

**MINUTES – Approved
February 8, 2023**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

JANUARY 11, 2023 ♦ 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
1400 EMELINE AVE, ROOMS 206-207, SANTA CRUZ
Microsoft Teams Meeting (831) 454-2222, Conference 517 663 745#

Present: Antonio Rivas, Jeffrey Arlt, Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig
Staff: Jane Batoon-Kurovski

- I. Roll Call. Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Jeffrey Arlt.
- II. Public Comments
 - Richard Gallo from Access CA – stated that he reviewed the 22/23 budget and could not find anything related to spending MHSA dollars but came across \$100K that was used. Richard stated he does not recall what it was for however, the Community Planning Process was not used, which is required under the MHSA.
- III. Adoption of AB361 – Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meetings
Motion/Second: Michael Neidig / Laura Chatham
Motion passed.
- IV. Approve December 14, 2022 Minutes
Motion/Second: Antonio Rivas / Michael Neidig
Motion passed.
- V. Presentation: How to Finance a Mobile Crisis Response Service by Elece Hempel, Director of Petaluma People Services
 - Petaluma People Services Center (PPSC) is a community-based organization providing over 90 programs. PPSC provides housing programs, counseling programs, mentoring programs, youth diversion programs, and employment programs.
 - The Specialized Assistance For Everyone (SAFE) program was launched July 2021. One of the successes of the SAFE team program is that when a crisis intervention team responds to a call, the referral is a direct referral to programs within PPSC. This hub is funded through a variety of different mechanisms, which can take referrals and deescalate the situation, and then manage those referrals internally within PPSC. This has been a huge advantage to driving down the costs to bring in a crisis intervention team.
 - Every call through the SAFE program must go through the city of Petaluma's 911 dispatch. In addition, someone could call the non-emergency number that has a different ring, but it still rings into dispatch, and it is the dispatchers who are making the decision on who responds. The co-response model is the ability and flexibility of the team to make those decisions together.
 - The goal of crisis intervention is to deescalate the crisis and get the person to a place to make decisions on their own behalf and get them to where they need to go. This

includes residents who are housed and unhoused. When staff are not responding to dispatched calls, they serve as a connector to those who are unsheltered to get them access to services.

- The SAFE program is fully supported by the Petaluma Police Department, Fire Department and Sonoma County Sheriff.

[Click here to view the SAFE Program presentation slides.](#)

VI. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.