



**MAY 17, 2022**  
**4:30 – 6:00 PM**

**MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES**

**Mental Health Advisory Board Members Present:** Supervisor Monica Brown, Denise Coleman, Vice Chair, Daniel Cotton, Rachele Jackson, Chair, Heather Theaux-Venezio and Michael Wright.

**Behavioral Health Services Division Members Present:** Emery Cowan, Deputy Director Behavioral Health, Tracy Lacey, Senior Mental Health Manager and Medical Director, Dr. Brent Pottenger. **Absent:** Leticia De La Cruz Salas, Behavioral Health Services Administrator and Kate Grammy, Behavioral Health Services Administrator.

**DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

I.	<p>CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL</p> <p>The meeting was called to order by Rachele Jackson at 4:310 pm. A quorum was attained.</p>
II.	<p>CONFIRMATION OF VIRTUAL DISCUSSION: Consider adopting a resolution of the Mental Health Advisory Board authorizing remote teleconference meetings for the period May 17, 2022 through June 17, 2022 as a result of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic state of emergency.</p> <p>Rachell Jackson motioned approval of the Mental Health Advisory Board authorizing remote teleconference meetings for June 17, 2022 meeting, per Supervisor Monica Brown. The motion was properly moved, seconded and passed with a unanimous vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.</p>
III.	<p>ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC</p> <p>There were no items from the public on matters not listed on the Agenda.</p>
IV.	<p>APPROVAL OF MAY 17, 2022 AGENDA</p> <p>Rachele Jackson motioned to approve the May 17, 2022 Agenda. The motion was properly moved, seconded and passed with a unanimous vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.</p>
V.	<p>APPROVAL OF APRIL 19, 2022 MINUTES</p> <p>Rachele Jackson motioned to approve the April 19, 2022 Minutes. The motion was properly moved, seconded and passed with a unanimous vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.</p>
VI.	<p>SCHEDULED CALENDAR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Routine Business<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Laura’s Law Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Referrals Tracy Lacey provided updates and is included in the attached Director’s Report.</li><li>2) MH Related Legislation Emery provided information regarding Care Court.</li><li>3) LPS/PES Meeting Discussion LPS/PES meeting will be held May 18, 2022. Continue discussing concerns about 5150 process and other priority topics.</li></ol></li><li>2 New Business There were no updates during this meeting.</li></ol>
VII.	<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS</p> <p>There were no items from the Public on matters listed on the Agenda.</p>

VIII.	<p><b>STAFF REPORTS</b></p> <p>1 Director’s Report Emery Cowan provided highlights from the Director’s Report, updates consisted of Children’s mental health crisis; staffing retention and hiring and introduction of Dr. Brent Pottenger, Behavioral Health Medical Director.</p> <p>Tracy Lacey gave update on Children’s System. Schools are seeing significant increases in referrals for kids to see their mental health staff. They are also utilizing Behavioral Health Clinicians two to three times weekly which has not been done in the past, to assist with increased caseloads, consisting of Full-Service Partnership (FSP), Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP), high level acute cases, etc.</p> <p>2 MHSA Report Tracy Lacey provided updates for mobile crisis, the school-based team operated Solano County Office of Education (SCOE). Since August 14, 2021 they have received 234 calls and 73% have been stabilized. Pacific Clinics Community based mobile crisis program have received 292 calls since July 1, 2021 and 57% stabilized. Providing postvention Support due to recent suicides in our school communities. Solano County Behavioral Health will be applying for second part of the MHSA funding expansion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOBILE CRISIS DATA</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Vallejo 103</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Fairfield 99</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Suisun 55</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Other 23</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Vacaville 15</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Benicia 6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Dixon 4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Sheriff 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Rio Vista 1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Hwy Patrol 0</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Vallejo 103	Fairfield 99	Suisun 55	Other 23	Vacaville 15	Benicia 6	Dixon 4	Sheriff 4	Rio Vista 1	Hwy Patrol 0		
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IX.	<p><b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b></p> <p>1 Executive Board 2 Membership 3 Outreach and Education There were no Committee Report updates during this meeting.</p>												
X.	<p><b>BOARD DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>Mental Health Advisory Board Members addressed mental health issues that affect our community.</p>												
XI.	<p><b>ADJOURN</b></p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm by Rachelle Jackson.</p>												

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# Memorandum

To: Local Mental Health Board, Solano County  
 From: Emery Cowan, LPCC, Interim BH Director  
 Date: May 16, 2022  
 RE: Monthly report of significant issues

**Children’s MH Crisis-** increased referrals for services for children’s mental health while we have the highest vacancy of children’s clinicians. Data shows that new requests for services Last FY Compared to this FY:

- FY2020/21 there were 3,414 total calls of which 28% (966) were for children/youth 18 and under;
- FY2021/22 (thru May 11, 2022) there have been 3,398 total calls of which 33% (1,135) were for children/youth 18 and under.

So far, 4 school districts and they reported significant upticks in students being identified as needing mental health services and acuity has increased. Our offered appointment time has increasing significantly, currently our Children’s Assessment Team is booked out 4 weeks.

**Staffing retention and hiring problems continue–** as of 5/4/22, we are at a 15.7% vacancy rate, down from 19% in Dec. 2021, which is promising however our hard to fill positions (Clinician, specialist, nurse, psychiatry) continue to get an insufficient number of applicants in recruitments. We have submitted a recruitment/retention plan to administration and HR. This continues to have an impact on direct service work, timeliness, and other staff having to take on more cases. Contractors are also highly impacted (some at a 30+% vacancy rate) resulting less service capacity- most are asking for rate increases.

**BH Medical Director-** Dr. Brent Pottenger has started in this role as of 5/16/22; our goal is for him to support continued integration and coordination with the medical health clinics and MH/SUD efforts

**Forensic Referrals**

APRIL 2022 FORENSIC TRIAGE TEAM Referral Breakdown			
MH Diversion	MH Court	MH Services	AOT
6	0	9	0
<b>Total: 15</b>			