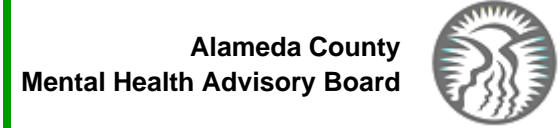




Mental Health Advisory Board APPROVED Minutes
Monday, September 19, 2022 ♦ 3:00pm-5:00pm



**Meeting Conducted Exclusively through Video
Conference Meeting**

MHAB Members:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lee Davis (<i>Chair, District 5</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thu Quach (<i>District 2</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Ashlee Jemmott (<i>District 3</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L.D. Louis (<i>Vice Chair, District 4</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Quinones (<i>District 2</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Bloom (<i>District 4</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Aboud (<i>District 1</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warren Cushman (<i>District 3</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Anh Thu Bui (<i>District 5</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Land (<i>District 1</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loren Farrar (<i>District 3</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juliet Leftwich (<i>District 5</i>)
ACBH Staff:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Karyn Tribble (<i>ACBH Director</i>); <input type="checkbox"/> James Wagner ; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asia Jenkins ; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dainty Castro (<i>Administrative Liaison</i>);
Unexcused Absences:	.

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

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Roll Call / Introductions	Roll Call completed.	
Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes were approved unanimously. Julie Leftwich's and Loren Farrar's absences were not Unexcused for last meeting, due to prior notice. Otherwise, the minutes were adopted and approved, with two abstentions (Julie and Warren).</p> <p>Dr. Tribble was asked to update the Board regarding virtual or in-person meetings. California has not changed their status/policy regarding in-person meetings. Therefore, due to the global pandemic (COVID 19), the MHAB has been meeting virtually, and due to California remaining in a state of emergency, it is recommended that the MHAB meetings continue to be held virtually. Terry suggested that when we are able to return to in-person meetings, the hybrid option remain in place. Warren stated that if and when the in-person meeting allowance returns, he will have transportation and be able to attend in person. A vote was taken relative to the current practice of meeting virtually. The issue unanimously passed. MHAB meetings will remain in emergency status due to the pandemic, and they will continue to use the virtual platform for the October meeting.</p>	We will meet virtually again next month (October).
Chair's Report	There will be a presentation made to the Board of Supervisors' Joint Health and Public Protection Committee on October 24, 2022. This will be reporting on the ad hoc jail data, and submission of the annual report. Information will be forthcoming regarding virtual	

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	<p>participation. A special meeting to address this matter is scheduled for September 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., if necessary.</p> <p>MHAB will have their annual banquet in May, 2023, tentatively set for May 11, 2023.</p> <p>A site walk has been planned for John George Hospital, with some additional investigation regarding the entire facility. Chair Davis asked for interested members of the Board that would like to participate. Interested individuals include: Julie Leftwich, Warren Cushman, Thu Quach, L.D. Davis, Grant Quinones, Brian Bloom, and Terry Land. Vice-Chair stated that the entire Board may participate in the site visit under the Brown Act. However, discussion cannot take place during the visit. Discussion will have to take place during the regular MHAB meeting. Dr. Tribble also stated that it would be beneficial for the MHAB to coordinate the visit with Alameda Health Systems and the CAO so that the visit and any post-meetings would go smoothly.</p>	
<p>Director's Report</p>	<p>BHCIP: Dr. Tribble produced a PowerPoint presentation regarding BHCIP. The presentation included information defining BHCIP, and the CCE program (Community Care Expansion). Round 3 has been funded, and includes three awards: Telecare for Forensic Crisis Residential Treatment; La Familia for Crisis Stabilization Units; and La Familia for Transitional Age Youth Residential and Outpatient Program. Greater Beginnings was also submitted. We are currently planning for Round 4 (Child & Youth Programs), and have submitted projects. We are looking at Crisis Stabilization for youth ages 6 – 11, and expanding Willow Rock to add 6 beds to serve additional youth under age 18. Our commitment to funding is obligated for 30 years. There will be over 200 beds yielded from the CCE.</p> <p>CARE Courts: governor Newsom recently signed SB 1338. This allows funding for various infrastructures. We are not one of the pilot counties for CARE Courts. 7 counties were able to negotiate funding for the pilot program.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>1) Will there be a stakeholder process that will assist the County in getting individuals from the criminal justice system to mental health beds? Yes, the clinical operation side will be addressing this. The requirements for crisis residential are not the same, and should be an easier process.</p> <p>2) Were there actually 10 submissions by the County (Slide 3) and only 3 were funded? Does each round have a theme for submission? No. Each organization submitted their own application. There were actually 7 submissions, and 3 were funded. The themes are established by the State, and those that were not funded are encouraged to re-apply.</p>	

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<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>A. Criminal Justice Committee: The last meeting took place before the MHAB main meeting, and the report was given at that meeting. This month’s meeting will focus on the 8 collaborative courts in Alameda County. Future planning is yet to be determined.</p> <p>B. Children’s Advisory Committee: CAC is still on hiatus until further notice.</p> <p>C. Adult Committee: There is a rollout of the 988 theme in September. Stephanie Lewis has been invited to cover the County response, and there will also be a State representative to discuss the State response. In October, we are looking to discuss planning a site visit to John George in November. We would also like to address the workforce crisis, as there is incredible demand for mental health workers. Afterward, the Committee would like to work through the process of the Executive Committee, and have a follow-up meeting with the main Board. We are also considering not meeting in November and December in order to plan for the next year, and coming up with some strong recommendations, including plans for the retreat.</p> <p>D. MHSA Stakeholders Committee: The last meeting was cancelled. They are in the process of working on a steering committee for the 3-year plan. Two (2) MHAB members will be joining this committee. These meetings have started. The next 3 years are in the process of being planned.</p> <p>E. Quality Improvement Committee: Currently vacant. Looking for someone to undertake this committee.</p> <p>F. Data Ad Hoc Committee: Information regarding this committee will be included in the presentation that will be delivered to the BOS.</p> <p>Legislative Ad Hoc Committee: In the last meeting on August 22 there was a presentation given by Eileen Ng, Alameda County Policy Director, and Jessica Blackmore, Policy Analyst. They shared the areas of collaboration that would be beneficial in sharing thoughts on legislation. We are looking at the information being shared with the entire Board.</p> <p>Care First, Jails Last Task Force Update: Brian Bloom reported that the task force is open to the public, and anyone can attend. The meeting takes place on the 4th Thursday of each month from 1:00pm – 2:30pm. At the next meeting, we will look at additional data. Wendy Still will make a presentation from the Reimagining Justice Committee, focusing primarily on the jail population. Brian and L.D. will also be participating with the Berkeley Mental Health Commission on September 22, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. to discuss behavioral health</p>	

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	and drug courts, along with discussion surrounding the CARE courts. It will be a virtual meeting.	
Discussion Items	<p>Annual Report: The Executive Committee met and agreed unanimously that the report is reflective of the work product of the MHAB over the past year. The meeting was open to Board discussion concerning the report.</p> <p>Thu was concerned that the language of the recommendation on the fully funding of the Forensics plan might take away from other entities.</p> <p>Brian stated that the recommendation should be to encourage the BOS to make the financial commitment to fund the plan, and not cut any funding for programs.</p> <p>General discussion continued, including the Needs Assessment, particularly emphasizing the needs, prioritizing the funding, the times of service, and incarceration and follow-up care.</p> <p>Thu suggested that some language should be included in such a way so that one group is not cannibalized for another.</p> <p>L.D. suggested that a proposition of a specific change to add a word to a place that all would agree to. It would be in place in order to make any changes.</p> <p>Julie stated that some specific changes need to be made. Specifically, in the second paragraph of Recommendation No. 1, the bracketed language “including but not limited to” should not be included.</p> <p>L.D. suggested that a final, comprehensive statement at the top of Page 3 that would say something similar to: “This letter includes recommendations designed to improve services while not diminishing existing programming.”</p> <p>After additional discussion, a motion was made to change and/or add particular language to allow the presentation to be made in a more favorable manner while still emphasizing the need for the funding. Brian will rewrite the changes.</p> <p>It was suggested that Brian articulate the two areas of edit, specifically on page 3 - the paragraph that begins with “The COVID pandemic...” . Also, edits will take place on page 5, after Recommendation 1, beginning with “An overarching concern...”. Brian consented.</p> <p>L.D. made a motion that the annual report be adopted with the aforementioned revisions being made by Brian. An addendum to the motion was made to the motion that the MHAB would allow the report to be submitted based solely on the changes that Brian will make. The motion passed with a 9-0 vote.</p>	Brian will make the discussed and agreed-upon edits to the report and submit it on behalf of the MHAB.

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	L.D. stated that the Board members can be present during the presentations to the Joint Committee and Public Protection Committees. It was also recommended that the MHAB members advocate the report to their respective County supervisor in anticipation of the October 24, 2022 meeting.	
Public Comment	Public Comment was provided.	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 5:09 p.m.	The planned special meeting for next Monday is cancelled.