

May 19, 2015



**SOLANO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes for Meeting of**  
**May 19, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Espinosa opened the meeting of the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) at 4:30pm. Due to the lack of a quorum present at 4:30pm, the Board opened the meeting with a Program Presentation.

**PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

The Board received the following presentation:

- 1) Solano County Older Adult Prevention & Early Access Program for Seniors (PEAS) by Tracee Stacy and Sara Pryor of Area Agency on Aging (AAA)/(PEAS). Handouts provided included brochures, referral and evaluation forms. A question and answer session followed the presentation, including the following:
  - a) Where are the clients that are under 60 referred? Caminar, Aldea, Crisis Stabilization Unit, and Eligibility; or connect them to services such as VA and/or Substance Abuse.
  - b) Is there a similar agency/counter part of this program in Sacramento? The Area Agency on Aging website will have that information: <http://www.n4a.org/ecsearch.asp>
  - c) Do transportation services include reduced bus and taxi fare or actual rides; and does that include going to appointments or also to pharmacy and shopping? AAA/PEAS will outsource and work with programs that provide transportation.
  - d) Are services completely free and/or do you take clients with private insurance as well as clients on Medicare? The only service that is billed from this program is for therapy; therefore, Medicare/Medi-Cal/and private insurance can be billed for therapy.
  - e) Are all the support activities in Vacaville? No, the services are throughout the County.
  - f) Tracee Stacy asked for the Board and public to complete the distributed evaluation form.

**I. CALL TO ORDER (continued)**

Chair Espinosa called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Roll call confirmed a quorum.

MEMBERS           Tiffany Banks  
PRESENT:           Lori Espinosa  
                      Angela Faulkner  
                      Supervisor Erin Hannigan  
                      Esmeralda Liberato  
                      Melanie Norris  
                      Pamela Reyes

MEMBERS           Lis Delatorre  
ABSENT:            Barbara Pisching-Wright  
                      Alan Werblin

**II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1) Mr. Eugene Korte asked for the clarification of the acronym PEAS – Prevention & Early Access Program for Seniors; and why is it so hard to get Psychiatrist to practice in Solano County. Halsey Simmons stated

that salaries are not competitive with the Bay Area but he is working with County Human Resources to enhance recruitment practices.

- 2) Soren Perry stated interest in peer counseling and will meet with Halsey Simmons after the meeting.

### III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Erin Hannigan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 21, 2015 and May 5, 2015; seconded by Angela Faulkner.

Discussion: Ms. Faulkner commented that the minutes were missing the context of a public comment in relation to the Crisis Stabilization Unit and asked in terms of the minutes, do we not do this to preserve the privacy of the person delivering the comment. Supervisor Hannigan stated the minutes reflect the business of the board based on the agenda and not necessarily based on the comments. If a comment becomes the business of the board, then it could become an agenda item and be reflected in the minutes.

None; Vote 7/0/0

Motion Approved by unanimous vote

### IV. PROGRAM PRESENTATION

The Board received the following presentation:

- 1) Creating a Climate of Wellness for Returning Veterans – Life After Active Duty For Our Veterans by Jeffrey Jewell, Director/Counselor at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Concord Vet Center. Brochures and promotional materials distributed. A question and answer session followed the presentation, including:
  - a) Vietnam Veterans come to AAA for services that have no disability or pension; can they receive Veterans medical care? Medical and Benefit systems vary; contact the Director of Veterans Services in Solano County for clarification.
  - b) Counselors are available in Solano County. The office in Concord can provide information at 925-680-4526.
  - c) How does the VA connect Veterans that are discharging out of other areas of the Country and who are unaware of local services? There is a mentoring system for people who are processing out called the Transition Assistance Program (TAP)

### V. DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### ***Behavioral Health Program Report:***

**Halsey Simmons**, Behavioral Health Director, provided an update on Local, State and Federal Mental Health Services to include updates regarding:

- Psychiatry recruitment.
- Behavioral Health Division recruiting process for vacant Administrator position.
- The State budget just came out and there is no impact on Behavioral Health specifically, but may impact other parts of the Health and Social Services Department.
- The MHS Innovation Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors and the next step is to move forward with a contract with UC Davis.
- CalHFA funding for housing, funding under the MHS, will be used to increase housing for the seriously mentally ill consumer and/or family; as well as to create some housing opportunities for the homeless or people who would be at risk for homelessness.

#### ***Outreach Committee Report:***

- Board Members are encouraged to attend the Cammie Awards, Thursday, May 21, 2015.
- Ms. Faulkner reported out on the Artist reception in recognition of May is Mental Health Month and asked for Board Member participation for upcoming events.

**Membership Committee:**

Tiffany Banks reported on behalf of Barbara Pisching-Wright that the Membership Committee would like to meet/greet with applicants prior to the interview process. Ms. Faulkner and Chair Espinosa commented on the guidelines of the interview process written in the bylaws.

**VI. SCHEDULED CALENDAR ITEMS REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:**

1. Angela Faulkner moved to table scheduled calendar items 1 and 2 until the next meeting with a second by Supervisor Erin Hannigan:  
Discussion: None  
Vote: 7/0/0 Motion approved by unanimous vote

**VII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board received a comment from Tracee Stacy.

**VIII. BOARD COMMENTS**

- Esmeralda Liberato extended gratitude to the presenters, Tracee Stacy, Sara Pryor and Jeffrey Jewell.
- Ms. Faulkner raised the following questions regarding a comment made at a previous meeting regarding the Crisis Stabilization Unit:
  - 1) Does a policy exist at the Crisis Stabilization Unit to attempt contact with a patient's regular doctor for current therapy and prescription information?
  - 2) If yes, why did that not appear to happen in this case; or did it appear but they were not allowed to notify the loved one due to another policy? If it is no, why not?
  - 3) For the new virtual doctor approach, what special policies and cautions have been put into place to mitigate any potential issues for not being there with the patient?
  - 4) Ms. Faulkner is asking for discussion of these items at the next meeting.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm. The next regular meeting of the Mental Health Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2015; 4:30pm at 2101 Courage Drive, Fairfield CA 94533, Multi-Purpose Room.