



Mental Health Advisory Board APPROVED Minutes
Monday, April 10, 2023 | 3:00pm-5:00pm



Alameda County
Mental Health Advisory Board

Meeting Conducted In-Person and through Video/Telephone Conference

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

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM by **Interim Chair Brian Bloom**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
Roll Call / Introductions	Roll Call completed. New MHAB Member Abigail West was introduced.	
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and approved.	
Interim Chair's Report	<p><u>SB43</u> No action to be taken at this time. It was memorialized that the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee would be utilized to analyze any and all Senate Bills moving forward.</p> <p><u>Modernizing California's Behavioral Health System</u> No action to be taken at this time. The Modernizing California's Behavioral Health System is a bond measure to raise monies and re-evaluate MHSA. 30% of MHSA would be used for housing, 35% for FSPs and the balance would be used for flexible spending.</p> <p><u>Glenn Dyer Update</u> There was a formal presentation at the Board of Supervisors (BOS). There has not been much progress to revitalize the property, but instead a total reconstruction may take place.</p>	

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	<p><u>MHAB Recruitment Flyer</u> The final draft of the flyer was reviewed, and the flyer was approved and adopted. The flyer will be posted on the MHAB website. Also, it will be sent to the District Supervisor for additional distribution.</p> <p><u>Meeting to Discuss MHSA</u> A virtual ad hoc meeting has been tentatively set for April 27, 2023 in order to participate in the MHSA public comment period that ends on April 30, 2023.</p> <p><u>John George Hospital Tour</u> The tour has been scheduled for May 1, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. If more than four MHAB members would like to participate, a second tour can be scheduled at a later date by contacting Member Leftwich.</p>	
<p>ACBH Director's Report</p>	<p><u>ACBH Departmental Update to BOS Health Committee</u> Due to technical difficulties, the ACBH Departmental Update was not presented at the recent BOS meeting and will be placed back on the BOS agenda scheduled for April 24, 2023. This meeting will also include information regarding 5150 hold changes.</p> <p><u>Mental Health Services Act</u> There are planned changes for the MHSA. These changes will coincide with some of the other legislative changes that are happening. It appears that the State is planning a more integrative approach which includes housing, etc. Tracy Hazelton will elaborate on this subject during her presentation on MHSA.</p> <p><u>LPS Act Changes</u> There are two major changes that may have impact: (1) individuals with substance use disorders; and (2) allows a connection to the greater grave disability, including hospitals to be in a position to make a more assertive diagnosis of the disability. However, funding still will not allow for locked facilities.</p> <p><u>ACBH Staff Update</u> A new ACBH division has been created, Quality Improvement & Data Analytics Division, and the position is held by Chet Valentino as the Director. The primary function of this unit is data analysis and quality improvement.</p> <p>ACBH is also looking to fill the vacancy of Interim WET Manager and Plan Administration Director and will be working to find a permanent WET Manager in the near future. There is an Interim Plan Administrator currently occupying this position.</p>	

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<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p><u>Adult Committee & MHSa Stakeholders Committee</u> Matthew Madaus, Executive Director of Behavioral Health Collaborative of Alameda County presented to the committee regarding workforce and CalAIM. One bill that would be highlighted is SB921, BBS workarounds, paperwork reduction, and workforce legislation.</p> <p><u>Criminal Justice Committee</u> Did not meet this month. Next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2023. Juan Taizan, ACBH Forensic, Diversion and Re-entry Services Director will be a presentation at this meeting.</p> <p><u>Care First, Jails Last Taskforce</u> The Taskforce meets every last Thursdays of each month and will continue to discuss and the intercepts and finalize recommendations.</p> <p><u>Mental Health Services Act Liaison</u> The last meeting included a presentation on the African American Wellness Hub. While there was general support for the concept, there were serious concerns from the participants in the stakeholder group, including lack of a well-defined program in place before procuring a building, clarity on the type of services available (referral service vs. on-site service), clarity on what the overall Hub program is, and no plan for therapists or psychologists on site. There are community listening sessions planned for April so that questions may be asked and more information will be made available. Tracy Hazelton, MHSa Director, made a brief presentation during this meeting as time permitted.</p>	
<p>Discussion Items</p> <p>MHSa Information Session and Three-Year Plan Update Presentation</p>	<p>MHSa Director, Tracy Hazelton, provided the presentation highlights below:</p> <p><u>Review of MHSa Principles, Components, Regulations</u> The five principles currently in the MHSa are: Community Collaboration, Cultural Competence, Wellness Focus: Recovery and Resilience, Client and Family Driven Mental Health Services and Integrated Service Experience</p> <p><u>ACBH Departmental Strategies (True North Metrics – What We Are Aiming For)</u> Quality, Investment in Excellence, Accountability & Fiscal Sustainability and Outcome Driven Goals (Alignment, Communication & Organizational Structure)</p> <p><u>Highlights from the Community Program Planning Process (CPPP)</u></p>	

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	<p>Counties conduct a CPPP every 3 years. This includes listening sessions, surveys and community input. The main target audience is individuals with severe mental illness, family members and representatives from unserved or underserved populations.</p> <p><u>Full Service Partnership Outcomes</u> The Program Impact is determined by the Increase in Stable Housing, the Reduction in Incarceration Events and the Reduction in Acute Crisis Days. It was suggested that this topic be revisited for further discussion.</p> <p><u>FY 23/24 Budget</u> Some of the proposed Programmatic Changes include, but are not limited to New Transition Age Youth (TAY) Forensic Focused Full Service Partnership, capacity building grants to address the workforce crisis/CalAIM implementation, Residency/Internships-ACBH-Stanford Public Psychiatry Training Partnership, New PEI/WET blended program for the African American community, and Expansion of Asian American & Pacific Islander Older Adult treatment program with the City of Fremont. The estimated budget for FY 23/24 is \$246.65M. Estimated projected expenditures are \$176.27M, with a potential surplus for carryover of approximately \$70M.</p> <p><u>FY 22/23 Program Changes</u> MHSA Plan Changes may include Community Input, Input from HCSA/ACBH/BOS, MHSA Stakeholder Group, External Factors/vents, Funding Availability, True North Metrics and MHSA Core Principles. This information is shared with ACBH Leadership and final decisions are made on how to move forward with any new or expansion programming.</p> <p><u>Modernizing our Behavioral Health System: MHSA Changes</u> Governor Newsom has proposed a 2024 ballot initiative to improve how California targets mental illness, substance abuse, and homelessness. This initiative will cover: 1) A General Obligation Bond to build state-of-the-art mental health treatment residential settings in the community to house Californians with mental illness and substance use disorders and to create housing for homeless veterans; 2) Modernize the Mental Health Services Act; and 3) Increase Accountability and Fiscal Transparency of all funding streams.</p> <p>All comments are requested to be submitted in writing to www.ACMHSA.org.</p> <p><u>Prevention and Early Intervention</u></p>	

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	<p>This portion provided insight and guidance as to what the PEI program should focus on. PEI is utilized to reach out to communities that may never be recognized or seen in the system. The goal is to include the 7 negative outcomes of the program and how the program is aligning to these outcomes in the program.</p> <p>In response to the question regarding if PEI will be totally lost, there is a possibility that the PEI program may be eliminated altogether.</p> <p>Concern was expressed regarding what will be done in the 3-year plan as it relates to needs assessment, and how do we ensure with the workforce shortage that we are investing in every team member to make it happen. Dr. Tribble responded that work reciprocation and training is already ongoing. Also, peer certification is planning to be used so that an entire workforce will be able to be utilized in a maximum way.</p>	
Public Comment	Public comment provided.	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 5:17 PM	