

Local Mental Health Board Meeting

Monday, April 26th, 2021

Online/Call-in ZOOM

Members Present: Maria Simas, Aleecia Gutierrez, Antonia Tsobanoudis, Nicki King, Serena Durand, Sue Jones, Nick Birtcil, Jonathan Raven, Bob Schelen, Carol Christensen, Robin Rainwater, Xiaolong Li, Brad Anderson

Members Absent: John Archuleta, Rachel Warren

Staff Present: Karen Larsen, Brian Vaughn, Christina Grandison

CALL TO ORDER

- Welcome and Introductions:** Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Board Chair Nicki King, welcome to the Board Sue Jones, new Representative for District 3
- Public Comment:** Correspondence read by Linda Wight [LINK](#)
- Chair Report:** Provided by Nicki King
 - Developing a questionnaire/survey to send to Board Members by email
 - Nomination committee-need three people to serve as nomination committee for Chair, Vice chair, and Secretary. Maria, Bob, Brad have volunteered. Anyone currently holding seat and interested in keeping position or changing position needs to notify Christina Grandison.
 - Nicki drafted a letter to send to James husband will send copy to Board for review.
- Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Nick Birtcil, 2nd Jonathan Raven

Yea "I"	Nay	Abstention
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Motion: Passed

- Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Brad Anderson, 2nd Carol Christensen

Yea "I"	Nay	Abstention
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Motion: Passed

- Member Announcements:** None
- Correspondence:** Review of Letter to the Board sent on March 17th. Jonathan Raven will circle back and check in with community member who submitted letter as a courtesy.
- Time Set Agenda:** MHSA Annual Review presented by Serena Wright, Project Director C.A.R.E.- Community Advocacy Research & Evaluation Consulting Group. Presentation [LINK](#)
- Mental Health Directors Report:** Presented by Karen Larsen
 - RFP-**Getting ready to release K-12 RFP, need volunteer to review those proposals. Could even take two since we will have a lot of proposals to read and we could split districts. Aleecia volunteer and wanted to get a sense of how many we typically get. Expecting 10

proposals that are long and will be scored in rubrics. Aleecia will do Washington Unified, Serena will cover District 2, Robin will do YCOE and Woodland and Maria will do Rural areas. Christina will notify Tony to schedule your briefing.

- **PRK/Homekey**-continue to house over 200 people on any night, the Governor visited us more than once. We have purchased 1 hotel and may possible purchase a second. Everyone living in hotels gets food delivery, medical mobile services and case management, and vaccinations for those who accept.

Regular Agenda

1. **Board of Supervisors Report:** None
2. **Criminal Justice Update:**
 - **AB1542**-Assembly bill Authored by Kevin McCarty to address issue of individuals with substance use disorders who are committing crimes as a result. These crimes would put them into state prison. This is not possession cases. Burglary, possession stolen property, vehicle theft. They would have to commit enough to face long prison sentence. They would have the option to enter a secure treatment facility. Would be decided by assessments given by treatment providers. Soft facility no bars, no guns. Bill is controversial but is helping to promote conversation. Went before public safety committee has 5 democrats 3 republican passed with 7 I's and 1 abstention. Went to our board with a vote of 3 I's and 1 abstention to move forward with concept. A lot more needs to happen before it becomes a reality. It's a long way off. Studies out there that have found that there isn't a lot of success if someone is forced to receive treatment. Nothing like this has ever been tried so there aren't any evidence-based results.
 - MH Court team presented to California Forensic Mental Health about Yolo County success. Moving forward with our grant to treat people in community instead of sending to state hospitals.
 - People suffering with Mental Health disorders or illnesses are in jail. Many are assed in jail until they are stable enough to transfer out. Hoping that as we move forward with expansion that we will have more space to help these individuals. Many are prescribed antipsychotics but are not taking them. The sheriff is Working towards making changes for that population. Optimistic we will see positive strides once expansion is complete. I'm hopeful we will be a leader in state regarding treatment to this population. If you would like someone from jail to come to the board to speak, please notify Christina Grandison or Nicki. Karen states that she has a monthly check in with Sherriff and she is happy to bring up having them come to the board to discuss the expansion and treatment.
3. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None
4. **Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment:**
 - Meeting time will remain at 6pm.
 - Crisis Now Presentation-May

Next Meeting: May 24th, 2021 6-8pm via ZOOM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:42pm