



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

Behavioral Health Board Meeting – Special Meeting - MHSA Annual Update Approval

301 E. 13th Street
Merced, CA 95341
February 18, 2020

Minutes

Present: Sally Ragonut, Chair; Paula Mason, Vice-Chair; Bruce Metcalf, Secretary; Iris Mojica de Tatum; Vicki Humble; Brian Pena; Emil Erreca; Mary Ellis

Absent: Keng Cha; Supervisor Lee Lor; Vince Ramos; Virginia Vega; Micki Archuleta

Others Present: Sharon Jones; Carol Hulsizer, Recorder

Call to Order / Flag Salute / Roll Call

Chair Sally Ragonut called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Flag salute was done. Roll call was taken.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement was read by Bruce Metcalf.

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

Discussion/Conclusion: No public present

Recommendation/Action:

OPEN SPECIAL MEETING: PUBLIC HEARING: FY 19/20 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update

- a. Close Public Hearing
 - (1) Approve FY 19/20 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update

Discussion/Conclusion: Sharon Jones, MHSA Coordinator was present. She has presented this information several times and today she spoke to the changes that have come about with the plan.

-They hope to build a case management team for the community to help with client services. The proposed amount is \$500K to add more case management/mental health workers.

-A minor change is to change the Adult Mental Health Court name to Adult Behavioral Health Court.

-Update the Juvenile Behavioral Health Court scope of work to include after-care and engagement services for youth. Currently the workers work with them while they are a part of the court. When they are discharged from the court, they are finding that they still need additional help and support.

-For Community Services and Support (CSS) in schools and communities, they are going to take one clinician from CSS to help on the front end in Central Intake and getting individuals evaluated earlier on to increase access.

-Adding \$10K to the Capacity Building Project for the Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender-Queer (LGBTQ) supportive services. Originally it was going to be \$20K and was then increased to \$30K. \$22K is going Youth Leadership Institute and \$8K for expanding Merced Lao Family to work with the leaders and educating them on LGBTQ issues.

-Increase in the number of e-learning on-line. Originally this was for about 130 employees and now the Department is at over 300 employees and more seats are needed. This is one was for staff to get continuing education credits.



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- Capital Facilities - \$2.4M for the new Livingston Clinic.
- Remodeling the CUBE (Community United by Empowerment) so it is more youth friendly.
- Technological needs and electronic health record costs are going up. This would be an increase of \$65K. This will also make it possible to bill for Medi-Cal through the electronic health record.
- Innovative Strategist Network – adding to the title name “Service Integration Team”.
- Adding extra-help Peer Support Specialists to the Innovative Strategist Network so they can provide more recovery, wellness and resilience for those they are serving.
- Future developments – sale of B Street property; early psychosis - leveraging MHSA programs to have more of a help-first model for individuals that are experiencing psychosis early on; continue monitoring legislative changes and actions at the State level. This means they may have to make decisions quickly because the landscape is changing at the State.

Recommendation/Action: M/S/C (Mojica de Tatum / Ellis) to approve the Mental Health Services Act FY 19/20 Annual Update.

Submitted by: *Signed*
Carol Hulsizer
Recording Secretary

Approved by: *Signed*
Bruce Metcalf, Secretary
Merced County Behavioral Health Board

Date: 3/4/20

Date: 3/3/20