

MINUTES APPROVED
September 21, 2017

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

August 17, 2017

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1400 Emeline Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA

Present: Aimee Escalante, Hugh McCormick, Maria Correia, Rebekah Mills, Xaloc Cabanes, Supervisor Greg Caput

Excused Absence: Charlotte Reyes, Jim Roszell, Jodie Wells and Kate Avraham

Unexcused Absence: None

Motion to approve May 18; June 15; July 20; and August 17, 2017 meeting Minutes deferred to September 21, 2017 meeting.

Introductions and Public Comment:

- Guests discussed “*Erasing Family*” documentary which will investigate family bond obstruction from multiple perspectives: of children/grandchildren who have been taught to hate or have anger toward others. Website: Erasingfamily.org
- **The Million Parent March September 17 – 21, 2017**, is a four-day event in Washington, D.C. to raise awareness about parental rights, family court reform, and foster care and CPS reform. How it can be supported statewide and locally. Website: www.millionparentmarch2017.org
- 2nd story is moving to Aptos. Aimee Escalante, Board member, 2nd District requested an invite from Adrian Bernard to attend the 2nd Story meeting, week of 8/21/17.

Standing Reports:

Board of Supervisors Report - Greg Caput

- Report on film “This Dust of Words: Elizabeth Wiltsee” can be seen on KQED and online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WscwOjGJT8g>
- Next Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors meeting is on 8/23/17, 9:00 a.m., at 701 Ocean Street, Ste. 500, Santa Cruz, CA. 95060

Behavioral Health Director’s Report – Alicia Najera, Director of Watsonville Services on behalf of Erik Riera

- Town Hall meeting , Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Aptos Village Park, 100 Aptos Creek Road, Aptos, CA 95003
- MHSA has three infrastructures with one time funds used in the following areas:
 - Workforce, education and training.
 - Technology
 - Facilities
- Service components:
 - Community service
 - Prevention, intervention
 - Innovative projects

- Integrated housing program has been approved for consumers with serious mental health and primary health conditions.
 - Electronic tablets to answer consumer questions and alert nurses.
 - Peer supports to connect with individuals and help with isolation.
 - Health Services Agency has received a grant for the “Whole Person Care” program.
 - Alicia proposed Mental Health Services Act Nomination to highlight programs. Proposal by Board member Xaloc Cabanes, to highlight one program monthly in the County Behavioral Health newsletter. Visit the website at: www.santacruzhealth.org
- Action item: Xaloc Cabanes motioned, Aimee Escalante seconded: Ayes: all, Nays: none

Sub-committee and Board Member Report –

- Maria Correia, Chairperson, distributed the 2016 Little Hoover Report to Board members and wanted especially the new Board members to review the report for pertinent information.
- www.namisc.org Aimee Escalante, Bylaws committee, met with County Council on 8/14/17 regarding the legal language of the By-Laws to be finalized with a tentative date to go to the Board of Supervisors on 9/17/17.

Presentation: NAMI Santa Cruz – Carol Williamson, President

- Carol introduced staff member, Hemi Ramirez who reported with the focus of NAMI on campuses with the “Ending the Silence” program at Cabrillo College Aptos, where there was one suicide event last semester and hopes to be at University California Santa Cruz campus in 2018. NAMI has a Spanish program, “Family to Family” (“Familia a Familia”) beginning January 2018, in South County, partnering with Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD). Visit the website at: www.namisc.org
- Carol reported meeting with the Telecare administered, Psychiatric Health Facility staff, and focus on the many complaints by consumers and families of consumers. These complaints are being addressed.

Unfinished Business

- MHAB By-laws: Committee/Chairperson, Rick Martinez resigned on 7/27/17. Aimee Escalante reported Bylaws committee met with County Council on 8/14/17 regarding the legal language of the By-Laws. To be finalized with a tentative date to go to the Board of Supervisors on 9/17/17.
- Public Outreach Committee/Community Town Hall update – Jodie Wells is not present. Report is deferred to September 21, 2017 meeting.

New Business

- Data Notebook 2016 – updated and motion to approve by Board members and send hardcopy to Data Notebook California Mental Health Planning Council, P.O. Box 997413, Sacramento, CA 95899-7413 and electronic copy to DataNotebook@CMHPC.CA.GOV
- Rebekah Mills, proposed adding a Jail sub-committee to September 21, 2017 agenda.
Action item: Hugh McCormick motioned, Rebekah Mills Second - Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion to adjourn at 5:00 PM proposed by Maria Correia, Second by Xaloc Cabanes

Ayes: All Nays: None