

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clint Weirick
Barbara Levenson
Robert Reyes
Marshall Hamilton
Joseph Kurtzman
DAVID RIESTER
JOSEPH PINTOR (FOR SHERIFF PARKINSON)
JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ
ROSE FOWLER PLUMMER
MARY BIANCHI
SUPERVISOR ORTIZ-LEGG
Pamela Zweifel
MARCELLA PARIC
MELISSA CUMMINS

MEMBERS ABSENT:

EULALIA APOLINAR
Joyce Heddleson
Nicole Bennett
Amber Gallagher

HEALTH AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Robin
Laura Zarate
Kimberly Mott
Timothy Siler
Alysia Hendry

GUESTS:

Jessica Yates
Clint Weirick
Jon Nibbio

1. **Barbara Levenson called meeting to order @ 3:00 pm.**
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**
Round-table introductions.
3. **Public Comments-**
 - None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from February 17, 2021 approved with one correction.
M/S/C: Hamilton/Bianchi Abstain: None.
5. **Ongoing Business:**
 - Innovation Draft Plan: Tim Siler- sent out for 30-day review to State. To be presented next month.
 - Action Item: Vote on Renewals Due for Re-Appointment 6/30/2021-6/30/2024:
 - Eulalia Apolinar
 - Pam Zweifel
 - Joyce Heddleson
 - Nicole Bennett
 - Robert Reyes
 - M/S/C: Riester/Hamilton

6. **New Business:**

➤ **PLANNING COUNSEL DATA NOTEBOOK -REVIEW**

Anne Robin reviewed draft responses with BHB members. Will present final when it is ready.

7. **Membership Committee Report- Update:**

- Requested those who have not turned in the BHB Membership Application, please do so to Laura Zarate.
- Per County Clerk: Vacancies Posted for the following:
 - TeaEster Higgins (Family)
 - William McQuilkin (Family)
 - Elizabeth Smith (Agency)
 - Clint Weirick (Consumer)
- Appointments for the above seats can be made on or after March 16, 2021.
- Agency positions have been filled. 4 vacancies on the BHB. Looking for Family and Consumer positions to be filled. If you know of someone who has an interest, please contact Mary Bianchi.

8. **Committee Representatives Update – None to Update.**

9. **Member Highlight- Joseph Kurtzman**

Joseph Kurtzman shared his educational, vocational, and some of his personal history.

10. **Director’s Report- Legislative Update, Anne Robin:**

- Bill season. Looking at them. The peer certification was approved and funded. Getting more peers because of their lived-experience and will be compensated. Medi-Cal recognizes the peer lived-experience position. Hope to add a classification here in SLO County.
- Came out this week: Joint statement: CBHDA recognizes racism as a Public Health Issue. Need to provide more services that truly support people of color. We still need more Spanish services.
- Laura Zarate has been working as a PIO with Telemundo and several media since the beginning of the pandemic. We have a Farmworker Task Force who is putting together vaccination clinics – 600 Covid-19 vaccines- every Friday.
- Dr. Ilano and I have been working with our contractor for medical services for the PHF called Traditions Behavioral Health to allow Drs provide services after hours and weekends. Will all be telehealth. Hope this will be running by Summer.

11. **Presentation: Suicide Prevention: Kimberly Mott and Alysia Hendry**

The County of San Luis Obispo Behavioral Health Department, in partnership with the Suicide Prevention Council, has made its draft Suicide Prevention Plan available for public review and comment until Wednesday, April 21, 2021. You may find it here:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Behavioral-Health/Prevention-Outreach/Services/Suicide-Prevention.aspx>

12. **Adjourn BHB Meeting: 4:53pm**