

MINUTES – APPROVED
January 21, 2021

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

December 17, 2020

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Health Services Agency, 1400 Emeline Avenue, Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Present: Antonio Rivas, Catherine Willis, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Hugh McCormick, Jennifer Wells Kaupp; Lynda Kaufmann, Serg Kagno, Stephan DuBose, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

Absent: 0

1. Public Comments
 - No public comments
2. Approved meeting minutes for October 15, 2020.
Motion by Serg Kagno to approve October 15, 2020 MHAB minutes. Second by Jennifer Wells Kaupp.

AYES: Antonio Rivas, Catherine Willis, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Hugh McCormick, Jennifer Wells Kaupp; Lynda Kaufmann, Serg Kagno, Stephan DuBose, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Approved meeting minutes for November 19, 2020

Motion by Antonio Rivas to approve November 19, 2020 MHAB minutes. Second by Lynda Kaufmann.

AYES: Antonio Rivas, Catherine Willis, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Hugh McCormick, Jennifer Wells Kaupp; Lynda Kaufmann, Serg Kagno, Stephan DuBose, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

3. Standing Board of Supervisors (BOS) Report, Supervisor Greg Caput
 - The BOS is working on the homeless situation, balancing the budget, and sent letter to Congress regarding stimulus package to help people who are currently struggling.
 - January through March – all Board of Supervisors meetings will be virtual, no in-person meetings.
4. Standing Behavioral Health Director's Report, Erik Riera
 - Staffing changes in Behavioral Health:
 - Substance Use Disorder Services Director, Shaina Zurlin will be moving on to a new position with the State Department of Health Care Services
 - Chief Public Guardian, Vanessa Bertsche-Shelton will be retiring at the end of December. Alicia Morales, Director of Adults Services has been appointed to the Public Guardian position. Public Guardian will move to the Human Services Department.
 - Change in state law that pertains to Laura's Law. Laura's Law is assisted outpatient treatment for individuals who have severe mental illness and refuse to consent to treatment. The County can petition the court to oversee the person's care, and the judge would be monitoring the treatment plan. Before the change in state law, counties used to go to the Board of Supervisors to opt in to participate in the program. Now counties are being required to opt out. Law has requirements that in order to opt in the program,

there cannot be any funding reductions in our service programs, which is not possible. Plan to get community feedback by the June 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting.

5. Standing Reports

- a. MHSA Advisory Committee (Members: Lynda Kaufmann, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Antonio Rivas)
- b. Site Visit Committee – (Members: Serg Kagno, Hugh McCormick, Valerie Webb)
- c. County Behavioral Health Budget Committee (Members: Antonio Rivas, Stephan DuBose)
- d. SUDSC/MHAB Merger Committee (Members: Xaloc Cabanes, Lynda Kaufmann, Jennifer Wells Kaupp)
- e. Community Engagement Committee – (Members: Valerie Webb, Catherine Willis, Stephan DuBose)
- f. Mental Health and Law Enforcement Committee (Members: Hugh McCormick, Serg Kagno, Catherine Willis, Jennifer Wells Kaupp)

All committees will choose a chairperson and share at the next meeting a statement that summarizes the work to be accomplished in each committee.

6. Patients' Rights Report – prepared by George Carvalho.
[Please click here to view the October 2020 Patients' Rights Report.](#)
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7. Data Notebook 2020 – Telehealth

Motion by Antonio Rivas to accept the responses to the Data Notebook and submit to the Board of Supervisors and to the State. Second by Erika Miranda-Bartlett.

AYES: Antonio Rivas, Catherine Willis, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Hugh McCormick, Jennifer Wells Kaupp; Lynda Kaufmann, Serg Kagno, Stephan DuBose, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

8. Mission Statement and Goals – objectives for each of the following goals will be discussed at the next meeting:
- Provide comprehensive training on how to be an effective advisory board
 - Develop and follow through on annual strategic plans for each committee
 - Maintain an active, involved Board
 - Support Mental Health Advisory Board committee work
9. Ethics Training – reminder to all Board members that the Ethics Training must be taken every 2 years.

Motion to adjourn made by Serg Kagno. Second by Jennifer Wells Kaupp. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.