

Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health Behavioral Health Advisory Board

Minutes of the Regular and ZOOM Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2022
5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Clarkson called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Roll Call**

The following members were in attendance either via ZOOM, in-person, or conference call: Chair Lesley Clarkson, Supervisor Karm Bains, Supervisor Seth Fuhrer, Vice Chair Lupe Rose, and Secretary Margery Hubbard.

The following members were excused: Jay Kaze and Ateequr Rehman

The following members were absent: Manny Vasquez

Also, in attendance: Rick Bingham, Assistant Director of Health & Human Services and Local Behavioral Health Director; Betsy Gowan, Adult Services Deputy Director; Jesse Hallford, MHSA Staff Analyst; Manny Cardoza, Mary Panerio Page, and Sue Hopper, Executive Secretary.

3. **Public Comment:** None addressed.

4. **Program Presentation** – Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update – Betsy Gowan, Adult Services Deputy Director and Jesse Hallford, Staff Analyst: highlights included:

- The MHSA Annual Update will be scheduled for public comment and review for the period of March 15 – April 13, 2022. The plan will be on the Sutter County website and posted in various locations throughout both counties, such as the County Administrators office, libraries for both counties and in the newspaper. The public hearing will be held on April 14, 2022.
- COVID-19 impacted some programs more than others. Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) and services in schools were heavily impacted. The Wellness & Recovery Program for Adult Services could not hold group and activity sessions.
- Community Program Planning Process (CPPP) – 133 stakeholders attended the three community meetings. This is a huge increase from prior year meetings and seems to reflect that people are becoming more aware of MHSA. More access to services and a bigger time range were the most requested items from community feedback.
- Other very specific items that will be reviewed over the next year include an increase in the HEART (homeless outreach) team and increases in ethnic outreach to include Punjabi outreach. Adult Urgent Services to see if more short-term services can be provided to begin with to get people in more quickly.

- FY 2021 is the reporting period for this update. There has been substantial growth since that time that will be reported in next update. This will include the implementation of supportive services at New Haven; the implementation of thirty more FSP slots and partial implementation of the iCARE Innovation program.
- Overall MHSA is doing well. Staff are working hard to begin to show outcomes – will be shown more next year. Full report will be emailed out. Will post on March 15th. Hard copies are available if needed.

5. **Action Items:**

- a. **Approve Setting a Public Review Period of March 15 to April 13, 2022, for the MHSA Plan Annual Update Comment Period.** Member Rose moved to setting a public review period for the MHSA Plan Annual Update. Member Hubbard seconded the motion.

Aye votes: Board Members Clarkson, Fuhrer, Bains, Rose, and Hubbard
 Nay votes: None
 Abstentions: None

- b. **Approve Setting a Public Hearing Date of April 14, 2022, for the MHSA Plan Annual Update.** Member Rose moved to approve the setting a Public Hearing date of April 14, 2022. Member Hubbard seconded the motion.

Aye votes: Board Members Clarkson, Fuhrer, Bains, Rose, and Hubbard
 Nay votes: None
 Abstentions: None

- c. **Approve February 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes.** Member Rose moved to approve the February 10, 2022, meeting minutes as submitted. Member Hubbard seconded the motion.

Aye votes: Board Members Clarkson, Fuhrer, Bains, Rose, and Hubbard
 Nay votes: None
 Abstentions: None

- d. **Appoint Ad-Hoc Committee to develop annual Year-End Report for FY 2021-2022.** Ms. Clarkson was appointed to develop the annual year-end report. Mr. Cardoza will assist once he is appointed to the board.

- e. **Review and Consider Application to fill Sutter County At-Large Representative seat and offer a recommendation to the Sutter County Board of Supervisors – Mary Panerio Page.** Member Bains moved to approve offering a recommendation to the Sutter County Board of Supervisors for Ms. Panerio Page to fill the At-Large Representative Seat. The motion was seconded by Member Rose and carried as follows:

Aye votes: Board Members Clarkson, Fuhrer, Bains, Rose, and Hubbard
 Nay votes: None
 Abstentions: None

- f. **Review and Consider Application to fill Sutter County At-Large Representative seat and offer a recommendation to the Sutter County Board of Supervisors – Manny Cardoza.** Member Bains moved to approve offering a recommendation to the Sutter County Board of Supervisors for Mr. Cardoza to fill the At-Large Representative Seat. The motion was seconded by Member Rose and carried as follows:

Aye votes: Board Members Clarkson, Fuhrer, Bains, Rose, and Hubbard

Nay votes: None

Abstentions: None

6. **SUDS Program Update – Continuum of Care – Phillip Hernandez, Program Manager:** Mr. Bingham reported for Mr. Hernandez:
- SUDS entered into a contract with WellPath. WellPath opened a community center about a year ago. SUDS has been working with them for a while and will be referring clients from IOT (Intensive Outpatient Treatment) and ODF (Outpatient Drug Free) to them; specifically, when medication assisted treatment is being provided. This is all under Drug Medi-Cal.
7. **MHSA Program Update** – Betsy Gowan, Adult Services Deputy Director, MHSA Coordinator.
- No further updates were provided.
8. **Behavioral Health Director’s Report – Rick Bingham, LMFT:** Mr. Bingham reported on the following:
- Mr. Bingham spoke about Governor Newsom’s Care Court proposal. The idea behind this proposal is to establish a civil court process for individuals who have severe behavioral health disorders. It would focus on people with schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders. There are three paths to admission to the program; suspected of a crime; put on a 5150 or referred by family member or case worker. First responders may also initiate admission. Subjects will be assigned a public defender and then the county will develop a case plan which will need to be approved by the court and then the client will be mandated to follow the plan and behavioral health mandated to provide services. If a client refused services, then criminal proceedings could/would resume. Medications would be court ordered but not forced. Courts would have the power to levy sanctions against the county. This is a proposal and has not been approved by the legislature. The proposal does not address any funding for counties to provide these services. It does not address any housing issues going on throughout the state. Part of this was to target the homeless population because there is an assumption that if they are homeless, they also have behavioral health issues. In reality 30% have a mental health issue and about 20% have substance abuse issues. This proposal seems to fund the courts – there is no funding for behavioral health. This will be a huge impact on Public Guardian offices – conservatorships would need to be done. The Public Guardian is usually funded by county general funds – not federal or state. Most behavioral health facilities are experiencing staffing shortages now and would need to be able to create a treatment team for this proposal – this would be another issue. The goal with this proposal is to reach 7,000 – 10,000 people; the current homeless population in California exceeds 160,000 – so not much of an impact would be realized. There seems to be a lot of holes in the proposal that have not been addressed, funding, staffing, etc.

9. **New Business:**

- Ms. Rose announced that she will be resigning from her At-Large position as she is heavily involved with Alanon and starting up a branch of AlaTeen. Ms. Rose's last meeting will be the April 14, 2022, meeting. Ms. Rose would like to provide a AlaTeen presentation to the BHAB in the future.

10. **Old Business:** None addressed.

11. **Other Announcements/Correspondence:** None addressed.

12. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business brought forward Chair Clarkson thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.