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**SOLANO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (MHAB)
Minutes for Meeting of
February 16, 2016**

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairperson, Angela Faulkner, called the February 16, 2016 MHAB meeting to order at 4:30PM in the Multi-Purpose Room at 2101 Courage Drive, Fairfield CA 94533. Roll call confirmed a quorum:

Members Present:

Tiffany Banks, Lori Espinosa, Angela Faulkner, Erin Hannigan, Esmeralda Liberato, Melanie Norris, Joyce Papetti-Thompson, Alan Werblin, Mike Wright

Members Absent:

Lis Delatorre, Heather Theaux-Venezio

II. Opportunity for Public Comment

None

III. Consent Calendar

On Motion of Supervisor Hannigan, seconded by Alan Werblin, the MHAB approved the February 16, 2016 agenda as written and the January 19, 2016 meeting minutes with the correction to the outreach committee report reflecting the inclusion of Joyce Papetti-Thompson as an Outreach Committee Chairwoman.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Vote

IV. Program Presentations

1. Mental Health Advisory Board Member, Esmeralda Liberato, representing The Mental Health Services Speakers Bureau, presented her story of recovery entitled "A Mental Health Journey: My Personal Story".
2. Solano County Health and Social Services, Mental Health Clinician Cyndi Smit provided a brief overview of the programs and services provided by the Behavioral Health Hospital Liaison Unit.
 - i. Questions/Answers & Comments:
 1. If a client is in the hospital and medically cleared for discharge, but is not safe for discharge and awaiting temporary conservatorship, do they stay in the hospital until the legal work is done and who pays for it? Yes, the County is responsible. This is termed an 'administrative bed day'
 2. Does Hospital Liaison work with Veterans? Yes

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V. Director/Committee Reports

1. Behavioral Health Program Report – Halsey Simmons
Halsey Simmons, Behavioral Health Director, provided an update on Local, State and Federal Mental Health Services to include updates regarding:
 - a. State notice of release regarding Katie A Services and its impact to County Mental Health. Solano County anticipates an increase of business and Behavioral Health will work closely with Child Welfare Systems to implement a plan and provide services that will bring about a positive benefit for children to have more stable homes and permanency.
 - i. Q/A – Are the children placed out of County because we don't have services in County? Child Welfare will place out of County if they cannot find homes or if the children don't succeed in the homes, then they are placed in residential settings that are usually out of County.
 - ii. Will we be taking on children from Counties other than Solano County? Currently, Solano County has a proportionate number of children from other Counties as our own.
 - iii. Will more funds or resources be put into providing therapeutic foster parents more respite? That is part of the continuum of care reform design to provide incentives to therapeutic foster parents to foster the challenging children.
 - b. Mid-Year Budget will provide Substance Abuse with a full time supervisor for the Successful Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Treatment (SMART) Team Program.
 - c. Psychiatry Update
 - d. MHSA Cultural Competency Project
 - e. Board of Supervisors passed a resolution for acceptance of a 2 Million dollar grant by CHFFA for a Crisis Residential Facility.
 - f. Exodus Crisis Stabilization Unit has seen an increase in activity recently.
 - g. FY2016/17 Budget
2. Sandra Sinz, Mental Health Services Administrator provided an update on Solano County Behavioral Health, Mental Health Adult Bureau and Quality Improvement to include:
 - a. Fiscal year data regarding IMD Placement and transition procedures to Augmented Board and Care facilities
 - b. Crisis Residential Facility
 - c. Three tiered level of care model at Crestwood in Vallejo
3. Tracy Lacey, Senior Mental Health Services Manager and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Manager provided information regarding:
 - a. Hispanic Outreach Latino Outreach Team event and trainings
 - b. Homeless Outreach Clinician duties
 - c. Innovation project with UC Davis update
 - d. Keepers of the Flock event to address the Behavioral Health needs of African Americans in Solano County
4. Executive Committee – Angela Faulkner, Chairperson

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- a. There is now a standing Executive Committee Meeting on the fourth (4th) Friday of each month at 10:00AM to create the monthly agenda and calendar of events.
- b. Chairperson Faulkner would like to schedule short introductory presentations from service providers and asked board members to contact her with any specific areas of interest.
5. Outreach Committee – Joyce Papetti-Thompson
 - a. Kroc Center Event update
 - b. Recognition to Board Member Esmeralda Liberato for her participation at the Kroc Center Event
 - c. Children’s Nurturing Project on Human Trafficking
6. Membership Committee – Tiffany Banks
 - a. Ms. Banks will talk with potential board member applicants after the meeting.
 - b. The Membership Committee is currently working on a Mission Statement.
7. Suicide Prevention Committee Liaison Report – Lori Espinosa
 - a. The committee is in the process of setting up community forums and working to do outreach to create a County Wide Suicide Prevention Plan based on best practices.
8. Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board – Lis Delatorre (absent)
 - a. Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (ADAB) Member, Eugene Korte, reported on the recent discussion to combine the ADAB and MHAB meetings into one meeting and the board agreed to remain separate but to have more activity within both systems.

VI. Scheduled Calendar (Items of Action)

1. After review and discussion on typing and formatting changes, Lori Espinosa made the motion to approve the 2015 Mental Health Advisory Board Annual Report, with typing edit changes, for submission to the Board of Supervisors; and a second by Supervisor Hannigan.
Motion Approved by Unanimous Vote
*Chairperson Faulkner volunteered to attend the meeting of the Board of Supervisors when the Annual Report is received – Vice Chairperson Lori Espinosa volunteered as alternate.
2. A discussion on “May is Mental Health Month” event and activity planning resulted in a motion by Supervisor Hannigan and seconded by Alan Werblin to create an Ad Hoc “May is Mental Health Month” planning committee to include Alan Werblin, Esmeralda Liberato, Angela Faulkner, Joyce Papetti-Thompson and Lori Espinosa
Motion Approved by Unanimous Vote

VII. Items from the Public

1. The Board received comments from the following:
 - i. NAMI; Yolanda Garcia Martinez, Jeannette Goyetche, Leslie Molera
 - ii. Bette Carraway
 - iii. Eugene Korte

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VIII. Board Comments

1. Mike Wright shared his experience riding along with Sgt. Dan Marshall of the Fairfield Police Department Homeless Intervention Team
2. Lori Espinosa stated interest in receiving a short presentation on Network of Care
3. Erin Hannigan shared information regarding death of a Richmond police officer
4. Esmeralda Liberato expressed her gratitude for presenting her story
5. Alan Werblin announced his retirement from Kaiser and his future plans with Solano County

IX. The MHAB of February 16, 2016 adjourned at 6:15PM.