

**MINUTES – APPROVED**  
**February 20, 2020**

**MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

January 16, 2020

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust Community Room, 85 Nielson Street, Watsonville, CA 95076

**Present:** Antonio Rivas, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Kate Avraham, Serge Kagno, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

**Excused Absence:** Hugh McCormick, Joanna Whitcup, Lynda Kaufmann

**Unexcused Absence:** Rebekah Mills

1. Public Comments – none.
2. Approved meeting minutes for December 19, 2019.  
Motion by Erika Miranda-Bartlett to approve December 19, 2019 MHAB minutes. Second by Kate Avraham.

AYES: Antonio Rivas, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Kate Avraham, Serge Kagno, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Hugh McCormick, Joanna Whitcup, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills

3. Standing Board of Supervisors (BOS) Report, Supervisor Greg Caput
  - MHAB request for Strategic Plan Language Change – will follow up on request.
  - Major breakthrough with the Pajaro River Project in collaboration with the County of Monterey, County of Santa Cruz, City of Watsonville and federal government. County of Santa Cruz will have an election to cover a total of \$30 million over the next 30 years. Monterey County will also have an election to cover \$30 million. Funding will be used to increase the flow of water by widening certain parts of the river and rebuilding the levees around the Pajaro area. Whole project will cost \$394 million.
4. Standing Behavioral Health (BH) Directors Report, Erik Riera
  - Working with consultant on the development of a supported housing strategic plan, focusing on the population in Behavioral Health. A draft plan will be presented to the community through a series of stakeholder meetings for public comment. The plan will then be finalized and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors to adopt the plan.
  - MHSA Advisory Committee: 3-year plan is up for renewal in June. A series of stakeholder meetings will be held throughout the remainder of the year. Jerry Solomon will be the facilitator. Dates of the stakeholder meetings will be announced soon.
5. Ad Hoc Committee and Standing Committee Reports:
  - a. Jail Committee Report – no report.
  - b. Community Engagement Committee Report – Chair: Kate Avraham
    - MHAB table at the Calciano Symposium, Friday, February 28, 2020, 8:45am to 3:45pm, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk Coconut Grove Grand Ballroom.
  - c. MHSA Advisory Committee – no report.

- d. Membership Committee
    - Kate Avraham resigning from the Mental Health Advisory Board effective March 1, 2020.
  - e. Site Visit Committee
    - Serg will send email to schedule Specialty Court tour.
  - f. SUDC/MHAB Merger Committee
    - Next meeting will be on Thursday, January 23, 2020, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at Starbucks on 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue (by Safeway).
6. Patients' Rights Report – prepared by George Carvalho. [Click here to view the December report.](#)
7. Unfinished Business
- a. MHCAN Letter

Motion made by Erika Miranda-Bartlett to approve Serg Kagno's revised draft letter. Second by Kate Avraham.

AYES: Antonio Rivas, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Kate Avraham, Serge Kagno, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: Hugh McCormick, Joanna Whitcup, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills

[Click here to view the final draft of the letter sent to the City of Santa Cruz Planning Department.](#)
  - b. Biennial Report

Motion made by Xaloc Cabanes to approve the Biennial Report with the changes as discussed. Second by Supervisor Greg Caput.

AYES: Antonio Rivas, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Kate Avraham, Serge Kagno, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: Hugh McCormick, Joanna Whitcup, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills

[Click here to view the 2018-2019 Mental Health Advisory Board Biennial Report.](#)
  - c. Measure G and Funding for Mental Health – postponed.
8. New Business/Future Agenda Items
- a. Telecare issue due to shortage of long-term facilities – discussion postponed.
- Motion to adjourn made by Serg Kagno. Second by Erika Miranda-Bartlett. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.