

APPROVED MINUTES 5/18/17

Mental Health Advisory Board
April 20, 2017
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Health Services Agency
1400 Emeline Ave., Bldg. K, Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Present: Aimee Escalante, Hugh McCormick, Jenny Kaupp, Jim Roszell, Jodie Wells, Kathleen Avraham, Maria Correia, Richard Martinez, Greg Caput

Excused Absence: None

Unexcused Absence: Charlotte Reyes,

Motion to approve March 16, 2017 meeting Minutes by Rick Martinez; second by Jim Roszell

Ayes: Kathleen Avraham, Hugh McCormick, Jodie Wells, Maria Correia, Richard Martinez, Greg Caput

Abstain: Xaloc Cabanes

Absent: Charlotte Reyes

Public Comment

- Cheryl Lee: Announced upcoming NAMI event presentation by Dr. Shakir. Speaker meeting which occurs the third Wednesday every other month.
- Fox Sloan: Would like to do a presentation as a children's advocate at a Mental Health Advisory Board meeting.

Standing Reports

- Supervisor Greg Caput, announced there is a presentation on the Board of Supervisor website agenda item 47A, entitled "Women in Jail".
- Erik Riera, see attached Director's Update to the Mental Health Advisory Board on the following topics:
 - Update on Director of Substance Use Disorder Services, Ms. Shaina Zura will be joining the County on June 1, 2017. Her initial responsibilities will include implementation of the Drug Medi-Cal expansion program, integrating mental health and substance use disorder treatment programs, and continued focus on the implementation of the Substance Use Disorder Strategic Plan.
 - Whole Person Care Grant, developing an integrated health and housing program for individuals receiving services through the County.
 - My HealthPoint, an enhancement of the County's Electronic Health Record to allow individuals in service to communicate with their providers through a secure web portal. Anticipating rolling out this feature in the summer.
 - Innovations Project Update, we have had two product demonstrations for the telehealth devices and have a third one next week. We will be making a selection after that. Requests for proposals were sent out for the

evaluation process to 16 organizations and those are due back to the County by the end of the month.

- Watsonville Behavioral Health Office Building Update. The bid package was released on March 21. Bids are due back to the County today (4/20/17) at 2:00 pm. We will be making a selection within the next week and present a contract to the Board of Supervisors for approval with an anticipated construction date.
- Expansion of Law Enforcement Liaison Team, added a second full-time liaison to the Sheriff's Department.

Sub-committee and Board Committee Reports

- Kate Avraham, Chair; announced that the tomorrow, Friday, April 21, she and Maria Correia would deliver the opening remarks for the CAMHPC quarterly meeting at the Holiday Inn in San Jose. The theme is, "MH services for the Older Adult population in Santa Cruz County."

Presentation, "Suicide Prevention Services", Mr. Conan

- Currently pursuing advocacy access to MH clients in the jail thru the Santa Cruz County Mental Health jail team.
- Monitoring of the ten mental health facilities in Santa Cruz County; conduct walk thru for each facility, twice a month.
- Advocacy role is to respond to client complaints; conservator-ship issues; medication issues; when clients are having difficulty with their psychiatrists; loss of personal property; when clients have case coordinator communication problems and are feeling coerced; mistreatment by staff either with verbal or physical abuse; and, new emerging issues, i.e. jail or use of service dogs.
- Hearing representative at the Psychiatric Health Facility.

Input on committees/assignments

- Bylaws Committee: Rick Martinez, Chair, Aimee Escalante, Jodie Wells.
Motion to approve bylaws, Rick Martinez, second by Jodie Wells
Ayes: Kathleen Avraham, Hugh McCormick, Jodie Wells, Maria Correia, Richard Martinez, Xaloc Cabanes, Greg Caput
Abstain: None
Absent: Charlotte Reyes
- Nominating Committee - Rick Martinez, Chair, Aimee Escalante and Jodie Wells
Nominations for officers: Maria Correia, Chair; Jim Rosell, Vice-Chair and Kate Avraham, Secretary
- A Mediation committee will be added to assess consumer complaints.

Old business

- Continue to request from Volunteer Center and Community Connections, staff person to fill MHAB note taking position.

Adjourned at 4:59 PM: Greg Caput motioned to adjourn, Jenny Kaupp, seconded.