

**MINUTES – Approved
January 11, 2023**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

DECEMBER 14, 2022 ♦ 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
1400 EMELINE AVE, ROOMS 206-207, SANTA CRUZ
Microsoft Teams Meeting (831) 454-2222, Conference 912 776 176#

Present: Antonio Rivas, Jeffrey Arlt, Laura Chatham, Michael Neidig
Staff: Jane Batoon-Kurovski

- I. Roll Call. Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Jeffrey Arlt.
- II. Public Comments
 - Richard Gallo from Access CA – stated that he would like to know how much money of MHSA funding is being spent this fiscal year.
- III. Adoption of AB361 – Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meetings
Motion/Second: Antonio Rivas / Laura Chatham
Motion passed.
- IV. Approve November 9, 2022 Minutes
Motion/Second: Michael Neidig / Antonio Rivas
Motion passed.
- V. Members report on meetings with representatives
 1. Antonio met with Supervisor Caput regarding Restroom Policy. A committee will be established, and they will come up with policy language.
 2. Laura sent an email to Supervisor Koenig a couple of times and has not received a response yet.
- VI. Discussion.
 1. BOS Consent Agenda November 15 – committee focused on Item #41, increase of funds to Encompass, and Item #42, increase of funds to Telecare. Committee considering writing a letter of concern to Tiffany, Karen and/or Monica. The committee will ask that the MHAB have an opportunity to provide input before contracts are signed. The main concern is why are for-profit entities getting paid more than what is in their current contract.
 2. County General Fund schedule and process – in December/January, the committee will ask for preliminary budget report from Karen/Tiffany.
 3. MHSA Process Involvement – the committee will ask Lauren Fein at the MHAB meeting why Santa Cruz doesn't have 60-day input, only 30-days.
 4. Support any recommendations with presentations by experts
 - a. Elece Hemple, Director of Petaluma People's Services will do presentation at the January 11th meeting on the financing of Petaluma's SAFE (24/7 mobile crisis response) program.
 - b. City of Santa Cruz hired consultant to look into 24/7
 - c. County BH joined in MHSA program to create, design and plan for a call center, 24/7 mobile crisis response and a receiving center. The funds available through MHSA would come out of the innovation bucket which is 5% of our total (approximately \$1 million). To have one of the 24/7 teams is

about \$1.2 million. The mobile crisis response team will not be county employees and will not be directly managed by county staff as the team would be from a community-based organization that has a contract with the County. There would be a County Program Manager to oversee the non-profit and ensure they are meeting guidelines for MHSA.

VII. Recommendations to the Mental Health Advisory Board – none.

VIII. New Business – none.

IX. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.