

**APPROVED MINUTES 2/18/16**

**MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

December 17, 2015

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mental Health Client Action Network (MHCAN)

1051 Cayuga Street, Santa Cruz

**Present:** Sheryl Lee, Kate Avraham, John Laue, Rick Martinez, Maria Corriera, Allison Endert

**Excused Absence:** Denise Ostlund and Hugh McCormick

**Unexcused Absence:** N/A

1. No Public Comment
2. Presentations:

SCPD officer, Rick Martinez, and members of the MOST team gave an in-depth and insightful presentation about the police/mental health professional wrap-around, full service partnership that is now in effect. Full time Mental Health professionals are now working with the Santa Cruz Police Department (Danielle Long); Santa Cruz County Sheriffs Dep't, (James Russell); and a person to be hired soon for City of Watsonville. CIT (Crisis Intervention) training is ongoing for police officers. Members of the MOST team spoke about their experiences in the field and their hopes for the program.
3. Reports: S.C. County Mental Health Director, Erik Riera, reported:
  - a. The Children's Walk-in Crisis Center is now open at 2250 Soquel Ave. with plans to extend hours into the evening.
  - b. County is applying to attend the "Stepping Up" Conference to be held in Washington D.C. in April 2016. Focus is on how to reduce the number of mental health clients in the criminal justice system.
  - c. Full-time Psychiatrist candidates are being interviewed for the Mobile Crisis Unit.
  - d. Interviews are in progress for the County Head of Children's Services.
  - e. Pam Rogers-Wyman, County Adult Services Program Chief spoke in support of the MOST team program and explained more about the full-service wrap around program to minimize mental health patients who end up in jail.
4. Minutes: Co-chair, Sheryl Lee brought up the issue of who might take minutes of the MHAB meetings while Yolanda is out. Kate Avraham will check with the Volunteer Center. Other ideas included a student (Psychology Dep't.?) from either U.C.S.C. or Cabrillo. Erik Riera said County would offer a stipend of \$15.00/hour, four hours a month for the position.
5. Sheryl Lee, members of the MHAB board and Erik Riera discussed the upcoming MHAB retreat, to be held Friday, February 12th from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. Erik Riera said he would find a Retreat Facilitator from the county. Sheryl Lee and Kate Avraham will work on a location, etc.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.