

**MINUTES – Approved**  
**September 2, 2022**

**COMMUNITY / PUBLICITY COMMITTEE of the**  
**MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

AUGUST 5, 2022 ♦ 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
1400 EMELINE AVE, ROOM 207, SANTA CRUZ  
Microsoft Teams Meeting (831) 454-2222, Conference 829 523 867#

**Present:** Valerie Webb, Marlize Velasco, Jennifer Wells Kaupp, Hugh McCormick  
**Excused:** Maureen McCarty, Antonio Rivas  
**Staff:** Jane Batoon-Kurovski

- I. Roll call. Meeting called to order at 10:35 am by Valerie Webb.
- II. Public Comments
  - Richard Gallo, Access CA volunteer – stated that his concern is CARE Court in the County of Santa Cruz. He said there is an estimate of 9,000 to 12,000 individuals who needs help getting out of homelessness. Richard said MHSA funding should not be used for CARE Court as that is not what it was intended for.
- III. Adoption of AB361 – Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meetings  
Motion/Second: Jennifer Wells Kaupp / Valerie Webb  
Passed unanimously.
- IV. Discussion of current goals and ideas
  1. Goal of committee is to advertise mental health resources and help people know the MHAB exists, publicizing that the MHAB is an advocate for the community, and find out what they need from the mental health board. The plan is to reach out to the following groups:
    - a. Friends Outside, and then make a connection with the Deputy of Corrections. The committee wants to hear what they are currently doing at the jail, find out where the gaps are and see how the board can help. Valerie mentioned that she emailed the Deputy Chief of Corrections Freitas requesting to meet.
    - b. Salud Para La Gente
    - c. Reaching out to the LGBTQ youth in Santa Cruz through the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Youth Leadership Coordinator
  2. A Google document will be created to highlight main topic points the committee wants to bring up.
- V. New Business
  1. Approve July and August minutes
  2. Elect Chair and Co-Chair
  3. Continue discussion of current goals
  4. Update Friends Outside meeting
- VI. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 11:12am.