



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



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

Meeting called to order @ 3:00 PM by **Chair Lee Davis**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
Roll Call / Introductions	Roll Call completed.	
Emergency Action	None.	
Approval of Minutes	November minutes approved.	
Chair's Report	<p>A. Retreat Follow-up/Update</p> <p>There is a plan to schedule an Ad hoc meeting to synthesize the information and feedback from the retreat, which will be brought back to the main board. Any MHAB members who are interested in joining the ad hoc committee can e-mail Chair Davis. The ad hoc committee will meet on a weekday after 4pm.</p> <p>Dr. Tribble mentioned at the last Executive Committee meeting that ACBH will be presenting to the Board Supervisor on the plan update for reducing the serious mental ill population at Santa Rita Jail. The date has not been schedule, yet. There is a possible opportunity to hear the presentation before it is presented to the BOS, at an ad hoc meeting or main board meeting. The presentation can also be made available to members who are unable to attend the scheduled meeting.</p>	

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	<p>Vanessa Cedeno wanted to thank the board for reviewing the presentation prior to being presentation to the BOS. The BOS appreciate the MHAB input on the plan.</p> <p>B. Annual Banquet – Fall 2021 The Annual Banquet has been postponed to Fall 2021. Generally, the banquet is held in May but due to the pandemic and difficulties trying to plan an in-person event. It was decided to host in the Fall. This will give an opportunity to see where things stand and have an in-person event, if possible.</p>	
Director’s Report	<p>A. Budget Update The ACBH department is on target to complete this year end on budget. This is great, given the challenges that were seen in the last year. The only challenged that was had was in meeting the budget proposed savings. The department was able \$2.5 million under the savings target.</p> <p>The department is currently working and preparing the next budget, next fiscal year, July 1st. Many have weighed in and given the department feedback as to what budgeting priorities should be taken.</p> <p>B. Forensic Planning Dr. Tribble is looking forward to giving the presentation in the next coming weeks. The department will be hiring an interim Director of Forensic and Re-entry Services. The department has committed to find resources to create this leadership executive role.</p> <p>C. Departmental Update The Board should have received a communication regarding the priorities and goals for the year. The focus will be alignment, communication and organizational structure. There are also true north star metrics to guide the department.</p>	
Intensive Outpatient Program Letter of Support	<p>Marsha McInnis has been working on a letter of support for the Intensive Outpatient Program at Fairmount Hospital.</p> <p>Member McInnis expressed appreciation for the staff the provides the services at Fairmount through the IOP and was very concerned about Alameda Health Services closing the program and transferring clients to wellness centers only. There was concern that the wellness center wasn’t the right service to give the structure that helps people who are have a more serious illness or need more</p>	Board voted and approved to send a revised letter to the Board of Supervisors and to the AHS Board of Trustee.

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	<p>recovery time and it has been proven that a more structure environment like the IOP program does keep people on track doing well and out of the hospital.</p> <p>The Adult Committee felt that this was worthwhile to focus on, and felt very strongly that it is important to maintain the IOP for people who are benefiting form it. The committee has spoken to the staff of the IOP and have also heard from Alameda Health Systems' leaders.</p> <p>The AHS Board is planning to decide in March 2021 about the program.</p> <p>Member Cedeno reported that at the last Board of Trustees meeting there was a report out that the trustees had been making progress on the IOP question. The consultant that are looking into this, and they are making sure they have all the data needed to make a good decision. They don't want to make a decision without having all the facts and data. Finance Committee will hear the findings and data from the consultant in April, and because they are still waiting for information there hasn't been a decision made.</p> <p>The BOS will not be making a decision regarding the IOP, but would appreciate receiving the letter. The letter should be addressed to the AHS Board of Trustees. Will send letter the BOS and Board of Trustees.</p> <p>Lucy commented that the Board of Trustees would need to receive the letter as soon as possible. They are currently working on creating wellness centers that have some elements of the IOP, and some elements would not be included.</p>	
<p>MHAB Bylaws</p>	<p>There was ad hoc committee that discussed the bylaw. Member Leftwich is representing the group and created a memo to make some modifications to the bylaws.</p> <p>The board had become aware the bylaws need to be updated a few years back. The ad hoc committee drafted a set of recommendations, that was sent to the board. There has been some revision to the recommendation based on changes in state law and some advice by county counsel. There are nine recommendations. The memo outlines and provide context and rational, but not the actual language. If the board moves forward with the recommendations, then the actual language will be presented to the board and incorporated into the bylaws.</p> <p>Julie presented each recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce the number of board members from 17 to 16 	<p>Board voted and approved to write the recommendations into the bylaws.</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Amend the provisions regarding the composition of the board to reflect state law requirements and be less prescriptive about occupational representation on the board 3. Add the state law consumer exception to the prohibition on board members who are employed by mental health services agencies 4. Reduce term limits for board members from 12 years to 9 years 5. Eliminate the office of secretary 6. Delete the requirement that committees develop annual work plans that are to be reviewed by the full board 7. Add provisions stating that standing committees shall include at least 2 board members 8. Clarify the role of committees 9. Clarify the circumstances under which a board member may be removed from the MHAB 	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>A. Criminal Justice Committee The Criminal Justice Committee now meets the third Wednesday of the month, 4:30 – 6pm. The focus at the January meeting was on the Safe Landing Project, and will continue the discussion at the upcoming February meeting. The Safe Landing Project is a new project that started November. The program is housed at the Santa Rita Jail. Upon being discharged from Santa Rita Jail this is a place where someone could go to link up to many different services. The discussion at the January meeting was prompted by the Bridging Group Firm that is monitoring the progress of the program. They created a PowerPoint with data. The committee discussed the data and there were a lot of questions raised from the data. So, there will be a follow-up discussion at tomorrow's committee meeting with Katie Kramer.</p> <p>B. Children's Advisory Committee In Vice Chair Louis' absence, Jessie Slafter reported that the committee will be discussing the 2021 plan, and will be discussion the presentation that was presented by Jessie Slafter about youth that are their own advocates, youth that don't necessarily have parents or caregivers to advocate for them. Vice Chair Louis has been working with Damon Eaves, Assistant Director of CYASOC on different types of remote services and how COVID is impacting services. She is hoping to get more information about forensic children's services.</p>	

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	<p>C. Adult Committee The Adult Committee invited Kate Jones, Director of Adult/Older Adult Services presented some updates to the committee. Kate reported that now primary physicians can now prescribed methadone or methadone maintenance for persons addicted to opioids. Also, telemedicine is becoming an advantage and the patients are more willing to participate. Kate also reported that a new metric will be required of any provider on how many patients have a primary care physician. At the next meeting, John George staff will be attending to give a presentation.</p> <p>D. MHA Stakeholders Committee No report.</p> <p>E. Quality Improvement Committee There was a discussion regarding the Cultural Competency Plan Update, the Mental Health Non-Clinical PIP and the provider problem resolution process. Jessie will attend next month's meeting.</p>	
LEAD Summit	Sally Zinman, Mary Hogden, Gordon Reed, Andrea Wagner and Pam Miles presented information about the upcoming LEAD Summit on February 24 th & 25 th and theme findings from the LEAD project listening sessions.	
Public Comment	<p>Alison Monroe wished her family member was well enough to be represented by a peer organization. She sometimes hears about peers and their activities, and she says she would like a job as a peer counselor.</p> <p>Joe Rose would like to request if possible the recordings of meetings posted on the website, so the public can access if they are unable to attend. He was happy to hear the presentation by Dr. Tribble on the goals and priorities of the department, and happy to see the Mental Health Board is also creating goals.</p>	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 5:00 PM	

Minutes submitted by A. Jenkins