

# Monday, December 7, 2020

Online/Call-in ZOOM

**Members Present:** Richard Bellows, Carol Christensen, Serena Durand, Antonia Tsobanoudis, Brad Anderson, John Archuleta, Jonathan Raven, Aleecia Gutierrez, Nicki King, Xiaolong Li, Robin Rainwater, Nick Burtcil

**Members Absent:** Rachel Warren

**Staff Present:** Karen Larsen, Leigh Harrington, Christina Grandison, Julie Freitas, Ian Evans

## CALL TO ORDER

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** The December 7th, 2020 the meeting of the Local Mental Health Board was called to order at 6:02 PM On-line. Introductions were made.

**2. Public Comment:**

- Linda Wight, NAMI Yolo-read letter submitted to LMHB (see attachment)
- Kathleen Williams Fossdahl-states she has been thinking of best way to protect PTG West worried it will be purchased by someone out of county. NVBH is a for profit and will be more inclined to sell if the money didn't work out. She stated she is hoping to purchase and give to Yolo County for free and she would give \$10,000 monthly to pay for maintenance and repair. PTG West is the first building my parents bought and donated to help those in need of mental health services. In response Don Saylor states, the board has not seen the proposal that Kathy is describing, right now the Board of Supervisors are looking at the contracts for NVBH providing services to East House. Don states he appreciates how giving Kathleen's family has been for this vulnerable population.

**3. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Richard Bellows, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Burtcil

Yea "I"	Nay	Abstention
14	0	0

**Motion:** Passed Unanimously (Rachel not present for voting)

**4. Approval Minutes:** Motion to approve Robin Rainwater, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jonathan Raven

Yea "I"	Nay	Abstention
11	0	3-Maria Simas, Nick Burtcil, Robert Schelen

**Motion:** Passed with corrections to Criminal Justice Report- "it is common" also add Criminal Justice report was given by Jonathan Raven to clarify tenses.

**5. Member Announcements:**

- Brad-Marta is Mayor of West Sacramento, very glad for her and the fact that her Mental health background will help Sacramento.

- Antonia-now sits on board with Davis Community Meals and Housing, she will recuse herself from any voting that involves monetary decisions that may create a conflict of interest.
- Nick Burtcil-Contact tracing is now live in your smartphone if you want to go in and make it active.

**6. Correspondence:** None

**7. Time Set Agenda:** AOT PowerPoint presented by Karen Larsen and Julie Freitas- (PowerPoint and Board Q&A attached)

**8. Mental Health Director's Report** by Karen Larsen, Mental Health Director, HHSA

- **COVID**-Entirely community spread, people are tired of being stuck in the house and have gathered and that's caused an increase in transmission.
- **RFP**-was attached to MH Directors Report. Would like members of LMHB to be on the RFP review panel. Nicki and Maria have volunteered and we are still in need of another volunteer to review RFP's and score them. Let Karen or Christina know if you have an area of interest and we can get you involved.
- **Co-responder Services**-Antonia interested in hearing about a meeting that was held in Davis, Site Community Safety. Not a county meeting, they did however issue a draft with specific recommendations for Davis PD, it went to Council. They decided to delay until Council discussion which will be held on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **FSP Transition**-Nicki wants to know about Bidders Conference and how many participated. Per Karen there was a good participation. Ian states there was six or seven agencies.
- **Project RoomKey/HomeKey**-Woodland Facility is ready but PG&E hasn't turned on power yet. Karen states this is a common occurrence. Per Ian PG&E will install poles on 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> of December with power connected near the first of the year and the City will provide generators in the meantime so clients can begin to move in. Robin wanted to know about connections for those being released from prison. Karen states parole has a local contracts and the county is involved in a case by case basis. The county will work more with CDCR as people get released from prison have somewhere to go.
- **PG Update**-Antonia had some questions about staffing and being short staff and trends showing an increase in clients referred to conservatorship. PG 100% funded by general fund. Karen stated we have grown staffing quite a bit and it's still not where it needs to be to have a perfect ratio of staff to client. In the economic times we are in there just may not be any funds there. Yolo has the lowest county general fund. We have very limited resources. We would love to have more Public Guardian Officers, we just don't have the funds. Deaths of conservatees is not related to staff size. The conservatees are in congregate settings which heavily impacted by COVID. Julie states that one of the things that has been helpful is the Compass team which has helped to expand staff working with high risk clients. Compass has been able to move people through the system to get them back home with their families. Julie states the team has really developed a good working relation with public guardian and it's been a great help to the public guardian staff.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Board of Supervisors Report Presented by Don Saylor**-COVID is a big issue and he encourages you to look at County Dashboard. Total cases increased by 125 just today. We have seen some dramatic increases. Make the work of tracing that much more difficult. Dr. Sisson is good at communicating, take a look at the video she released on the County Website. Don states the county is seeing a 10-15% positivity rate for those tested. Don's main message is that we haven't seen all the impact of all the gatherings that took place during the week of Thanksgiving. Make sure that the gift we give each other is health and wellbeing.
  
2. **Criminal Justice Update provided by Jonathan Raven:** Jonathan is the one that requested the presentation on Laura's Law and he appreciated the presentation. He has talked to a lot of community members that are unaware of it. Jonathan reached out to NAMI to publicize it. He thanks Anya and NAMI for publicizing it. Criminal Justice had a graduation from Steps to Success which is one of our restorative justice programs that's part of Neighborhood Court, it's a grant we have that's administered by Health and Human Services that's been very successful we had 14 graduates last week. Chief Strange came out to speak at the graduation and it has a tremendous impact on the people who work and participate in the program. We are about to get up and running on a grant through the Department of State Hospitals. This grant is meant to address those who are incompetent to stand trials (or at risk of being incompetent). For those who are felons normally they would go off to state hospitals to be restored to competency due to lack of bed space DSH has been funding counties to do the work locally and that's a good thing. This grant was written and administered by DA. All the funding goes to Health and human services and the staff that will be working it are just about to get on board. The individual has already been appointed by HHSA and the individual is excellent and the DA is very excited. The DA office issued a press release today, we have a new law that allows the DA to recall and change sentences of those that are sentenced to state prison. It will apply to those who are doing really well in programming and rehabilitation by all the work they are doing or for those who may have been sentenced prison sentences that are too lengthy. We are working with the nonprofit called For the People along with King Hall which is the UC Davis Law School to review some sentences. Last week we were able to reduce someone's sentence by five years and I wanted to share this particular individual story because this individual had been living with mental illness and had committed some pretty significant crimes. We are one of the few counties that is working on this law. Other than that, we are looking forward to next year with new grant and we also have this 2<sup>nd</sup> grant that will increase our client participation from 15 to 30. If you would like to watch a graduation, please reach out to Jonathan and he will send you the link. Ian had been managing the programs but with Ian's recent promotion, Julie Freitas will now be taking over.
  
3. **Chair Report-Nicki King**
  - a. Represent the LMHB at Health Council-all COVID lately

- b. Sitting on a COVID Board that discusses how to get people to wear masks. Happy to be working with Dr. Sisson.
- c. Housing Matrix Reviewed (attachment found in Agenda Packet)

**4. Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment**

**Approval of 2021 Hiatus:** Move for July hiatus by Nick Burtcil, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aleecia Gutierrez

Yea "I"	Nay	Abstention
13	0	0

**Motion:** Passed, board has selected to hold break in July

**Next meeting:** January 25<sup>th</sup> by ZOOM

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 8:06pm