



County of Santa Cruz

HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
Behavioral Health Division



Salud Mental y
Tratamiento del Uso
de Sustancias

MINUTES – Approved
September 19, 2024

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

AUGUST 15, 2024; 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

1400 EMELINE, ROOMS 206-207, SANTA CRUZ

MICROSOFT TEAMS (831) 454-2222, CONFERENCE ID 703 283 377#

Present: Antonio Rivas, Celeste Gutierrez, Dean Kashino, Jennifer Wells Kaupp (arrived 3:31pm), Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes, Stella Peuse
Absent: Hugh McCormick, Jeffrey Art, Supervisor Hernandez
Staff: Tiffany Cantrell-Warren, Andrea Turnbull, Danielle Long, Jane Batoon-Kurovski

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- I. Roll Call – Quorum present. Meeting called to order at 3:05p.m. by Chair Xaloc Cabanes.
 - II. Public Comments – 1 person addressed the MHAB in the conference room.
No public comments via Microsoft Teams.
 - III. Board Member Announcements
 - New resource: Medi-Cal website has materials for homeless service providers and community organizers.
 - Saturday Sept 7th, 10-12pm Zoom meeting for the first ever housing crisis town hall with elected officials attending.
 - Reminder to board members that there should be no reference of the MHAB on signature line for correspondence not voted on by the MHAB.
 - IV. Business / Action Items
 - A. Approve July 18, 2024 Minutes with changes as discussed.
Motion/Second: Laura Chatham / Dean Kashino

Ayes: Antonio Rivas, Celeste Gutierrez, Dean Kashino, Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig, Valerie Webb, Xaloc Cabanes
Absent: Jennifer Wells Kaupp not present for vote
Nays: None
Motion passed.
 - V. Reports
 - A. Secretary's Report – Secretary absent, no report.

VI. Standing Reports

A. July Patients' Rights Report – George Carvalho, Patients' Rights Advocate
The July report was provided. George attended the meeting.

George clarified the following:

- Individuals are not transferred out of state to avoid Reise protections.
- 39% of individuals are sent out of county

B. Behavioral Health Director's Report – Tiffany Cantrell-Warren, Director of Behavioral Health

- The Director recommended the MHAB agenda and revisit the sweeps letter for another conversation to provide some additional clarification.
- Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan, Andrea Turnbull, BH Program Manager
 - Andrea stated that BH is working with the Suicide Prevention Services of Central Coast to form a Loss Team. They have a list of strategic plans and goals that they want to complete in this new update. Public comment is open, and individuals have an opportunity to respond by accessing a link to the strategic plan update on the BH website. All comments will be compiled at the end and brought to the BOS. After BOS approval, it will be posted on the BH website as the official plan. The plan is available in English and Spanish. Closing date is September 19, 2024.
- 24/7/365 Mobile Crisis Response Update – Danielle Long, Behavioral Health Program Manager
 - BH is partnering with Family Service Agency to do mobile crisis response between 4:30pm and 8am in the entire county. There are currently 8 team members and hiring 5 new staff. Once they have all five new hires, they will be fully staffed and will be able to work overnight hours. They anticipate they will be fully staffed within the next 45 days.
 - BH is partnering with Watsonville Community Hospital to have youth brought to their ED. Pacific Clinics is working with youth on 5585 determining whether they can safety plan with them and have them go to a safe environment or if they still require inpatient hospitalization. Within the last 3 months, there were 43 total holds, 25 North County and 18 South County. 65% of youth on hold were seen by Pacific Clinics, 23% of youth were seen by MERTY, 30 transferred to BH units, and 1 was admitted to the hospital.

C. Crisis Now Academy Update – postponed to the next meeting.

VII. New Agenda Items – none.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

- Stella's last meeting is next month. She will be providing feedback to the MHAB about what would make this board better in supporting a youth's voice.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.