

April 21, 2015



SOLANO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes for Meeting of
April 21, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Barbara Pisching-Wright called the meeting of the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) to order at 4:35pm and welcomed newest Board Member, Melanie Norris. Roll call confirmed a quorum.

MEMBERS Lis Delatorre,
PRESENT: Angela Faulkner
 Erin Hannigan
 Esmeralda Liberato
 Melanie Norris
 Barbara Pisching-Wright
 Alan Werblin, MD

MEMBERS Tiffany Banks
ABSENT: Lori Espinosa
 Pamela Reyes

STAFF *In Alphabetical Order by Last Name:*
PRESENT: Cindy Limerick Mental Health Administration
 Mary Roy Mental Health Services Senior Manager (MHSA)
 Roanne Samuels Mental Health Clinician/Filipino Outreach
 Halsey Simmons Behavioral Health Director
 Akon Walker Project Manager

OTHERS
PRESENT: *In Alphabetical Order by Last Name:*
 Andrew Aragon; Tamara Brown; V. Dunn; D. Michael Hughes; Gene Korte; Tara Niendam; Halide Porras; Sara Pryor; John Rayfield; Terri Segal; Will Taylor; Pat and Warren Trepeta; Laura Tully; Betty Warner

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

John Rayfield commented on the Veteran's Mentor Program. Board members invited Mr. Rayfield to provide a formal presentation of the program to the Board at a future meeting.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL and APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Erin Hannigan made a motion to approve the agenda of April 21, 2015; seconded by Alan Werblin
Discussion: None; Vote 7/0/0
Motion Approved by unanimous vote

Erin Hannigan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 17, 2015 as written; seconded by Alan Werblin.
Discussion: None; Vote 5/0/2
5 Approve, 2 Abstain (Pisching-Wright and Delatorre)

IV. PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

The Board received a presentation on Supportive Outreach and Access to Resources (SOAR), an early detection and intervention psychosis program, by Tara Niendam representing UC Davis in conjunction with Aldea Children and Family Services.

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:

- Resolution to the Behavioral Health Division shortfall funding issue
- Behavioral Health Division recruiting process for vacant Administrator position
- Two bills circulating regarding the joint statewide effort to implement Laura's Law – at some point, the Board would like a presentation on Laura's Law and its financial impact to the County
- Collaboration of Behavioral Health and Probation Department on the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grant Program request for funding to support appropriate prevention, intervention, supervisions, and incarceration-based services for mentally ill offenders in Solano County

Mary Roy, Senior Mental Health Services Manager provided an update on The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) programs and services in Solano County:

- Introduction of two new staff members in the MHSA program; Akon Walker, Project Manager, and Roanne Samuels, Mental Health Clinician and Filipino Outreach Coordinator
- MHSA plan revision to increase and expand program services
- Submission of application of approval for Cal FHA grant to develop housing and peer staffing
- Lis Delatorre commented on the expansion of the Wellness Centers asking to include age specific programming
- CIT training is offering a 2 day training in Vallejo and expanding programs to include a 1 day information and support program in relation to suicide
- Dr. Werblin commented that there is a need for more support to law enforcement personnel around trauma

Outreach Committee Report:

Ms. Faulkner discussed Consumer Art Show activities supported by the MHAB for May is Mental Health Month and asked that events be posted on the County website. Ms. Faulkner recommends working closely with County staff for 2016 events in an effort not to duplicate events and activities.

Membership Committee:

Barbara Pisching-Wright suggested accepting Christie DeClue, Chair of the Solano County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, as a reciprocal member to the Mental Health Advisory Board. Supervisor Hannigan recommends staff submit the request as a consent item to the Board of Supervisors.

Membership applicant, Mr. Andrew Aarogon was introduced to the Board. Ms. Faulkner, Board Member, invited Mr. Aarogon back to attend the May meeting of the MHAB.

VI. SCHEDULED CALENDAR ITEMS REQUIRE BOARD ACTION:

1. Ms. Faulkner made a motion to approve May 5, at a venue to be established, for the Board to host a Public Hearing on the MHSA Innovation Project Proposal in conjunction with UC Davis; and a second by Lis Delatorre:

Discussion: Mary Roy, Mental Health Services Act Program Manager, discussed steps necessary for the MHAB to hold a Public Hearing after the closing of the 30 day posted comment period to the Mental Health Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Cultural Transformation Model Proposal to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission Innovation Component.

Ms. Faulkner confirmed that at the close of the public comment period, responses can result in plan revisions.

Vote: 7/0/0 Motion approved by unanimous vote

2. Establish and Annual Retreat and Ad Hoc Translation Committee tabled to the next meeting.

VII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board received comments from community members, Pat and Warren Trepeta.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

- Alan Werblin commented on contract provider Exodus and that the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) is a necessary and essential service to have in the County.
- Ms. Pisching-Wright asked for information on the grievance process
- Ms. Faulkner commented that community responses to the current CSU contractor are better than the previous contractor.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm. 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.