



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)

Regular Meeting

Via teleconference

May 19, 2021 – 5:00 -7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Board Members Present:

Chair Tasso Kandris
Vice Chair Patricia Barrett
Gertie Kandris
John Weston
Supervisor Miller
Joretta Burlington
Cary Martin
Jeff Giampetro
Sabrina Flores-Eng
Dr. Mudalodu Vasudevan

Board Members Absent/Excused:

Carolyn Cooper
Douglas Vigil
Karen Ivy

Also Present:

Greg Diederich, Director HCS
Tony Vartan, Director BHS
Ian Barkley, Public Guardian/Conservator
Isabel Espinosa, Office Secretary

Guests:

Michael Fields, Executive Director, Peer Recovery Center
Betty Wilson, SJ Business Council
Tony Anderson, Valley Mountain Regional Center
Dr. Justin Schrottenboer, Valley Mountain Regional Center
Mary Avanti

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Board meeting was convened on Wednesday May 19, 2021 via zoom teleconference. Chairperson Tasso called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The meeting began with a moment of silence, pledge of allegiance and roll call. There was a quorum in attendance at this meeting.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – OPEN TIME

Michael Fields of the Peer Recovery Center thanked Supervisor Miller, BHS Director Tony Vartan, BHB Chairperson Tasso Kandris, and NAMI Chairperson John Weston for the May is Mental Health Month proclamation.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gertie Kandris made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Vasudevan seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-0-0.

V. PRESENTATION

A. An Informative Glance at the Public Guardian/Conservator's Office

- Ian Barkley, Public Guardian/Conservator

Ian Barkley became the Public Guardian/Conservator in March 2021, and has worked for the Public Guardian/Conservator's Office since 2004 as Chief Deputy Public Guardian. The main focus of the conservator's office is to safeguard the lives of conservatees with the least possible restriction. There are four different types of conservatorship:

- Representative payee:
 - maintain benefits,
 - pay monthly living expenses,
 - collect retirements,
 - disburse money to clients for miscellaneous needs
 - save money for future needs
 - work with BHS case manager to handle clinical needs, and transition to self-reliance
 - Usually for clients with mental illness or neurocognitive disorder
- Guardianship (financial only)
 - For minors who lost their parents
 - If the parents have life insurance or own property
 - Will not be guardian for the child, just for the property.
- LPS Conservatorship
 - For clients who have a grave disability, inability to provide food, shelter, clothing, and unwilling to accept treatment.
 - Can be granted authority of person or estate
 - Starts with 5150 hold, then Doctor will refer to Conservator's Office and set a hearing.
 - Hearings are held in PHF or St. Josephs, or client can request a jury or a trial.
 - Last one year, and must be renewed every year.
- Probate Conservatorship:

- For clients with major neuro cognitive disorders such as dementia or other brain injuries
- Clients are unable to provide food, clothing, or shelter for themselves.
- Can be granted authority of person or estate

B. MHSA Annual Update

- Angelo Balmaceda, MHSA Coordinator

The 30 day public comment period has begun for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update. Now is the time to submit your feedback on update. There are no major changes this year. The community planning sessions were great. We are focusing on preventing of reverting any funds back to the state. BHS is in the process of developing at new type of Progressive Housing model that is focused on intensive, culturally competent services, to house homeless individuals for 3-6 months. This program will be presented to the Behavioral Health Board soon.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- *Tony Vartan*, MSW, LCSW, Behavioral Health Director

May is Mental Health month proclamation was successful. Thank you to the Board of Supervisors for their support, and to the Behavioral Health Board members for their support and advocacy. It was important that our supporters attended.

BHS is transitioning to in person appointments. All staff are expected to return to campus mid June. Clinical groups are restarted, and will increase gradually. Behavioral Health staff was very involved in COVID efforts staff. BHS collaborated with Public Health and had multiple vaccination clinics. 218 shots were given to consumers, and 65% of BHS staff are vaccinated.

MHSA plan is moving forward. The plan will come to the Behavioral Health Board for a Public Hearing in June, and go to the Board of Supervisors in July. The department is preparing for several audits; many were put on pause for COVID. There will be 13 audits going to the state through the end of the year.

Medical Director Nia Lozano will begin June 21. She worked at University of California San Francisco (UCSF).

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

IX. REMINDERS

- A. Next Behavioral Health Board meeting will be June 16, 2021. For information, please contact *Isabel Espinosa* at 209-468-8750 or via e-mail at iespinosa@sjcbhs.org

IX. ADJOURN TO JUNE 16, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.