requested a letter of support in keeping the program open. Marsha will be bringing a letter of support to the main body for approval at a future meeting.</p> <p><b>D. MHSA Stakeholders Committee</b>  The last MHSA Stakeholders meeting on was on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The next meeting will be November 21st, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. At last month's meeting there were two presentations, from ACBH Prevention and Early Intervention Services and The Office of Family Empowerment. The Prevention and Early Intervention presentation was that services are moving to a help first instead of fail first strategy, usually when clients are seen in the system they're pretty far down the track and they want to educate clients earlier on the continuum in hopes that they don't decompensate to the lowest level. They talked about three core strategies: outreach and prevention, timely access, and non-stigmatizing and non-discriminatory engagement with clients. The goal is to reduce seven negative outcomes from untreated mental illness. They also discussed the program categories: prevention and early intervention, outreach, access and linkage, timely access, stigma and discrimination reduction and suicide prevention. They also discussed tracking, reporting and evaluation requirements. There is a PowerPoint that can be shared for those that are interested.</p> <p>The Office of Family Empowerment presentation was very interesting, and they presented about access issues for underserved populations and families and their efforts to shift to be more equitable and inclusive, so that family members are informed allied leaders in services and how they are hoping to develop services. There is also a PowerPoint that can be shared. There was also an update that there is going to be presentation to the Board of Supervisors on the plan, not sure of the date for the presentation. LD will inform the group when the date is announced.</p> <p><b>E. Quality Improvement Committee</b>  Last month's meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> was dedicated to discussing the Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) on the Substance Use Continuum</p>	

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	<p>of Care, specifically focusing on improving the percentage of people discharging from Cherry Hill who are connected outpatient treatment and the percentage of people that return to Cherry Hill within 30 days. The intervention that was being studied is the use of a recovery coach intervention, who connects clients with outpatient treatment. There was also a discussion on the impact of COVID on mental health services.</p> <p>At today's meeting, there was a discussion the Beneficiary Grievances and Appeals report from the last two years, looking at the number of grievances and appeals. In the past year, Alameda County has received 85 grievances and 5 appeals. Most of the grievances are quality of care, staff behavior concerns, medication concerns, treatment concerns, and cultural appropriateness. There was also a discussion on the Adult and Older Adult Outpatient level of care determination tool that will be improving access and ability to best match an adult and older adult to proper services. There was an update on Network Adequacy and Network Adequacy Standard certification requirements.</p>	
<p><b>Director's Report</b></p>	<p><b>A. COVID-19 Departmental Update</b>  Information relative to Alameda County and Purple tier status should have been received. The ACBH Exec Team and others within agency are involved in many meetings and calls relative to COVID-19. The data is not going in a good direction, so although we had moved to the Orange tier, the Governor's statements today at noon has moved counties back to where the data bears it should be. So, Alameda County is moving back to purple. You may have seen a communication from Health Care Services Agency regarding the Health Officer Orders that will start at 12:01am, November 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>B. Alameda Health System</b>  Some may be aware of the process for regulatory oversight and discussion regarding Alameda Health System. The Board of Trustees were directed to submit their letters of recommendations, and believe that has been accomplished. The Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Chan and Valle have been heading up the efforts with many different internal resources and agency leadership and consultation to determine what will be the outcome. We anticipate an update in March in terms as to potentially any different changes of oversight as it relates to Alameda Health System, and will share when the information is available.</p> <p><b>C. MHS 3-Year Plan</b></p>	

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	<p>The MHSA 3-year plan was submitted and reviewed at the Board of Supervisors' Health Committee. In previous years, we have been many months late, so I would personally like to thank Imo and Tracy for getting the department on track. Our goal is eventually to be way out ahead and advance of the start even more then we have already done Because of budget issues and because it was an intentional decision of our department, we did not follow the marker in terms of what the finances are showing, there will be decreases next year. It is projected on July 1<sup>s</sup>, 2022, there will be significant drop of about several millions. Because of this, we opted to stay firm, and we received a lot of commentary about new ideas, the department should or should have not taken. But is was a conscientious decision not to cut programs this year, especially with COVID and we have been uplifting our services provider and wanted to keep our continuity of care, knowing that there will be some challenges. A lot of the feedback has been incorporated into the planning by virtue of Innovations and Forensic.</p> <p><b>D. Data Notebook – Sarina Hill</b>  Sarina Hill gave an update on the status of the Data Notebook. The deadline to submit the Data Notebook is November 30<sup>th</sup>. Each section has been reviewed and staff leads have been identified for the responsible sections. The request has gone out to all the leads with a deadline of last Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Sarina reported that she has received back majority of the information needed to complete the Data Notebook. The only section outstanding is Homelessness, which consist of one question, information and response should be received by the end of the day today. The official in-house completion deadline is November 20<sup>th</sup>. for all information to be inputted in the Survey Monkey and submitted to the Board. Sarina will present the completed Notebook to the Board at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Sarina will present the completed Data Notebook to the Board at a future meeting.</p>
<p><b>MHAB Recommendations for Diversion – Update</b></p>	<p>Vice Chair Louis gave an update on the MHAB Recommendations for Diversion. There was an ad hoc committee that was formed some months ago comprised of Marcella Anthony, Brian Bloom, Juliet Leftwich, Lee Davis, and LD Louis. The committee met at least 1 -2 times per week, for an hour to two hours. The task included lots of research and outreach. The group compiled all of the minutes and comments that brought it all together and made the original draft of the letter, that was voted on with amendments from some of the MHAB members. Then came together and incorporated the comments from the board</p>	

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	<p>meeting and finalize the draft, which was shared with the Board. Lee created a petition and a video. We received over 550 signatures on the petition in support of the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The letter and petition were submitted to the Board of Supervisors. Various members also met with the Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>Also, some members of the Board had the opportunity to tour Glenn Dyer Jail as part of all of these recommendations.</p>	
<p><b>Plan to reduce Forensic Involvement with Behavioral Health Clients – Update</b></p>	<p>Dr. Tribble presented the plan to reduce Forensic Involvement with Behavioral Health Clients presentation that was presented to the Board of Supervisors. On May 12<sup>th</sup> the department was directed to create a plan to reduce the number of incarcerated individuals, countywide. There was a 3-tiered methodology: external stakeholders; extensive department-wide internal research planning and direct stakeholder engagement; and consultation. The consultant helped to highlight a lot of key areas. Dr. Tribble presented the emerging finds. The total FY budget is \$563 million. Dr. Tribble also presented the ACBH formal short, medium and long-term recommendations.</p> <p>Lee called attention to the slide regarding the MHAB being the regulatory oversight committee for the potential plan that has been put forward to the Board of Supervisors. That will be focus of the ad hoc committee, and will bring back to main board during the retreat to discuss</p>	
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p>Alison Monroe stated that she is so glad that Mental Health Advisory Board is perusing this, talking about beds, and getting data. We need to know what's happening with this very complicated system as people pass between jail, hospital, the streets and every other facility. If we have data we could look at that and make more sense at to what the system needs.</p> <p>John Lindsay-Poland would like to thank the Board and Dr. Tribble for the presentation, which Decarcerate Alameda County supports. The question for me for is what is the vision on of outcomes on which it is premised? The presentation includes these five principles that JIMH laid out, one of which is to have a concrete goal for the reduction in the number of people with serious mental illness in Santa Rita.</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Adjourned at 5:00 PM</p>	

Minutes submitted by A. Jenkins