

**Behavioral Health Board Minutes
San Luis Obispo County
November 17, 2021
3:00p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barbara Levenson
Marshall Hamilton
David Riester
Rose Fowler Plummer
Marcella Paric
Mary Bianchi
Nicole Bennett
Supervisor Ortiz-Legg
Joseph Kurtzman
Sarah Sartain (for Supervisor Ortiz-Legg)
Tom Milder (for Robert Reyes)
Robert Reyes
Lori Thomas (for Amber/ SELPA)

HEALTH AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Robin
Laura Zarate
Frank Warren

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eulalia Apolinar
Johnny Rodriguez
Pamela Zweifel
Amber Gallagher
Melissa Cummins
Josh Pintor (for Sheriff Parkinson)

GUESTS:

Jill Bolster-White
Jon Nibbio
Jessie Yates
Joe Madsen
Seleste Bowers
Dana Ready
Clint Weirick

1. **Barbara Levenson called meeting to order @ 3:00 pm.**
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**
 - Round-table introductions.
3. **Public Comments-**
 - Joseph Kurtzman:
 - Apologize for absenteeism. Has been a very stressful time but things have changed drastically at Sunny Acres. Very proud of our community. We are still here. Thank you to Supervisor Ortiz-Legg, she is one of many supportive people.
 - Sup. Ortiz-Legg:
 - Grateful to be part of this Board and gotten to know Joseph Kurtzman and what he stands for. Very proud of our community. We stand with you all the way Joseph.
4. **Presentation: Cen-Cal Health – Seleste Bowers:**
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5. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from October 20, 2021
M/S/C: Mary Bianchi/David Riester Abstain: Joseph Kurtzman (absent)
6. **Ongoing Business: None**

7. **Administrative Action:** VOTE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING MEETINGS BY TELECONFERENCE UNTIL THE BHB'S NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT, AS AUTHORIZED BY ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 361

M/S/C: David Riester/Nicole Bennett All in favor of meeting by Zoom in January.

8. **New Business:** Member Discussion on Attending MHSA Stakeholder Meetings and Reporting Back. Laura Zarate to add MHSA discussion to BHB calendar in September: Who is interested in participating in different MHSA topics and will be ready to report in October. Another option is to attach MAC meeting minutes to our BHB minutes for added MHSA information.

9. **Membership Committee Report- Update:** Welcome Dana Ready. Looking forward to her application to the BHB. Next in line for Membership Highlight: Tom Milder, Lori Thomas, Alternates. Discussed what is next when we get to the end of our highlight member list. Maybe spend that time each on talking about what brings us to the Behavioral Health Board, who do we represent.

10. **Committee Representatives Update:** No Update

11. **Member Highlight: Sarah Sartain**
Sarah Sartain shared her educational, vocational, and some of her personal history.

12. **Director's Report:**

- This week we are working to move the Dispatch/Placement services from Emergency Departments to out of County hospitals from the PHF to Sierra Mental Wellness Group. It will be a process, but our goal is two-fold: Assist people in Emergency Department find a bed/placement and also allow the PHF to focus on providing excellent in-patient care. Emphasis is to provide more mobile and robust services in the community.
- A new grant has been received. Crisis Care Mobil Units (CCMU) is one of them which will expand coverage for youth triage/crisis response in North County. and expanding the dispatch/call center to 24/7.
- There are still several grants to be released early next year.

13. **Adjourn at 4:20pm M/S/C: David Riester/Joseph Kurtzman**

14. **Public Hearing: MHSA Annual Update Report – Frank Warren**

The MHSA Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Update to the Three-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2023 is available now for review and comment from October 19 through November 17, 2021.

You can review the Annual Update here: [MHSA-Annual-Update-for-FY2020-2021 DRAFT-October-2021](#)

Accept the Report and send to the Board of Supervisors. M/S/C: Marshall Hamilton/Joseph Kurtzman

15. **Adjourn 4:52pm**