



# COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

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## Local Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes

**Monday, April 27, 2020**

Online/Call-in ZOOM

**Members Present:** Aleecia Gutierrez, Rachel Warren, Brad Anderson, Robert Schelen, Antonia Tsobanoudis, Nicki King, John Archuleta, Richard Bellows, Serena Durand, Carol Christensen, Dr. Xiaolong Li, Supervisor Don Saylor, Maria Simas, Jonathan Raven

**Members Absent:** Supervisor Jim Provenza,

**Staff Present:** Karen Larsen, Mental Health Director, HHSA Director  
Leigh Harrington, HHSA Medical Director, Mila Green, Deputy Branch Director/Deputy Mental Health Director

### CALL TO ORDER

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The April 27, 2020 the meeting of the Local Mental Health Board was called to order at 6:09PM On-line. Introductions were made.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Richard moved; all approved
4. **Approval Minutes:** Maria; Brad 2<sup>nd</sup> with one correction to Home Instead
5. **Member Announcements:**
  - Antonia commends Richard's group for big donation of masks
6. **Correspondence:** None
7. **Time Set Agenda:** None
8. **Mental Health Director's Report** by Karen Larsen, Mental Health Director, HHSA
  - a. **Governors Press Conference-** we hosted Governor Gavin Newsom on April 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding launch of Project Roomkey. On April 18<sup>th</sup> the Governor publicly acknowledged Yolo County for going above and beyond in Project Roomkey. Currently 120 sheltered and receiving wrap around services including street medicine and food delivery.
  - b. **COVID19-** Visit Yolo County Website and see our Dashboard for up to date statistics. Nicki asks if there have been an uptick in # of people requesting mental health services since COVID Shelter in Place started? Karen states that they have noted no increase with our population.

- c. **Pine Tree Gardens/Adult Residential Facility**-MHSA funds were originally allocated to a property in Davis, when that fell through, we had 1 million dollars that needed to be used. Yolo met with TP and discussed two options, one to use money to do renovations and option 2 was to use the money to purchase one or both facilities and transfer to New Hope to do building maintenance. We are still working to determine what the path forward will be.
  
- d. **Mental Health Urgent Care**-only sees a handful of visitors on any given day and is not sustainable financially. During COVID-19 we cutback the hours and staff in the Urgent Care and deployed those staff to areas where there was a greater need. We are looking in to partnering with local law enforcement and hospitals to find another solution.
  
- e. **Crisis Service FY20-21**
  
- f. **MHSA 3-year plan**
  
- g. **Substance Use Treatment**-the second sentence little vague specific to SUD only. To clarify this is regarding Residential SUD providers reducing the number of new residents coming out of jail into the facility and protecting staff and residents from an reducing the chance of exposure.
  
- h. **Collaborative Courts**-we have been hearing that having court remotely is a thing. Could this be used to save Mental Health Court some money? Per Jonathan, it has not been discussed that it will be continued after COVID. There is no substitute for having in person contact with the judge, public defender, and participants. We just received a grant and are not having any financial difficulty at this time with the program. We may put on our agenda to discuss in the future.

i. **Network Adequacy**

- j. **Services at HSA Mental Health Clinics**-Nicki would like to know if there have been any changes in how we provide services in the clinic since COVID-19? Currently we are doing Therapy visits telephonically, Injection clinic is continuing as normal, and crisis services are available as usual. We have moved injection clinic to the Wellness Center which is a much large space. We have a special screening station at the front entrance for crisis services. Currently there has been no decrease in psychiatric services. Mila states that clients who have been challenging in the past are now having a better show rate. No dramatic droop in productivity for March. People are engaging telephonically. Folks who would have passed on an in-person appointment are willing to participate by phone. Eventually we will be able to compare contact during COVID-19 and post COVID-19 and at some point, we will be able to share that data.

k. **Meditation Offerings**

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Board of Supervisors Report**-Don Saylor note that they have been holding special COVID-19 focused meetings. Dashboard results and changes are reviewed. States we are housing 216 homeless and hopefully this will be a step in a positive direction. In the motels they are provided with housing, and food. CommuniCare is providing the case management. Sadly, we have been successful in community based but we have had a couple of large outbreaks; Stallwood Facility being one of the large outbreaks. Yolo County has 16 deaths-11 were associated with that facility. How does our experience fit in with the rest of the state? Without the Stallwood outbreak our statistics would pop us up to 70-80. So far, we have gone through two cycles of the incubation period. I don't expect to see an upturn, but we have a way to go. There are things we can do and things we will be cautious about. We will continue to monitor the numbers to decide what steps we will take. We are not taking a back seat, but we are hampered by inadequate testing capacity. We will look at Governors Criteria there are 6 areas that must be met. We will be challenged to meet two criteria of testing and therapeutics. Balance the risk of disease with impact on community. We need to find a way to do things safely but in a different way. We have seen positive changes such as improved air quality. Maybe there are things we can learn from this.

2. **Criminal Justice Update:** COVID has impacted our ability to transfer inmates. We have some inmates still in jail and needing to go Napa or Atascadero but are not able to be transferred. See also Collaborative Courts

3. **Chair Report**

- a. Vitals App: motion passed unanimously to submit the letter to Board of Supervisor with grammatical errors corrected.
- b. Nominating Committee-election will be held in May and new officers to take over for June. There will be no meeting in July. Existing officers please call if you wish to continue. Nick, John, Maria, and Richard have interested. Joh would like more information on what is required.

4. **Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment**

Next meeting will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> by ZOOM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06pm