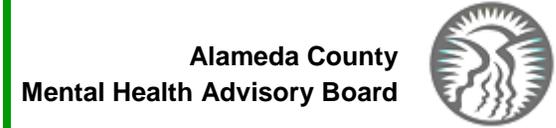




Adult Committee **APPROVED Minutes**
April 27, 2021 ♦ 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
2000 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland, CA
Eden Room
Video Conference Meeting



Committee Members:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marsha McInnis (<i>Chair, District 1</i>)
ACBH Staff:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kate Jones (<i>Adult and Older Adult System of Care Director</i>); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Mullane (<i>Adult and Older Adult System of Care Director</i>); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angelica Gums (<i>Administrative Liaison and Recording Secretary</i>); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asia Jenkins (<i>Administrative Liaison</i>)

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

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Roll Call	Roll Call completed.	
Emergency Action	None.	
Approval of Minutes	February minutes approved.	
Correspondence	None.	
Chair's Report	A. Chair McInnis yielded the Chair's Report to welcome presenters.	
Director's Report	<p>B. Kate Jones from Alameda County Behavioral Health, Adult and Older Adult System of Care, provided the Director's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Director Jones introduced Vanessa Baker, new Division Director of Older Adult Services. b. Ms. Baker worked for Social Services in Public Guardian's Office for 15 years, in Adult Protection and in the Mental Health Conservatorship Office. Mental Health is near and dear to her heart both personally and professionally. Looking forward to working with Older Adults and Housing Insecurity with the Board. c. Director Jones provided the Committee updates on vaccinations. They have had 3 vaccination pods at three of the clinics. They completed the certification process to become an official vaccination clinic. They have been going out to licensed board and care and room and boards facilities, through the living independent association, to conduct vaccinations. d. So far, they have vaccinated 350 individuals. They have also been going out to residential facilities throughout the County. They will continue to perform 	

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	<p>vaccinations and create mobile vaccine teams, considered one offs. Morten Baker is at a 95% vaccination rate. Villa has a 92% vaccination rate. ACBH has great partnerships.</p> <p>e. Ms. Baker will begin looking at the Older Adult System of Care and better ways to serve them.</p> <p>f. Director Jones provided an update on DSH pilot. This is the diversion program that we entered in 2 years ago. The partners include the DA’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, Courts, the Public Guardian’s Office and a host of Outpatient/Inpatient Providers.</p> <p>g. Penny Bernhisel has been leading this initiative, which will divert up to 8 individuals over the next three years away from Napa hospital to restoration of competency programs, where they will be served locally, with up to two years of treatment and have their felonies reduced or absolved. They successfully enrolled their first person. The client needed stabilization and was brought into Villa. They are working with God Loves Outreach Ministries in East County (GLOM). They had a previous contractual relationship with John George.</p> <p>h. We worked with them to do 30-45 placements of individuals looking to be engaged by our early intervention outreach teams. Our teams refer clients to GLOM when they end up in an acute facility, crisis stabilization program, or one of our crisis residential programs. They then have the opportunity to assist them in getting housing and engage with them because they have safe housing.</p> <p>i. GLOM is located in Livermore and really care about what they do. The facility allows clients to transition into longer term placement while team gets to know them. We hope to get this on the Board agenda in May to begin services.</p> <p>Question: How can we find more information about GLOM?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Director Jones will see if they have a website. They are an adult residential facility. Once ACBH’s contract is finalized with GLOM, they can begin the certification process of becoming an adult residential facility with ACBH. <p>Question: Is this a model program only offered in Livermore or is this a program being offered Countywide?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is a new service. They are doing it as part of a Services as Needed Contract in the Housing Vendor pool. East County doesn’t offer the level of programs that are available in other parts of the County. Oakland and San Leandro have Crisis residential programs. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was mentioned that Oakland has five more times the residents with mental illness than Livermore, with a significant larger homeless population. <p>Question: Is there a religious component to it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kate responded that this program does not prescribe to a particular religion. 	
<p>Discussion on Housing</p> <p>Kerry Abbot, Director, Homeless Care and Coordination, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency</p> <p>Margot Dashiell, East Bay Supportive Housing Collaborative</p> <p>Teresa Pasquini & Lauren Rettagliatta, "Housing the Heals"</p>	<p>C. Chair McInnis introduced our presenters.</p> <p>Kerry Abbot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kerry Abbot has been directing the Office of Homeless Care and Coordination since October of 2019. HCSA officially formed the Office in January 2020, then the pandemic hit. They worked with the State and Federal Government to bring on Room Key Hotels to assist over 4000 people in the last 13 months in to quarantine in isolation. Moreover, they moved 500 people from hotels into permanent housing, about roughly 66 percent. This is higher than average placement rates. b. The Office of Homeless Care and Coordination also participates in a coordinated entry system. They are working with access points throughout the County to connect clients to resources, including helping them with a Housing Plan, Prevention Services, etc. They have gone from 5 to 13 access points throughout the County. c. The Behavioral Health Housing Unit moved into the Office of Homeless Care and Coordination under HCSA. Housing Services Director, Jennette Rodriguez replaced the position of Robert Ratner. Jeanette supervises Supportive Housing Services and the Residential Care Services. d. Brought in several parts of Alameda County Care Connect to provide additional services. e. Involved in opening Tiny Home Navigation Center on the Fairmont Campus and Tiny Home Youth Navigation Center in Hayward. f. They are convening the County Department Head Roundtable and Operations Group on Homelessness policy and implementation and working on implementation plan for race, equity, and homeless system design. <p>Teresa and Lauren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. They went out on "Moms on a Mission" by touring various housing facilities throughout California. They didn't place judgement on housing, but were more so interested in how the housing supported clients with Serious Mental Illness. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> h. Theresa and Lauren explained why they were interested in this work, including having family members with lived experiences of a serious mental illness. i. Theresa and Lauren are former commissioners, MHSA Stakeholders, and have served on multiple executive teams. They traveled the state and nation talking about their story and seeking resources for people all along the continuum of Behavioral Health spectrum. j. Their focus is on those with serious mental illness. They saw the focus coming from the “No Place Like Home” initiative, which they opposed due to the redirection of MHSA dollars from the community and into a Housing Development Fund. k. One of things they discovered when on their tour is there is such a need for medical/therapeutic intervention. Clients need support from clinicians in addition to peers. l. Specialty Mental Health Clinics give a more serious level of care. m. Human Law Jam causes problems. It’s the reason why people are circling in and out of psychiatric facilities? <p>Margo Dashiell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Formed supportive housing collaborative about four years ago. She wanted to know what would be the best housing situation that would bring stabilities for families and allow them to grow? She wanted to bring forward the presence and value of families in the care of loved ones. They looked in depth at quality. What would be a quality place for people who leave an acute facility or subacute facility? Frequently people end up back on the street. They dump the medication as soon as they go. What would be a decent continuum of care? b. Health Researcher tied to UCSF conducted a cultural of inclusion project with the idea of working in community with others and having activities. They received a mental health services grant for 18 months to do in reach to go into a place and bring services. They went into a Single Residential Occupancy in Oakland. c. Margo read an article to the Committee to provide insight on what the services were like. The program paid people \$15 an hour to support 2 people with a project, which was getting mental health services to individuals. The project was not sustainable long term but really had an effect on the clients. <p>Board Member Warren Cushman – we need to reflect as a consumer how important these programs are and how committed we need to be for funding and services.</p> <p>Members did a round of remarks regarding Margo’s story.</p>	

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	<p>Question: What year was that?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Started planning in 2014 and ended in 2015. <p>Question: Who funded the project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The funding came from the Mental Health Services Act, innovation project. <p>Question: What is the biggest challenge to keeping these programs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The biggest challenge is that they tend to be programs that are wonderful ideas, but don't get incorporated as what is essential in our planning for permanent housing. - The people staying in the Room Key Hotels have been calling people once or twice a week just to connect with people during COVID. - They really aren't the type of barriers that should keep them from doing the services. <p>Question: Karry can you tell us more about the status of the land trust project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The land trust work is still being held within ACBH. If we bring on actual housing projects, then my office is likely to be involved in getting funding for the operations and contracting. They have been doing innovations in setting up the land trust. - The timeline consists of going through the bylaws and policy and then moving into focus group/outreach materials and stakeholders' meetings. - The plan is to file the state papers for it to become a non-profit this month. <p>The Committee is interested in expanding Board and Care facilities.</p> <p>Question: Oakland has built a lot of condos downtown recently and a lot of people are moving out of town or state because they can work remotely. Is the Department looking at outside the box thinking, through Cares Funding, for potential opportunities for housing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kerry responded that they have been working with private landlords on trying to secure those apartments one by one and moving people in through subsidies and ESG COVID money. - The state is going to have another round of funding for acquiring hotels and other buildings in the Summer. - Some partners have approached the Department saying they are interested in Home Key or selling to the County or City. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the first round of Home Key, they brought on 240 rooms that are hotels that they will convert to supportive permanent housing. These are people who are considered the highest priority. <p>Question: Has ACBH considered having housing for people where clinicians or students who are studying mental health or have clinical experience are able to provide treatment while receiving subsidized housing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, this is currently happening through various programs in the City. <p>Board member Allison Monroe provided a link in the chat about \$750 million dollars for unlocked mental health facilities from the State and if HCSA has considered using this funding to support Board and Care.</p> <p>HCSA has not considered this funding but it could be another resource.</p>	
Committee Comment	None	
Public Comment	None	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 2:00 PM	

Minutes submitted by A. Gums