



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

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Local Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 28th, 2020

Online/Call-in ZOOM

Members Present: Aleecia Gutierrez, Maria Simas, Rachel Warren, Richard Bellows, Nick Birtcil, Carol Christensen, Robert Schelen, Brad Andersen, Robin Rainwater, Nicki King

Members Absent: Jonathan Raven, Serena Durand, Antonia Tsobanodis, John Archuleta, Xiolong Li

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 September 28th, 2020 the meeting of the Local Mental Health Board was called to order at 6:09PM On-line. Introductions were made.

2. **Public Comment:**

- **Irene**-opposed to elimination of TAY Program
- **Wilson P**-opposed to eliminating TAY Program
- **Ben Winger**- opposed to eliminating TAY Program
- **Linda Wight (Nami Yolo)**- opposed to eliminating TAY Program
- **Caroline**- response in opposition to eliminating TAY Program

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Nick Birtcil, 2nd Robin Rainwater

Yea "I"	Nay	Abstention
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Motion: Passed

4. **Approval Minutes:** Motion to approve by Maria Simas, 2nd Carol Christensen

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Motion: Passed

5. **Member Announcements:**

- Rain Rainwater-welcome and introduction of new board member representing District 5

6. **Correspondence:** Letter read by Walter England shared in response to decision regarding FSP and contracting out TAY Program.
7. **Budget and Finance Subcommittee Report:** addressed in Mental Health Directors Report below under Budget.
8. **Time Set Agenda:** None
9. **Mental Health Director's Report** by Karen Larsen, Mental Health Director, HHSA
 - **FSP-**we were working on an RFP to add more FSP slots. As we began working on RFP and we knew we had a deficit it became clear that an easy to save money, continue and grow services while avoiding layoffs was to include FSP services into the RFP. There is cost savings having those services contracted out to community-based provider. We will keep forensic services in house because we have several grants tied to those and contracting those out were not an option. Projected savings will be about 40% savings (over 500,000 and up to 1million dollars). Adding 100 slots which will double what we have had available up to now. No Place Like Home (NPLH) units in new woodland and west sac project and those a required to be FSP clients. We aren't ending services; we want to transition those services to community provider, and we will provide wrap around and transitional services so there is a warm hand off to whomever is awarded the bid. We want to have more than one provider for these services so clients have options should one provider not work out. Non-FSP TAY, Non-FSP Adult and Older Adult will continue, we are going through every single client to re-determine their current needs with treating clinician and psychiatrist. The services they will get are going to be based on their needs. The Wellness Center services will continue once we can have in-person services again. We have no intention of shutting down Wellness Center services. In fact, we will be adding services to help with the FSP transition. There are 25 TAY FSP clients, and 25-50 Non-FSP clients. We are having conversations about the TAY who are over 25 trying to decide what the best transition will be because they are very connected and bonded to each other. We want to help maintain that connection. Have 19 staff providing these services and we had several vacancies that we were able to transition those staff into vacancies while maintaining the services. As of today, clients will continue to receive the same services. PSW bill was signed by Governor last Friday. PSW provide the most valuable of the services, even more than case managers, clinicians, and psychiatrists. We will make sure that during the transition and beyond that they have all the services they need. Our staff is amazing and it's a testament to how great they are at providing those services with all the public comment and concern for transition the program.
 - **Budget- (attachment e. reviewed)** Graph shows core mental health deficit going back to 2006. In 2009 we did layoff of 40% of our staff. We made a lot of progress, but the deficit has always existed because we do not get reimbursed for all the services we are required provide. Can't take MHSA money to fill core mental health gap there are some rules. Short story is that we drained savings from multiple sources. As an integrated agency we can borrow realignment money from social services and public health in order to fill some of the holes in mental health. Did good getting grants this year. Deficit is right around \$4million dollars a year for core mental health.
 - **MHSA 3-year plan-** we will be requiring measurable outcomes for every program; outside evaluator will evaluate every MHSA program, working on RFP for that now. It was finalized and submitted to the Mental Health Services and Accountability Commission.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Board of Supervisors Report**-same issue of the FSP and TAY is being considered by BOS tomorrow as part of our Budget discussion. People are welcome to come and give comment.

2. **Criminal Justice Update:** None

3. **Chair Report**
 - a. Suicide Prevention Month-statistics discussed. BOS will vote on resolution tomorrow.
 - b. Clarification of MHSA was completed in budget review.

4. **Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment**
 - a. Lot of new members suggest people write a short biography to share with each other. All board members have submitted a biography when they submitted interest in sitting on the board. Unsure on what we could do to help with the connection that is lost without in-person meetings.
 - b. Next meeting will include special Brown Act Training. Nicki will send an email to verify how many members have attended required training and who are still in need of attending. Carol states she has been on the board for a year and has not received any formal training and would be open to what ever training we can set up.
 - c. Considering doing some press releases on the service we offer and orientations to services we offer in larger groups. Karen also offers 1:1 meeting with board members, contact Christina to schedule.

Next meeting: October 26th by ZOOM

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm