



Mental Health Advisory Board APPROVED Minutes
Monday, April 19, 2021 ♦ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tamika Greenwood (<i>District 2</i>); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Ramus (<i>District 2</i>) <input 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 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"/> Anh Thu Bui (<i>District 5</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"/> 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 ; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dainty Castro (<i>Administrative Liaison</i>)
Unexcused Absences:	

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	March minutes approved.	
Chair's Report	<p>A. Website Update ACBH is currently working on their public website, and there will be a major overhaul of the department's website and the MHAB webpage. Chair Lee Davis requested a headshot and a very brief bio from each member. Chair Davis will send out an e-mail with the information and where members can send the headshot and bio.</p> <p>B. Business Cards Business cards were sent and each member should have received their package. If you're a new member and haven't received them, please reach out Angelica, Asia or Dainty and request business cards.</p>	
Director's Report	<p>A. MHAB Liaison Introduction Dr. Tribble introduced Dainty Castro, who will be serving as the MHAB Liaison.</p>	

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	<p>B. Division Director Update ACBH has hired and filled many of the vacant Division Director position, some announcements have gone out. James Wagner is leading the efforts to fill and the Access Division Director position; for our outpatient admission and referrals.</p> <p>ACBH has hired Juan Taizan, as the new Forensic Diversion and Re-Entry Services Director, in an interim appointment. As he becomes more acclimated to how things are occurring in the system, you will be seeing him and being more and more in this space of the work that the board has identified as priorities in the forensic world. His role is to oversee all of the department’s forensic services, in the JJC, jail, outpatient or probation.</p> <p>ACBH is in the final stages of hiring the Health Equity Officer for the department; this is a new position. The department is very close to making a final decision and making a public announcement. Dr. Tribble would like to appreciate Member Brian Bloom who was able to sit on the final interview panel. Hopefully, the department will be able to make an announcement in the coming weeks.</p> <p>C. Department Operations There was a request communication by Member Leftwich on a presentation or information on Mental Health 101. A presentation that might help people better understand the population served, the work of the department and clinical information in terms of the experiences people have. ACBH has created a webinar that can be used as refresher course for current members, or for those that are onboarding. Hope to make this available to everyone in the near future.</p> <p>D. Care First, Jails Last Resolution There is a pending resolution adopting the “Care First, Jails Last” policy in Alameda County. There’s discussion around establishing a committee that will be countywide. The department is supporting the transition from the current existing structure of the JIMH committee, and now the board is moving to really help take ownership and build accountability with and for department; making sure that the department follows the plan, implements the plan and moves forward.</p> <p>The resolution will be heard on May 10, 2021 at the BOS Health Committee meeting.</p>	

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	<p>The resolution is still in draft form, county leaders and others will be taking a look at it. However, this is driven by the community, really advocating for and reaching out to the Board of Supervisors, who also support the need to formally recognize the work.</p> <p>There's a lot of discussion and recommendations around a group, and these conversations are happening across the department, county and legal. A lot of folks are engaging this and it seems very positive. The board will be finalizing and determining how they would like to move forward.</p> <p>Chair Davis clarified this is an asked to the Board of Supervisors for another Brown Act body; that will consist of 25 different constituents from different parts of the population that would help move some of this work forward. Lee thinks it would be very helpful to for the Board to read what the resolution says, and what the demographics are to get a great sense of what it is Dr. Tribble is speaking to.</p> <p>Dr. Tribble mentioned it's the departments goal that it goes beyond just behavioral health, because it won't be just work of the department, but it really has to happen at a county wide commitment level, departmental level, and in tandem with community work.</p> <p>The final resolution will be shared with the board, once finalized.</p> <p>Member Leftwich asked, "Is it the concept that the Board of Supervisors will appoint the community members?"</p> <p>Dr. Tribble stated that there are couple of ideas being explored. The BOS could actively appointment member. The county is now pivoting where other departments are involved, and it could be that once those departments within the county are selected and the group is contained there may be voting opportunity to bring in with required seats sanctioned and approved by the board. But not sure what will be the final selection process.</p> <p>E. Budget The department recognizes that there is a lot of need right now, and many MHAB members have been very active and have reached out the department around the budget. Presumably, if the department receives the expected funding from the state, the department will be in a good position to enable the department to reach operational targets, but not</p>	

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	<p>the savings target. The department won't know until May how solid the budget is.</p> <p>Alameda County is slated to \$327 million that has been pushed out through the state and the CARES Act funding. The full allocation will not go to Alameda County Behavioral Health. The money has not been received by the county, yet. The payment is slated to come in two transactions; first in May and the second in December. Also, will be disbursed over 3 years. The CAO will be discussed at the county level how the money will be allocated back to the various departments.</p> <p>There have been lots of discussion with community partners and they're very clear and we support them as well. We would love to make sure that there's no cuts ever.</p> <p>There's going to be an opportunity to hear much more transparently about where the department is and what that looks like.</p> <p>Member Farrar appreciated the update and the challenge with regard to funding and revenue and your savings goals. There have been a number of community providers received letters already about right sizing their budgets, and asked if Dr. Tribble could you speak to that. And are those communication ones the department is hoping to not implement?</p> <p>Dr. Tribble state that every year, the county goes through the maintenance of effort and essentially, particularly, for general fund or those county-based allocations or whether it's taxes or whether it's the state appropriating a certain amount. The county has given a goal to every department to reach, and usually it's called the maintenance of effort, because the goal is to make it so that the department doesn't rely so much on county funds. The recommendations are a number, whatever that is, to reduce how much we spend. The departments strategy was to do rightsizing and to avoid cutting programs. The department looked at how they spent their dollars over three years. Some programs voluntarily, surrender or want to end programs. The Finance team and operations connected with some of the providers to transition, to see if another provider could be identified to come in and do that work.</p>	

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<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>A. Criminal Justice Committee</p> <p>At the last month's meeting, there was a presentation by Dr. Lorenza Hall. He presented the data in response to the board's data request in November, about the seriously mentally ill individuals at Santa Rita Jail. One of the issues that came up is that there is not a mutually agreed upon definition of seriously mentally ill. In the request that was propounded, the committee proposed a definition that was based on diagnoses. But the response was much broader than that, and included a range of services, including marriage and family counseling included, in the, that's provided in the community. We are realizing it really a threshold issues for the board, because we're going to be monitoring efforts as directed by the Board of Supervisors to reduce the population of the seriously mentally ill individuals at Santa Rita Jail.</p> <p>The committee is not going to be able to determine if the programs that are proposed are there that are effective if we are not in agreement about what it even means, if someone is seriously mentally ill. So, the Criminal Justice Committee meeting on Wednesday will focus on this issue, and Dr. Aaron Chapman, Medical Director/Chief Medical Officer will be presenting. Hoping he will be able to provide some good insight. There are different approaches, but do need to all be on the same page.</p> <p>Hoping for next month's meeting to have Juan Taizan, Interim Forensic and Re-entry Services Director come and speak to the committee.</p> <p>B. Children's Advisory Committee</p> <p>At the next Children's Advisory Committee meeting on Friday, Lisa Carlisle, Child and Young Adult System of Care Director will be attending the meeting to give a report of the Children's System of Care. The committee develop a few questions at the last meeting. One the main questions is how if in any way the budget cuts that have been described earlier by Dr. Tribble will impact the provision of certain services for the Children's System of Care.</p> <p>The committee has the benefit of Damon Eaves attending the Children's Advisory meeting, but he is retiring.</p> <p>At last month's meeting, there was a lot of follow-up on some presentations on the dependency system, which was guided by MHAB member Jessie Slafter. It raised some interesting concerns about youth and young people in the juvenile justice system and dependency system. The group agreed to invite Juan Taizan to talk specifically about the Juvenile Justice System. Hoping to for him to attend the meeting in July</p>	

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	<p>to talk with the committee about what’s happening with the young people in at Juvenile Hall, or who are in contact with the juvenile justice system and what types of services they are receiving and a presentation.</p> <p>C. Adult Committee The Adult Committee in March was canceled. There will be a committee meeting on April 27th, with a discussion around housing. Member McInnis has invited some experts, which includes Kerry Abbott, Housing Director who now oversees the housing programs that were once in Behavioral Health Care. Also, invited were Lauren Rettagliatta and Teresa Pasquini, who traveled the whole state looking at a variety of different kinds of housing and put out an excellent report “Housing that Heals” on housing. Marsha is happy to send the report to anyone interested. Also, Margot Dashiell was invited from the Housing Collaborative.</p> <p>D. MHSA Stakeholders Committee The public comment period for the MHSA 1-year Plan opened on April 17, 2021, and will be open until May 17, 2021. The MHSA team will be coming the MHAB meeting next month to present the plan. Vice Chair Louis would like to encourage members to start reading it now.</p> <p>They MHSA team hosted a number of stakeholder meetings. There was a forensic meeting that brought law enforcement participants to talk about services.</p> <p>The funding is a big deal for the county, for the services and your feedback is one of the important things that you can provide on the MHSA plan. Please share the link and information to anyone you think who may be interested.</p> <p>The last MHSA stakeholder’s meeting was on March 26th, there are a presentation from the IHOT Team. Daniel Ku came out to present. He mentioned that even though a referral may be sent today, it takes about an average of seven days for them to actually receive it. So, there is a challenge in them having a very hard time in contacting indigent or transient individuals that are being referred to them by police agencies. They have had great results with folks who are housed, or in a place that that can be easily located, that then the team is getting out and following up, but not so great with the transient contact that might be one that the criminal justice or public safety folks might be having more contacts with.</p>	

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	<p>There was a total of 316 total referral over the last year, and 47 of those referrals coming from law enforcement. Their largest referral source is family members, and for the model seems great because that would mean they have a better chance at contacting the person, because families can help to locate the person.</p> <p>Some of the major challenges is getting that transient or indigent population into the assisted outpatient treatment program, because it's very difficult to find them, follow up with them, engage them, and to do that work.</p> <p>The team is doing a lot of great work, and this was very interesting presentation last month. There is a PowerPoint that is available.</p> <p>E. Quality Improvement Committee At the last QIC meeting, there was a presentation on Unusual Occurrences, which is in any event unrelated to a client's prognosis that may cause physical or psychological harm to client or someone else. That can be witnessed by staff are important to others and has been reported in the last 12 months to report on the last couple of years of unusual incidents. They noted some of the limitations which are that there's really a small sample size, so they're not often reported. And some times there are multiple unusual occurrences for one client, and not all categories are well reported.</p> <p>The PowerPoint included a series of graphs breaking down, the different unusual occurrences by a death, not a death, by race, ethnicity, age, suicide, and some other factors and recommendations.</p>	
Fiscal & Contracting Update	<p>Rickie Lopez provided a budget update and a high-level overview of the department's budget reduction target and strategies. She also shared the budget reduction's framework and methodology.</p> <p>Presentation attached.</p>	
ACBH Program Monitoring Structure Presentation	<p>Dr. Roberta Chambers and Kira Gunther presented the Evaluation and Monitoring Framework.</p> <p>Presentation attached.</p>	

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Public Comment	Alison Monroe asked, "what can the county do to make sure we get the waiver to the IMD exclusion for serious mental illness as soon as possible?" If there were such a thing as a waiver to the IMD exclusion in Medicare for serious mental illness then we could get reimbursement for Medicare for some stays in like Villa, John George and Gladman. I'm confused about what the state is doing to pursue that and what the county can do to help if anybody here knows.	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 5:00 PM	

Minutes submitted by A. Jenkins