



Minutes

Present: Micki Archuleta, Chair; Mary Ellis, Secretary; Supervisor Lee Lor; Keng Cha; Paula Mason; Audrey Spangler; Iris Mojica de Tatum; Sally Ragonut; Kim Carter; Norma Cardona; Vince Ramos

Absent: Darrell Hall, Vice-Chair; Bruce Metcalf; Vicki Humble

Others Present: Yvonnia Brown; Lanetta Smyth; Chris Kraushar; Janinda Gunawardene; Benjamin Juarez; Alejandro Carrillo; Carol Hulsizer, Recorder

Call to Order / Flag Salute / Roll Call

Chair Micki Archuleta called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Flag salute was done. Roll call was taken.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement was read by Micki Archuleta.

Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2018 (BOARD ACTION)

Recommendation/Action: M/S/C (Ragonut / Mojica de Tatum) to approve the minutes from November 6, 2018.

Opportunity for public input. At this time any person may comment on any item which is not on the agenda.

Recommendation/Action: Benjamin Juarez commented that he recently finished his last semester at UCMerced as a biology major. He would like to be a mental health professional and his goal now is to become either a clinical psychologist or a psychiatrist. Now that he is finished with school his plan is to get more involved in the community with the time he has left. He will be taking classes in the Spring at Merced College in psychology. He looked for behavioral health oriented events and found this Board meeting. He just wanted to introduce himself and hopes to become involved in any way he can. There are a few committees which he is interested in being part of.

Committee / Ad-Hoc Reports

- a. Substance Use Disorder**
- b. Board Development**
- c. Evaluation of Local Facilities**
- d. Nominating Committee**
- e. QIC**
- f. Executive Committee**

Discussion/Conclusion: Micki explained that these committees are to be meeting and then reporting back to this Board. **a.** Neither Darrel nor any other committee member was present today to give a report. **b.** Kim handed out a document on Member Representation by District and maps for Districts 3 and 5. She emailed Supervisors Silveira and McDaniel regarding their open positions and will be sending a follow-up letter with more information on Behavioral Health and how SUD and Mental Health merged so they have a better understanding. She has posted flyers at clinics and centers; but mostly this Board relies on the members getting new applicants. Supervisor Lor stated that there is also one Member at Large vacancy also. **c.** Micki reported that this committee has



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not met. Norma stated that she contacted the trainer from the Retreat held earlier in the year to see if there was a more efficient way to get templates from other counties in regards to their evaluations. d. Paula reported this committee has not yet met yet; they will probably meet closer to the time when nominations are needed for the next year. e. Kim handed out the report from November 27, 2018. Kim went over the report. There was not a Quality Improvement meeting in December. f. Micki stated there was nothing to report from the Executive Committee. Yvonnia explained why they are having ad-hoc committee reports and why there is a copy of the Strategic Plan timeline in today's packet. The Gantt chart timeline is a good tool for the members to use when Board members meet on these committees. Yvonnia will have Carol send this chart out electronically to everyone.

Recommendation/Action: Carol will send Board members the Gantt chart.

Chair's Report

Discussion/Conclusion: Micki had nothing new to report.

Recommendation/Action: None

Supervisor's Report

Discussion/Conclusion: Supervisor Lor had nothing new to report. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Recommendation/Action: None

Director's Report

- a. Update of Housing and Homeless Initiatives (B Street Housing Project)
- b. Jail Clinician Update
- c. Emergency Department – Care Coordination

Discussion/Conclusion: a. Yvonnia reported that everything is status quo with regards to the housing and homeless initiatives. b. Yvonnia reported on the jail clinician. There were some changes to the allocation and it was approved through AB 109 to be funded through that funding source. They have been actively recruiting for a clinician for the jail. They did have one back in September but unfortunately that person took another job. Being a jail clinician requires a very unique skill in being part of the jail environment. They do have someone that they are currently doing a reference check on at this time. Hopefully someone will be onboard by next month. This is a full-time position at Sandy Mush and local Sheriff's Office. c. Lanetta Smyth was present and she gave a brief overview on this. Lanetta reported there have been some changes since the last time she was here about four or five months ago. The Triage Team is now the Mobile Triage Team and they are dispatching from BHRS, not Mercy/Dignity Hospital. There is now an electronic referral system; the hospital efaxes over a referral with a packet so they are able to track our response as well as when things come from the hospital. They continue to meet monthly with Dignity and other collaborative partners. In addition, they have had about four or five sessions of a workgroup that is just BHRS and Dignity and trying to work through some of the kinks such as the communication system and the new process that went live in September. They also created a Care Coordination meeting so their staff and BHRS staff could meet to discuss youth in the Emergency Department (ED). There ended up being conversation around coordinating care for people who came in that are developmentally disabled or who had dementia because sometimes these people were coming in on 5150s. Aspiranet attends these meetings as well. Aspiranet and one of the nursing staff at the hospital worked on and developed a document to help with interventions/coping skills for youth in the ED. Some BHRS staff and Dignity staff also started looking at different types of resources that would be good to have on hand; they developed a resource document to be able to give to the nursing staff at the hospital so when clients come in who do not need to be 5150d, but do have mental health issues, they are able to provide them with these resources. The Medical Director, Dr. Manuel, did some training with Dignity doctors and worked on the telepsych program. Yvonnia commented that Sharon Jones did a Mental Health First Aid training for all the ED nursing staff; this is part of their

helping to educate and train employees around how to deal with individuals who may have mental health/substance use issues. Hopefully this will filter throughout the Department. There is also some interest in training their security services on 5150's. Lanetta continued that she and Perry Watkins have been training law enforcement on 5150 procedures. One of the reasons for this is because the law changed in June. The biggest change in the law is that collateral information (information from family or anyone else observing the behavior) is now equal to consumer's report and observation. Collateral information holds just as much weight as what the consumer is saying.

Recommendation/Action: Information only

Announcements

Discussion/Conclusion: Sally asked about the progress of the children's CSU. Yvonnia stated that this is not on the agenda and would have to be on the agenda before there can be discussion; the Executive Committee can decide when to put this on the agenda. Sally then brought up the recent CALBHB/C (Calif. Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards/Commissions) update and that it contained some good information. Also mentioned in the update was the Data Notebook and is this something that needs to be followed up on. Iris stated that the Data Notebook is Objective #2 from the Strategic Plan. Yvonnia stated that her team is already putting this together and once it is completed it will be brought to this Board for review. Sharon Jones is taking the lead on this.

-Audrey commented that because of the change at the D Street Shelter, there will be a lot more people out on the streets. She was wondering what the County can do about this. Yvonnia stated that the D Street Shelter is not part of BHRS. They are another entity and have their own separate Board. If there are concerns about how they are operating, she recommends contacting them directly. Chris Kraushar commented that possibly the Community Action Agency and/or Turning Point come and talk about the new processes for transitional housing and emergency shelter beds; she is seconding Audrey's request. Chris continued that there is another new mental health law that went into effect January 1st – it states that people being discharged from a hospital can no longer be discharged "to the streets" as their discharge plan. Yvonnia stated that this can be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting but some of these issues are separate from BHRS and BHRS has no authority over them. This new law that was passed is not effective until July 2019 and this is something that will be looked at and how it impacts not only BHRS but also the hospital.

-Vince questioned the B Street project and how is it being funded. Yvonnia responded that this was item #8a on today's agenda. The city is taking the lead in building a 120-bed complex and of that 30 will be designated for permanent, supportive housing.

-Kim mentioned that at the recent QIC meeting the POQI (Performance Outcomes & Quality Improvement) surveys were mentioned and she wondered if Carol could send a copy of this survey to the Board. This might be good for the Board members to have a copy of. Yvonnia stated she would have Carol send an electronic copy to the Board.

-Norma asked about the recent conversation regarding NAMI and additional funding for them and if there could be an update on this. Yvonnia stated she has already met with them and they understand the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) planning process. Unfortunately, there is no funding.

-Alejandro Carrillo was present today. Several groups have been meeting in the community to plan out the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer) Youth Leadership Summit on Saturday, April 6th. It needs any support that can be provided. They are looking at two tracks – one for parents and providers to learn the basics and California State laws; the second track is for students and young people in Merced. There is a high population of LGBTQ youth in Merced. They are working with MCOE (Merced County Office of Education) on this project and they would like BHRS support. Iris mentioned that the Ongoing Planning Council would benefit from this presentation and there are different providers present that work with the different schools and have staff at these sites. The next meeting is January 17th at 9:00 am. Yvonnia asked that if they have any electronic copies of the flyers, to please send them to us.



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Recommendation/Action: Carol will send a copy of the POQI survey.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 3:59pm.

Submitted by: *Signed*

Carol Hulsizer
Recording Secretary

Approved by: *Signed*

Mary Ellis, Secretary
Merced County Behavioral Health Board

Date: 3/6/19

Date: 3/5/19