

**MINUTES APPROVED –
September 19, 2019**

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

August 15, 2019

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Health Services Agency, 1400 Emeline Avenue, Bldg K, Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA

Present: Bek Phillips, Serge Kagno, Hugh McCormick, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

Excused Absence: Antonio Rivas, Kate Avraham, Erika Miranda-Bartlett, Lynda Kaufmann

Unexcused Absence: Rebekah Mills

1. Public Comments
 - Maria Correia – attended March meeting to address a grievance. Reached out to Quality Improvement regarding son’s situation. Spoke to Cybele Lolley and wrote to her, however never heard back.
 - Colleen McMahon Sepulveda, Chair of Substance Use Disorder Commission. Attending this meeting to observe since there is conversation of combining the SUDS Commission and MHAB.

2. Approval of June 20, 2019 and July 18, 2019 meeting minutes postponed to next month – no quorum.

3. Standing Board of Supervisors (BOS) Report, Supervisor Greg Caput
 - Last week’s Board of Supervisors meeting - voted on eliminating plastic water bottles.

4. Standing Behavioral Health (BH) Directors Report, Erik Riera
 - Watsonville Behavioral Health office update – move dates: September 12 - 13, 2019. First day of operations: Monday, September 16, 2019. Plan is to have an open house within a month after moving in.

5. Ad Hoc Committee and Standing Committee Reports:
 - a. Jail Committee Report – Co-Chair: Hugh McCormick
 - Continuing to work on jail orientation packet for friends and family members of incarcerated individuals. Final packet to be completed soon.

 - b. Community Engagement Committee Report –
 - Second Annual Candlelight Services to be held on National Suicide Prevention Awareness Day – September 10, 2019
 - Capitola bandstand cost is \$320 for permit and application, and \$15K insurance
 - Problem with clock tower – permit required, fire safety requirement and no acoustics so difficult to hear
 - Need to secure location soon so NAMI can post event in their August 22nd newsletter
 - Hugh to check in with NAMI to be a possible partner in this event
 - Serg to check with Sarah Leonard, MHCAN to be a possible partner in this event

 - c. MHSA Advisory Committee – no report.

 - d. Membership Committee – Chair: Hugh McCormick
 - Carolina Profeta is moving to Southern CA and has resigned as a Member-At-Large.

- e. Site Visit Committee – Chair: Hugh McCormick
 - Xaloc Cabanes, Erika Miranda-Bartlett and Hugh McCormick visited Janus last week, 2-hour visit. Report will be available next month.
 - Plan is to visit Casa Pacific next month.

- 6. Board Member presentation on Peer Employment in Mental Health Services by Rebekah Mills, Mental Health Advisory Board Member – postponed (Board member absent).

- 7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Nominating Committee for Board Member Positions – Nominate Xaloc as Chair, Bek as Co-Chair and Rebekah as Secretary. Voting postponed to next month.

 - b. Santa Cruz County Strategic Plan – review DRAFT letter to the Board of Supervisors. Suggestion from Board member to delete the word, “comprehensive” at the end of the second paragraph. Discussion to be held next month and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

 - c. Mental Health Advisory Board Retreat Dates – narrowed down to 2 dates: Wednesday, September 18th at the Watsonville Ag Extension or Friday, September 20th at 1400 Emeline, Santa Cruz. Recorder to send email to all Mental Health Advisory Board Members to confirm which date is preferred.

 - d. Substance Use Disorder Commission and Mental Health Advisory Board merger update – Colleen McMahon Sepulveda, Substance Use Disorder Services (SUDS) Commission Chair

Currently in the exploratory phase of the merger. Completed comparison document on the purpose of both boards to see how they compare and contrast – both very similar. Provided two documents to the MHAB: SUDS Commission Biennial Report and Service Provider Report. Next SUDS Commission Meeting: September 9, 2019, 5:30 p.m. at the Health Services Agency, 1060 Emeline Avenue, Solarium, Santa Cruz, CA.

 - e. Discussion of Measure G and Funding for Mental Health – postponed to next month.

- 8. New/Future Business
 - a. 2019 Data Notebook – due in October. Data Notebook has several components: education piece; numbers (how many are accessing services); page 25, question #12 – asking for the MHAB members input. Data Notebook will be discussed and finalized at the next meeting.

 - b. California Mental Health Advisory Board Meeting – travel covered and highly encourage individuals to carpool to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.