

Local Mental Health Board Meeting

Monday, January 23rd, 2023

Online/Call-in ZOOM

Members Present: Jonathan Raven, Sue Jones, Carol Christensen, Brad Anderson, Xiaolong Li, Maria Simas, Warren Hawley, Inesita Arce

Members Absent: Serena Durand, John Archuleta, Aleecia Gutierrez, Robin Rainwater

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Meeting called to order by Board Chair Jonathan Raven at 6:04pm
2. **Public Comment:**
 - **Christy Correa**-a mother of a son who suffers from severe mental illness. In program for 6 months, going through transitional phase. Learning ways to improve services and filling the gaps. Want to get involved with Yolo County like crisis now/CIT international. Here to help support and advocate.
 - **Chief Strange**-here to offer some testimony regarding current crisis intervention program. Not just crisis response it's on ongoing support. Changing environment and how we support these issues.
3. Chair Report: working on technology equipment so we can return to in person in March

4. **Approval of Agenda:** moved for approval by Xiaolong Li, Carol Christensen 2nd

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Motion: approved

- Approval of Brown Act:** moved for approval by Maria Simas, Xiaolong Li 2nd

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Motion: approved

5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2023:** moved for approval by Carol Christensen, Brad Anderson 2nd

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Motion: correction to jonathan name spelling

6. **Member Announcements:**

- a. **Brad Anderson**-would like to know if there will be a memorial for Bob Schelen. Currently no plans scheduled. Stay tuned on this.
- b. **Xiaolong Li**- would like to notify the board this is the last meeting; he will be stepping down to spend more time with family. Xiaolong expresses a desire to return to the board in the future.

7. **Correspondence:** received from Christy Correa, included in agenda packet for today's meeting.
8. **Time Set Agenda:** Board and Community Input/Questions on Crisis

Intervention Training – Jonathan Raven

Jonathan-post doesn't have a requirement for this type of training (except for Field Training Officers), in many law enforcement agencies require 40-hour training. HHSA is now holding the contract and provides it in house (sponsored by WPD). Working on the training and it will be launched in February.

Public Comment on CIT-

- **Christy Correa**-Strong feeling are personal, she is not an expert just wants a seat at the table. How we can improve our services with crisis intervention. She has reached out to experts in the field. She provided best guide to the board. Looking for collaboration to find better ways to serve those with mental illness. She loves the crisis now plan, it's exciting. Aware this will take time to implement. Wants fresh idea, experts, and people with personal experience to have a seat at table and be heard. Would like to know how many police officers are participating and when. Will there be 1 officer on duty that's had the training? How often do they receive the training and are there refresher courses and how often? Looking for clear, honest, transparency. The officers accessing the situation dispatchers/Response Team such as the commanding officer or Officer in Charge where they can use de-escalation and make situation worse.
- **Jen Danzer (NAMI)**-will be presenting at upcoming CIT Training offered by HHSA

Board Comment on CIT-

- **Brad Anderson**-I always thought that it wasn't the training of the officer but the fact that there will be a social worker or crisis responder with officer. Believes we need more social workers available 24/7.
- **Sue Jones**-Please include the kind of training do they get if person in crisis is a child or teenager when the presentation comes back to the board.
- **Warren Hawley**-who is protecting the specialist going on site and how many of these calls come in per day. Karleen will check the data for what we track on our dashboard for follow up at next meeting.

Consent Agenda

9. Mental Health Directors Report:

- **Overdose Awareness**-interested in buying merchandise that has a message about overdose but also wants to hear a general update. Karleen believes the merchandise will be offered for free as it becomes available.
- **Crisis Now**-quite a bit more work to do but will have a better idea about architect design by next board meeting.
- **RFP**-Need to work on some RFP and will reach out for board input. There will be no shortage of RFP's coming and we will work on which ones would be best for board involvement.

- **FSP Transition**-as of January 12th all clients have transition from Telecare to Hope Cooperative. We ended our partnership with telecare after many months of challenges. We expanded the Hope Cooperative contracts. Had to call in some additional support to assist with doubled capacity for Hope Cooperative, there are impacts during these difficult transitions, but we are working through them as they arise.

Public Comment on MH Directors Report:

Leslie Carrol- because of the impact on Hope Cooperative has there been an impact on how many FSP are being accepted. Karleen states that 20 new FSP slots have been added. We are finding there are more individuals who need this care and many at this level are not ready to move on to a different level of care which would create openings for new FSP clients.

Regular Agenda

10. **Board of Supervisors Report:** we are going to have a public listening session in West Sacramento this Wednesday at 5:30 in the library, this meeting will be in person. Sheila Allen-budget time for yolo county BOS, good thing to pay attention to because it is not happy financial times as it has been over the last two years. Coming up Feb 21st there will be a presentation on Crisis Now to BOS. BOS are now in person and will only receive public comment in person. Will need to be present at 625 Court Street. You can send email to clerkoftheboard@yolocounty.org for questions. We had a client graduated from Mental health court system. Senator Mike Thomson came to the graduation and spoke.
11. **Criminal Justice Update:** Two years ago, the graduate at the time of the crime was in the midst of deep psychosis; he took advantage of all the opportunities in Mental Health Court, has done great, and graduated. He will participate in the MHC alumni program for the next year by keeping engaged and mentoring current participants. Tomorrow at 9am the Board of Supervisors will present a resolution on MH Court, and it can be watched during the live at tomorrows BOS meeting.
12. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:**
 - **Christina Roup, CIT International**-she serves on board with NAMI and CIT International. Encourages you all to know the philosophies of CIT. Help you understand the urgency of the need for CIT.
13. **Future Meeting Planning and Adjournment:**
 - Year 30 of Local Mental Health Board and maybe we can celebrate when we meet in person.

Next Meeting: February 27, 2023 6pm

Adjourned: 7:13pm

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