



Mental Health Advisory Board APPROVED Minutes
Monday, March 15, 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 checked="" 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"/> Cicley Winston (<i>District 2</i>);; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warren Cushman (<i>District 3</i>); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loren Farrar (<i>District 3</i>); <input type="checkbox"/> Ashlee Jemmott (<i>District 3</i>); <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Bloom (<i>District 4</i>); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessie C. Slafter (<i>District 4</i>); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anh Thu Bui (<i>District 5</i>); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juliet Leftwich (<i>District 5</i>); <input 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"/> James Wagner (<i>Deputy Director, Clinical Operations</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 2</i>); <input type="checkbox"/> Ashlee Jemmott (<i>District 3</i>);

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

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Roll Call / Introductions	Roll Call completed.	
Emergency Action	None.	
Approval of Minutes	February minutes approved with amendment.	
Chair's Report	<p>A. Welcome New Members Chair Lee Davis introduced new member, Dr. Bui and Cicley Winston to the Mental Health Advisory Board.</p> <p>Dr. Anh Thu Bui and Cicley Winston briefly introduced themselves.</p> <p>Chair Davis would like to host a virtual meet and greet in May 2021.</p> <p>B. Intensive Outpatient Programs Letter of Support/Response The meeting packet included the Letter of Support that was sent to AHS Board and Alameda County Board of Supervisors. The MHAB did received a response from Dr. Bhuket, and the Board of Trustee will take the letter of support under advisement. There was some feedback provided at the last meeting, and Chair Davis took the feedback and made some minor modifications to the letter with assistance from</p>	

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	<p>Member Leftwich and included a report with some of the demographic information about the program.</p> <p>C. JIMH Taskforce Chair Davis has reached out to Carol Burton and would like the MHAB and JIMH to coordinate and work together as the JIMH Taskforce could help sync the monitoring work that will be done by MHAB.</p> <p>D. Retreat Update – Ad Hoc Committee Vice Chair L.D. Louis gave a report on MHAB retreat and ad hoc committee. The focus of this year’s retreat was to develop a monitoring framework. The work of the retreat was inspired by some changes that the Alameda County Behavioral Health Care (ACBH) is making to the forensic service programming and the presentation presented by Dr. Tribble to the Board of Supervisors’ on October 27, 2020. Consultants were made available by ACBH to assist with the retreat and the monitoring framework, and also follow-up work as the MHAB starts to drill down in the into the nuts and bolts of what the framework would actually look like. The ad hoc committee met to discuss the framework, and made some excellent progress. The consultants started to synthesize the framework into forms with key questions and categories of interest, both to MHAB and community members who provided a great deal of feedback along the path of the work.</p> <p>At the next meeting ad hoc committee, the hope is to have a final product with the hopes of presenting a draft framework to the full board in April.</p> <p>We anticipate that the monitoring framework will be applicable in a number of contexts, and not just the forensic mental health but in other parts of healthcare and behavioral health care system that the board is tasked with reviewing, providing feedback and advice to the Board of Supervisors.</p>	
Director’s Report	<p>A. Budget Update The Behavioral Health Care budget is in very solid place, both for funding and anticipated decreases at the state level. MHSAs funding is stable, also. After July 1st, we are still anticipating a significant reduction. The biggest challenge is the ability for flexible spending. ACBH is working with the County Administrators Office on the normal budgeting</p>	

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	<p>processes, and over the next few months the department will be hearing feedback on the current budget.</p> <p>B. COVID-19 There was some information sent to the board by ACBH from California Department of Public Health (CDPH). There has been strong advocacy by many BH Directors and stakeholders for elevated awareness for individuals with SMI to be prioritized on the vaccination list. The SMI population will now be eligible for vaccination. As of today, hopefully there will be a striking difference in the way vaccination rollouts will be administered in not just the county but across the state.</p> <p>C. Forensic Services Director ACBH has hired provisionally the Forensic Director of Re-Entry Services. This position is for the entire system, and will be an executive member of the ACBH Leadership Team. They will be connected to the work being done in the jail, at JJC, probation and anywhere a person is interacting with the forensic system across the age span.</p> <p>Juan Taizan, who has been with the department since 2017 and has been the Juvenile Justice Division Director, overseeing Juvenile Hall services, and working closely with Child Welfare and Probation has been appointed as the provisional Forensic Diversion and Re-Entry Services Director.</p> <p>This new position was created out of the new positions the Board of Supervisors approved in May 2020. Historically, the children’s forensic services were in the Children’s SOC and the adult forensic services in the Adult SOC and some were at Santa Rita. This is the first time the department is consolidating across the age spectrum, for all forensic services both in custody and outpatient. Juan will start next week, and his initial focus will be in Santa Rita Jail.</p> <p>Dr. Tribble will be asking Juan and James to present at a later meeting to discuss the teams and care coordination.</p> <p>Member Leftwich asked if there is any sense of when the department will permanently hire for this position.</p> <p>There is anticipation to hire permanently by Fall 2021.</p>	

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<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>A. Criminal Justice Committee At the last meeting, there was a presentation by Katie Kramer from the Bridging Group regarding the preliminary data related to the Safe Landing Project at Santa Rita Jail. This month's meeting there will be a presentation from Dr. Lorenza Hall regarding ACBH's response to the data request that was submitted in November regarding the SMI individuals at Santa Rita Jail.</p> <p>B. Children's Advisory Committee At the last Children's Advisory Committee meeting the committee circled back to some work that was started in late Summer and Fall of 2020. With the help of Member Slafter the committee looked at gaps in services for children who are in the dependency system of care. The committee also looked at the substance use disorder services. There were some presentations and the committee wanted to see if there were some recommendations that could be made, and this was the focus of the last meeting. The committee is very interested and excited to look more into Therapeutic Intensive Foster Care placements. This is coming online for the system of care, where foster parents will have specialized training and be able to better support the young people that are placed in their homes. The committee is hoping to learn more as this could assist in one of the gaps that was observed and discussed in the group, in terms of having more intensive housing options for young people who are experiencing mental health issues and need additional support. There was some concern because of a lack of services options sometimes in the case of insured families. Families who are struggling in different ways, will turn their children over to the dependency system, hoping for placement opportunities that provide more supportive services. The committee discussed the value of therapeutic foster care options and access to recreation and hobbies for dependence and simplifying access. There is a lot of red tape and paperwork that has to be done for young people to be able to access activities that might help with their stress and anxiety. Another issue that was discussed at length as an area of concern and follow-up, is the Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP) programs, which are hybrid group homes for 16-year old's, that are being de-licensed, so there is some concern about what type of placements will occur, because the loss of this placement option.</p> <p>In the coming months, the committee would like to follow-up with Nathan Hobbs to discuss the SOC and Substance use services for young people,</p>	

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	<p>and whether those services are being impacted by budget cuts of any kind.</p> <p>Chair Davis asked Is there a specific set of things that a licensed facility provides that would not otherwise be provided?</p> <p>California de-licensed all out of state placements for all youth placed through probation or child welfare. There was a cover story in San Francisco Chronicle. It highlighted some of the issues that happened in our state facilities. With any blanket rule that's applied across the board, there are a lot of youth, that are at out of state facilities that wanted to be there and are benefitting from being there, that are having to be brought back. California doesn't have this sort of specialty type placements for a particular population of youth, so than they're left to return to their home county and not have services in place.</p> <p>THPP was a housing for 16 to 18-year old's, a hybrid program where they'd be living in an apartment with on-site case management with a case manager and therapy. At the federal level they didn't think these programs were showing the successes they wanted to see. So, the funding for these placements are not being provided.</p> <p>C. Adult Committee At last month's Adult Committee, during the Director's Report there was mention of the Diversion Program at Napa State, with a goal of 30% reduction. We were joined by Terry Daughtry, Behavioral Health Support Services Manager and Gloria, Social Work Supervisor from John George. They were invited to attend the monthly meeting, and both have agreed to attend. There was some very good data presented. There has been a major change at the hospital due to COVID. In PES, pre-COVID there could be a census of 40 to 75 patients, but since COVID there is only 25 max. If someone test positive, they are sent to Highland Hospital for treatment.</p> <p>At next month's meeting, we would like to have someone talk and present on the African American Wellness Hub, and will be reaching out to the person to make a request. Also, at a future meeting would like to hear about Housing Services for BH clients.</p> <p>E. MHSA Stakeholders Committee</p>	

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	<p>The MHSA Stakeholders meets the 4th Friday of every month from 2-4pm. The MHSA team has been hosting some additional community input sessions surrounding the topics where there was a sense more input was desirable. There's a TAY focus group, which Vice Chair LD Louis invited committee members to that's taking place, March 16th at 7pm. There was a focus group for Veteran's held on March 10th and CIT and Law Enforcement group held on March 10th also. Marianna Daley, MHSA Stakeholder Coordinator would like to present to the MHAB at the May main board meeting to present the One-year MHSA Plan.</p> <p>Dr. Tribble added that MHSA Three-year Plan was presented and approved by the Board of Supervisors. Some of the feedback that was received in the stakeholder process will be used to create some innovation programs, and she will be working with program leaders to make some program enhancements in the coming months.</p> <p>F. Quality Improvement Committee At the last QIC meeting held on February 22, 2021, Member Slafter reported the two major discussions was a continued COVID-19 impact on different types of services and the COVID-19 impacts on substance use services. There was an 18% decrease in clients and 11% decrease in visits after COVID. The was comparing 2019 data to 2020. By modality, all types of services decreased except for recovery support services. There also a discussion regarding the release of information for substance use services. There is a mental health provider to mental health provider exception, that therapist can talk to other therapist that are working with the same client, that doesn't apply to substance use services. There's need to be release for any kind of contact between substance use provider and any other part of the team. There are three different kinds of releases that may be used; for insurance purposes, treatment and care coordination, and emergency contacts, physical health provider, housing, etc. They are working on consistency and formatting and making sure that all providers which forms to use and when.</p>	
<p>Data Notebook Follow-up</p>	<p>Vice Chair Louis reported the MHAB received answers to the data notebook questions that was shared with the board and the data notebook was sent to the state. However, there were questions from the chat, the community and from board members, that were lifted up and Sarina from ACBH followed-up with ACBH to answer the questions, which those questions and answers were attached to the agenda. Wanted to bring back to the full board since this was discussed at an Executive Committee meeting. Kate Jones form ACBH</p>	

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	presented and provided context to the responses, and wanted to make sure the full board saw in case there was a question asked by a member or community member that they saw the response.	
Forensic Plan Update	Dr. Tribble presented the Forensic Plan Update. Dr. Tribble mentioned that the Forensic Plan Update will probably go to the Board of Supervisor in May during Board of Supervisors Retreat. The presentation will be sent to MHAB members.	
Public Comment	<p>Carol Patterson just learned that Alameda County will be implementing SB 82, Peer Support Specialist Certification, and is really excited about that and really hopes this will mean more peer support specialist jobs and better pay. She also hopes peer support specialist will also be involved in crisis services, since they are usually more in outreach and engagement, but think crisis can also be helpful. It is really important that people with lived experience, their family members and family partners all have peers to talk and work out the difficulties of living and getting by. It is particularly important at times when we're isolating like we are in COVID.</p> <p>Alison Monroe would like to see an expansion of the hospital beds. The idea of moving a lot of people from Napa, will put a strain on a stock that is already strained, and with the ideas of moving people out of Santa Rita. Glad the county is looking at Glenn Dyer Jail. She also shared that her family member has received a lot of help from peers at Villa Fairmount and other places. It obvious the system is going to need more hospital beds and places with licenses for the seriously mental ill to live.</p>	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 5:00 PM	

Minutes submitted by A. Jenkins