

**MHAB Children's Advisory Committee (CAC) APPROVED Minutes**  
 May 28, 2021 ♦ 12:15pm – 1:45pm ♦ **Via GoTo Meeting Video Conferencing**

Meeting called to order @ 12:18p. by LD Louis Deputy District Attorney (Alameda County Mental Health Unit)

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>MHAB Members:</b>	✓	LD Louis, MHAB Chair, Deputy District Attorney (Alameda County Mental Health Unit), Vice Chair of Mental Health Advisory Board and Head of Mental Health Unit for the Alameda County District Attorney's Office District 4				
		✓	Joe Rose, President CEO of NAMI Alameda County South <b>NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness-ACS</b>	✓	Jessie Slafter, <b>East Bay Children's Law Attorneys</b> and <b>Member of Mental Health Advisory Board</b>	✓	Sarah Oddie, Policy Advisor <b>Supervisor Wilma Chan's Office</b>
		✓	Adriana Furuzawa, Director of <b>Early Psychosis Division, Felton Institute</b> (Family Services Agency of San Francisco)	✓	Lara Maxey, Director of External Affairs at <b>La Familia</b>	✓	Kristin Spitz, Executive Director <b>Boldly Me</b>
			Ricki Garcia, Parent Partner at <b>Fred Finch</b>				Teri Talauta <b>NAMI Alameda South Board of Directors</b>
		✓	Jackie Siefel, Clinical Supervisor at <b>Victor Community Support Services</b>				
	<b>BHCS Staff:</b>	✓	Angelica Gums, HR Liaison, <b>ACBH Office of the Director, Recording Secretary</b>	✓	Tanya McCullom, Program Specialist, <b>BHCS Office of Family Empowerment</b>	✓	Laphonsa Gibbs, Outpatient Services Division Director, <b>CYASOC, ACBH</b>
		✓	Asia Jenkins, <b>ACBH Office of the Director</b>	✓	Lisa Carlisle, Director <b>CYASOC, ACBH</b>		

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION / ACTION
<b>I. Roll Call</b>	A. LD Louis conducted roll call	
<b>II. Approval of Minutes</b>	A. March minutes are approved	
<b>III. Chair's Report by LD</b>  a. Juan Taizan, Forensics Director ACBH, lined up for July (please submit questions)  b. Bullet Points for Annual Report (MHAB CAC work for last year to 18 months)	L.D. has confirmed with Juan Taizan to talk about what has been going on with Juveniles. California Youth Authority will be closed and all those youth will be transferred back to local supervision. Juan is the head of the Forensic System of Care and L.D. hopes he will be able to speak to this issue.  In addition, one of the areas that she mentioned to Juan has to do with observation of the data of youth who were in our juvenile system of care, how do we understand the trends, and prevent youth under juvenile supervision from entering adult supervision. L.D. explained that she has youth who were on her caseload as juvenile are now on her caseload as an adult.  L.D. wants to pull together bullet points from the work they've done last year on telehealth system of care and how it has supported young people. The goal is to give a summary of the work they have been doing and give it to the Board of Supervisors. Committee Members should email L.D. high points from the last year to include as part of the Annual Report.	

<p>c. MHAB GENERAL MEETING UPDATE</p> <p><b>VI. DISCUSSION:</b></p> <p>A. Presentation: THPPS, OUT OF STATE &amp; ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENTS FOR YOUTH (Mia Buckner-Preston, M.A.   Division Director, Resource Family Approval, Placement &amp; ILP Support Services; Alameda County Department of Children &amp; Family Services)</p>	<p>Our program as split and we've had so many more meetings in between. One thing that they highlighted was the Department of Justice report. Talked about revolving door of clients receiving services at John George, the Jail, and other sub-acute facilities and that led into a deeper meeting that happened last Wednesday. Another meeting on this issue will be held at the Criminal Justice Committee next week.</p> <p>The Board had a discussion on the Cares first, Jails last resolution. There is a specific request in that resolution that the Mental Health Advisory provide monitoring and oversight of the resolution and the outcomes.</p> <p>Dr. Tribble provided her presentation regarding changes in the system, DOJ report, and the Care first, Jails last resolution.</p> <p>We are losing some of our members in various districts, so if you know of anyone or would like to join the Board, there is an opportunity.</p> <p><b>Mia Buckner-Preston presented on transitional housing plan for minors.</b> THPPS will cease as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. This is coming out of recommendations to the state, under the family first preventative services Act. The goal is to increase permanency for youth and eliminate any disparaging outcomes. Our County is no longer able to place in this placement option, which impacts our 16 and 17-year-old. There will be no foster care funding available. Instead, the state is looking at changing their placement focus. Now THPP must meet one of the four exceptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Identify as qualified residential treatment program</li> <li>2) Provide services to parenting or pregnant youth</li> <li>3) Continue their operations for non-minor dependents; or</li> <li>4) Provide services to commercially exploited youth</li> </ol> <p>For Alameda County, we see placement of our THPP provider as the beginning of March. The only young people able to stay are youth who are 18 on or before July.</p> <p>Some providers are choosing to work with parenting and pregnant youth and others are choosing to work with non-minor dependents.</p> <p>The Committee asked questions of Mia around alternative placement of youth from THPP to STRTP (Short Term Residential Treatment Program). The goal is six months but often our youth are staying longer.</p> <p>Mia explained how some of SSA's contracted providers are supporting youth through grants to maintain housing assistance.</p> <p>Director Lisa Carlisle provided system of care updates for ACBH. She introduced Laphonsa Gibbs, Outpatient Services Division Director for Child and Young Adult System, overseeing six County operated services, including clinical managers and subsequent staff. Also overseeing clinical interns.</p>	
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Behavioral Health is hosting youth vaccine pods for behavioral health clients and siblings in the home. They are hosting in three locations: Eastmont in Oakland, Eden Children Services in San Leandro, Tri-City Children's Clinic in Fremont.

Our Assistant Director Damon Eaves retired, and they will be recruiting for the position in July.

They are in the process of transitioning providers at Willow Rock facility. There was a competitive bidding process that occurred about 9 months ago. Will be transitioning Seneca out and bringing in STARS Behavioral Health Group, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mia Bruckner-Preston and Director Carlisle answered questions related to therapeutic foster care and intensive services foster care.

Any probation involved youth or child welfare youth recommended for out of home placement, there has to be a child and family team meeting. This is the origin of where the decision on placement comes from. There is a system in place but there is not as much awareness that therapeutic foster care exists.

Lisa explained that staff are assigned to IPRC and CFTs and are at the table for child welfare and probation when placement decisions are made.

All of the programs have different lengths of stay and a different set of criteria when coordinating with child welfare and probation.

L.D. would like to know how all the programs align and work together. Director Carlisle says that they are currently putting together a work flow on key processes. She plans on returning in July.

When people talk about prevention and early intervention, this is the population that if we do the good work they won't end up in adult forensic system. Having data on how many kids are affected, age, race, etc. and if there is justice-involved overlap.

Mia will work on the data request from her Unit. In terms of gaps and services, she will need to connect with the Division Director over the THPP program. To her knowledge, some of the youth have been transferred out of state. Normally, they do not place youth out of state.

Do we have in-place levels of care that are equivalent to out of state? Mia explained that they were not replaced by sixteen more facilities in-state. The equivalent is the short-term residential treatment programs. They would to ensure that youth are connected to the families and stay within the community.

We should be exploring as a group recommendation to our BOS about expanding some of our services to account for these changes.

<b>Public Comment on Items not on Agenda</b>	No public Comment	
<b>VI. Adjourn</b>	Meeting Adjourned 1:30 pm	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, June 25, 2021 at 12:15p via GoTo Meeting</b>	

Minutes submitted by Angelica Gums