

MINUTES – APPROVED
July 19, 2018

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

June 21, 2018

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1400 Emeline Avenue, Room 206, Santa Cruz, CA

Present: Aimee Escalante, Kathleen Avraham, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

Excused Absence: Bek Phillips, Hugh McCormick, Jim Roszell, Lynda Kaufmann, Rebekah Mills
Jodie Wells

Unexcused Absence: 0

1. Public Comment

- Audience member passed out brochures on Firearms & Suicide Prevention-program to prevent suicide from firearms. Brochures will be available at Markley's, Perry's Sporting Goods, Scotts Valley Sportsman Club, and Outdoor World
- Volunteer Housing Navigator - housed 35 individuals, retention rate of 70%. Of those 70% that are successfully housed, there has been a connection with either County MH, case management or peer support groups. The issue of the individuals who lost housing through eviction or contract termination, has to do with lack of post-housing support, not seeing responsiveness from case management in general. Suggestion for the MHAB to form an Ad Hoc Committee to look at post-housing support and 180/2020 can support the committee and explore the causes and possible solutions to this problem
- Child & Family Rights Advocate – brought up the issue of separating children from families. New group formed and is pushing for an executive order to stop the dependency hearing process and gives rights to jury trials. Also working to get advocates into these hearings

2. Meeting minutes for May 17, 2018 - approval tabled to next month when there is a quorum

3. Standing Board of Supervisors (BOS) report, Greg Caput:

- Board will vote on Tuesday for resolution to keep families together at the Border
- Currently in Budget Hearings - funding a lot of Mental Health programs, including the new facility in Watsonville, staff at this location includes psychologists and psychiatrists
- Suicide prevention skills for the Sheriff's staff – money budgeted for Sheriff's Office to have training on suicide prevention and conflict resolution
- Watsonville Veterans Service Office open 4 days/week, drop-ins are on Wednesday's; hired one part-time Veterans Outreach Worker who goes out to talk to homeless and if veteran, discuss what benefits and services they may be entitled to receive; for WWII Veterans, Veterans Outreach Worker will go to their homes to talk to them

4. Standing Behavioral Health (BH) Directors report, Erik Riera:

- Director's Update to the Mental Health Advisory Board – HOPES Team Model (details available on the MHAB website):
 - HOPES Team Model Goal
 - HOPES Team Model Design
 - Underlying Principles in Developing the HOPES Model
 - Implementation of HOPES
 - Referral Process
 - HOPES Model

- HOPES Referral, and Assessment Model
- Proposed Performance Measures
- Performance Measures Across Five Domains
- 5 Domains Inform 5 Outcome Areas
- Performance Measures
- Performance Measures – Individual
- Performance Measures – Health
- Performance Measures – Criminal Justice
- Performance Measures – Community
- Key Statistics to Date: First 8 weeks of Operation
- Next Steps

5. Ad Hoc Committee and Board Member Reports:

- a. Jail Committee Report – Steve Carney no longer Chief of Corrections; current Chief of Corrections is Jeremy Verinsky
- b. Community Engagement Committee Report
 - Twin Lakes Conference in October – details to be discussed at a later date
 - World Suicide Prevention Day Light a Candle – discussion tabled to next month’s meeting
- c. Planning Committee – no report
- d. Nominating Committee – Election of officers will take place next month when there is a quorum. Also, there are 2 vacant members-at-large positions. Members-at-large have the right to attend and participate at all meetings of the board and sub-committees, but shall have no voting powers

6. Presentations

- a. Summary of Retreat
 - Recruit members for a more diverse Mental Health Advisory Board that reflect the community
 - Clarification of different subcommittees
 - Goals for the year:
 - ✓ Community Engagement Event in 2 years
 - ✓ Monthly special interest presentations from each Board Member
 - ✓ Involvement with the town hall meetings – opportunity to fully understand what our community needs, what are the issues
 - ✓ Team Building Activity – understanding of why each member is passionate in certain areas of mental health. The Board Members connection with the public exists due to their experience in mental health, or are families with mental health issues

7. New Business/Future Agenda Items

- a. John Deetz from 180/2020 – discussion of possibly forming of Ad Hoc Committee

8. Motion to adjourn made by Kate Avraham. Second by Aimee Escalante. Meeting adjourned at 4:30p.m.