

Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2018, 4:00 to 6:00

2751 Napa Valley Corporate Drive, Building A, Oak Conference Room

Chair:	Kristine Haataja	Vice Chair:	Rowena Korobkin
Minutes:	LuAnn Pufford, Sr. Office Assistant		

---- Agenda Topics ----

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. by Chair Kristine Haataja.

2. Roll Call/Introductions

The Napa County Mental health Board (MHB) met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 2018, with the following members present: Chair Kristine Haataja, Vice-Chair Rowena Korobkin, and members Supervisor Ryan Gregory, Theresa Comstock, Zachariah Geyer, Tiffany Iverson, Kristyn Miles, Christine Lieber, Mirna Leiva-Gullord, Justine Zilliken. Kathleen Chance, Larry Kamer, and Shari Staglin.

Napa County Staff present: Jim Diel, Acting Mental Health Director, LuAnn Pufford, Sr. Office Assistant, Mitch Wippert, HHSA Deputy Director of Operations, Housing and Homeless Services, and Nui Bezaire, HHSA Project Manager, Housing and Homeless Services.

3. Public Comment

Public Comments were as follows:

- Senate Bill 906, Peer Support Specialist Certification, was vetoed earlier this year by Governor Jerry Brown. A new bill in favor of Peer Support Specialist Certification, if approved by the California Assembly and Senate, will go before the new Governor in 2019.
- Included in the meeting packets was a copy of the email to former HHSA Mental Health Director Bill Carter, along with his reply.

4. Approval of Minutes and Consent Items

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2018 meeting was made by member Theresa Comstock. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Rowena Korobkin and passed with all Ayes. * No members were opposed.

**See list of members under item 2 Roll Call/Introductions.*

5. Old Business

A. None

6. New Business

A. Mitch Wippert, Deputy Director of Operations, Housing and Homeless Services at Napa County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) and Nui Bezaire, Project Manager of Homeless and

Housing Services, HHSA, began the presentation with an overview of the Napa 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness and Continuum of Care a “a consortium of non-profit, faith-based and government agencies that supply homeless services to the population of Napa County”. In 2015, the City and County of Napa began a process of reviewing and renovating the homelessness crisis response system to better address the needs of persons experiencing homelessness. From this analysis a detailed report of recommendations was developed. From this report three guiding principles were adopted –

- 1) Shift from a program approach to a system approach
- 2) Implement a system wide, housing first approach
- 3) Data will be used to improve the system

From this idea of a system approach, a Request For Proposal (RFP) was issued and subsequently, Abode Services was awarded a contract to provide outreach and housing support services to homeless individuals in Napa County.

In addition, Mr. Wippen and Ms. Bezaire spoke about Whole Person Care Pilot which involves the coordination of health, behavioral health and social services for “...Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have been identified as high users of multiple systems and continue to have poor health outcomes.”, and No Place Like Home Program, a program administered by the California Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with funding to provide permanent supportive housing for “persons who need mental health services and are experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness, or are at-risk of chronic homelessness.”

- B. Members Kathleen Chance, Supervisor Ryan Gregory and Rocky Sheridan participated in a site visit to Progress Foundation, Bella House. Bella House provides housing for approximately one year to individuals who have a primary mental health diagnosis. The goal of their program is to assist individuals with basic life skills in order to be able to transition to a lower level of care, with the hope of independent living. They have a good ratio of staff to clients, and report that “Of those individuals admitted to the program, 85% will move to a less structured setting within 18 months of admission.”. The overall impression of the facility and program was positive. A recommendation for the site visit participants was made that “More facilities of this kind are acutely needed in Napa County.”.
- C. The floor was opened to nominations for a third person to serve on the Executive Committee as a Member-At-Large. A nomination was made by Chair Kristine Haataja for member Justine Zilliken to serve in this capacity. The nomination was approved with all Ayes.
- D. Acting Mental Health Director Jim Diel gave the following update:
 - MH Division has been providing technical assistance to Butte County due to the recent wildfires there, and the MH Division’s experience in dealing with these same issues in October of 2017. MH Division staff have responded to multiple requests for support with services such as search and rescue, dealing with community member deaths, and student support.
 - There is a continued response to Department of Health Care Services audits – Triennial, EQRO, MHSA, FEMA review, Cost Report Acceleration, and technical assistance to HHSA’s Alcohol & Drug Services Division for their audit.
 - Developing a report of community three year mental health needs planning
 - Continue to enhance and refine the MH Division Disaster Response Plan
 - Development of community information campaign to educate the public on activities and resources provided by HHSA, MH Division
- E. Committee and Work Group updates were as follows:
 - Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) – No update was provided.
 - Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) – No update was provided
 - Community Outreach Work Group – Team lead Tiffany Iverson commented that the work group has been working collaboratively with Acting Mental Health Director Jim Diel with efforts on ideas for informing the community about the MH Board. Items under review are editorials in the Napa Register and a community calendar.

- F. Member Theresa Comstock provided an overview of CALBHBC newsletter; a mention was made about the Data Notebook mandated report to the California Mental Health Planning Council.

7. Announcements & Informational Items

- A. Speaker Schedule Plan for 2019
1. School Based Mental Health Services: NVUSD, Mentis, Wellness Center Representative
 2. Innovations in Mental Health Service Delivery: Tele-Health, Tele-Psychiatry, Text Based Services
 3. Triennial State Audit, External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) Audit, & MHSA Audit Overview
 4. Service Programs Provided by Mental Health Organizational Providers: Aldea Children & Family Services, Mentis, Progress Foundation
 5. MHSA Innovations Projects Updates
 6. Mental Health Division Budget Overview: HHSA Chief Fiscal Officer & Asst Chief Fiscal Officer
 7. PATH & SAMHSA Grant Funding FY 2019-20 – Sandy Schmidt, MH Division SSA
 8. Joint Meeting with Alcohol & Drug Services Board (ABAD), Tom Holstein, Board Chair
- B. Napa County Mental Health Board web page includes Executive Committee and Board meeting agendas, minutes & supporting documents:
<http://www.countyofnapa.org/HHSA/MentalHealthBoard/>
- C. Next **MH Board Meeting**, January 14, 2019, Napa County Health & Human Services Agency, 2751 Napa Valley Corporate Drive, Building A, Oak Conference Room
- D. Next **Executive Committee Meeting**, January 28, 4:30 – 5:30pm, Napa County Health & Human Services Agency, 2751 Napa Valley Corporate Drive, Building A, 2nd Floor, Manzanita Conference Room
- E. **CALBHBC Bay Area Regional Meeting/Training**: March 16, 2019, Oakland CA.
<https://www.calbhbc.com/meetings-and-training.html>
- F. **CALBHBC All State Meeting & Capitol Day**: April 10, 2019, Sacramento

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by member Theresa Comstock and was seconded by Vice-Chair Rowena Korobkin. The motion passed with all Ayes. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:33 pm.