

**Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board Minutes**  
**March 11, 2019 ♦ 12:00pm-2:00pm**  
**The Redwood Conference Room, 1100 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro, CA. 94577**

Meeting called to order 12:00pm by Chair Lee Davis.

**Roll Call/Introduction of Guests**

**Mental Health Board Members:**

**Present:** Alane Friedrich, Loren Farrar, Lee Davis, L.D. Louis, Linda Ramus, Sheldon Koiles, Juliet Leftwich, Marsha McInnis, Brian Bloom

**Absent:** Ernest Hardmon, Tamika Greenwood

**BHCS Staff:** Robin Eldridge, Carol Burton, James Wagner, Tracy Hazelton, Terri Kennedy

**Public:**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Roll Call / Introductions</b>	Roll call was taken. Introduction of guest and public.	
<b>Emergency Action</b>	None.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	February minutes approved w/ some changes.	
<b>Correspondence</b>	POCC events.	
<b>Action Items:</b>		
<b>BHCS Interim Director's Report</b>	<b>Carol Burton Director's Report:</b> Many of the initiatives are continuing. 18 month project to reorganize department is about half-way completed. The plan is to set up a managed care structure within a government organization. Colleen Chawla will speak to the Board regarding filling the position of Director on a permanent basis.	
<b>Chair's Report and Discussion</b>	<p><b>Strategic Planning Retreat</b>  Collaborating with other mental health boards. Connect with Berkeley and SF area.</p> <p><b>Data Notebook</b> due at the end of March. Annual Report is due in June.</p> <p>Executive Committee</p>	

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	<p>Executive Committee is suggested to meet immediately following the MHB meeting. Sub-committee chairs are required to participate in the Executive Committee meetings. Proposed and accepted. This will begin the second Monday in April. Also, it was suggested that the CALBHB/C training on Saturday 3/16 be attended.</p>	
<p><b>MHAB Committee Chairs' Reports</b></p>	<p><b>A. Children's Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>Lisa Carlisle has been appointed Division Director for Children and TAY. Lisa will try to get statistics to help understand why the suicide rates are higher in East County and South County.</p> <p>CAC meets 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 500 Davis Street, Creekside. 10:00 - 11:30 am</p> <p><b>B. Criminal Justice Committee</b></p> <p>Ellen Dunn, clinical manager of adult forensics behavior health in Santa Rita spoke to the committee and confirmed issues regarding treatment of inmates who are considered IOL – high risk for suicide. The question was raised as to why inmates weren't getting sent to John George. It's very expensive to send inmates to John George as it would require two deputies to accompany them full time. There is currently a lawsuit pending in regards to the wrongful/inhumane treatment of inmates. Another issue was brought up questioning how monies are being spent regarding mentally ill inmates – treat them in jail or treat them in the community. Monies are not encouraged to be spent in the jails to treat mentally ill inmates. The question was raised as to the suicide protocol for John George – do there have to be deputies that accompany the inmates?</p> <p>CJC meets last Wednesday of the month – 2000 Embarcadero – Alvarado Niles. 12:30 - 2:00 pm</p> <p><b>C. Adult Committee</b></p> <p>Starting over. There were 6 different providers, and Kate Jones gave a presentation that focused on Amber House and Sally's Place operated by La Familia. Transit vans are being investigated. Telepsychiatry is being used for med services. Plans for RV to assist inmates with mental health issues that are released late at night. Marsha's one concern: she heard from a contract provider that one of the psychiatrists at Fremont Hospital was assaulted while getting in his car after work. The provider claims that the client attacked him physically, and rammed his car while unconscious. Fremont Hospital allegedly is not taking any responsibility for the incident or taking any future preventive actions. Marsh encouraged as many as possible to attend the committee meetings.</p> <p>Adult Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 2000 Embarcadero – Brooklyn Basin – 12:00 - 2:00pm</p>	

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	<p><b>D. Quality Improvement Committee</b> Purpose is to review policies and approve them for BHC. Policies were reviewed and approved. Next meeting: screening (offsite meeting at the Lake). Policy revisions are on the website.</p> <p><b>E. MHSA Committee</b> Update on privacy security confidential state of client services records and information policy. Review policies for BHCS and approve them. Notice of adverse benefit determination discussed. Beneficiary grievances and appeals report. Compared from one quarter to next. There will be another meeting held offsite to provide additional training on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Policy revisions can be found on website. Available to public.</p>	
<b>Discussion Items</b>	<p><b>Mental Health Services Act Presentation by Tracy Hazelton</b> Presentation PowerPoint attached. She will return and discuss the various topics more specifically.</p>	
<b>Public Comments</b>	<p>Alison Monroe mentioned concerns regarding programs for adults w/ schizophrenia being overlooked. Used Santa Rita as an example. Feels like more services need to be available for youth and young adults.</p> <p>Joe Rose w/ NAMI: AB2022 states that all high schools in CA must inform parents and students of mental health services available. Would like to see the results of the monies spent.</p>	

**Adjourned 1:59 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by S. Chanhthavong