



**TULARE COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**
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TULARE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD AGENDA

Date and Time: September 1, 2020

Board Convenes at 3:00 p.m.

Location: <https://tularecounty-ca.zoom.us/j/96814560652?pwd=VmJkMkFjQWlzdEtmaHNBQTEzZlcwZz09>

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I. Call to order 3:00 p.m.

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II. Public Comment 3:00 - 3:05 p.m.

III. Action Items 3:05 - 3:10 p.m.

a. Action Item to approve August 4, 2020 Mental Health Board minutes

IV. Presentation / Reports / Discussion Items

a. Supervisor Shuklian Report 3:10 - 3:15 p.m.

b. Director of Mental Health Report 3:15 - 3:30 p.m.

c. Executive Committee Secretary Report 3:30 - 3:35 p.m.
Packet enclosures

d. Mental Health Board Members' Reports (committee(s) and individual activities) 3:35 - 3:45 p.m.

V. Future agenda items for next meeting and adjournment. 3:45 - 3:50 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: October 6, 2020 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m via Zoom.

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Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency
August 4, 2020

Committee Name:	Tulare County Mental Health Board	Starting Time: 3:00 p.m.	Ending Time: 3:58 p.m.
Place:	Meeting held Via ZOOM.		
Members Present:	George Allen; Erin Brooks; Veronica Clifton; Gail Jones; Sandra Juarez, MSN; C.J. Long; Michele Eaton; Bruce Nicotero; Chief Jason Salazar; Christopher Smith; Supervisor Amy Shuklian (District Three, Ex-Officio); Lynn Martin Del Campo.		
Members EXCUSED:	Dale Asman.		
HHSA Staff Present:	Natalie Bolin, LCSW, Deputy Director, Clinical Services; Dayna Wild, Division Manager, Managed Care; Diane J. Fisher, Department Secretary; Joseph Hamilton, LMFT, Clinical Administrator; Noah Whitaker, Community Services Director; Cory Silva, Administrative Specialist; Darcy Massey, Patients' Rights Advocate; Jamie Sharma, Unit Manager.		
Other Staff/Guests:	Turning Point –Ivan Rodriguez, LCSW, Program Director; Irma Rangel, LCSW, Program Director, Artie Gonzales, Program Manager. Societas, Inc. – Sander Valyocsik, MA, Program Evaluator. Community Member – Joan Cuara		

	\ Discussion	Scheduled Actions/ Recommendations	Person(s) Responsible
I.Call to Order	<p>The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Members were reminded of the following: If there is a conflict of interest, Members must abstain from any discussion or voting.</p> <p>Action Items will be considered approved when half plus one of the members who are <u>present and voting</u> vote yes.</p>	N/A	Chair Nicotero
II.Public Comment	<p>Mr. Ivan Rodriguez stated that this year Turning Point partnered with the Suicide Prevention Task Force (SPTF) and presented at the CMHACY (California Mental Health Advocates for Children and Youth) Conference regarding implementing the Columbia Suicide Rating Scale (a suicide risk screener) among other projects within Tulare County's children's program. There is a taped presentation and Board Members are welcome to view it.</p> <p>Mr. Noah Whitaker gave an update regarding suicide in relation to Tulare County. He referred to the suicide data in Tulare County. Mr. Whitaker referred to the total suicides, by national origin, gender, age group, whether or not any were related to COVID-19, and the suicide methods. He compared the data to the past and stated that this year's is looking to be the lowest in about 30 years. Mr. Whitaker also announced that there are over 100 access codes to an on-line suicide prevention interactive training. Contact Mr. Whitaker if interested at NWhitake@tularehhsa.org.</p>	N/A	Mr. Rodriguez/ Mr. Whitaker

III.Action Items			
a. Action Item to approve July 7, 2020 Mental Health Board Minutes	<p>The minutes of July 7, 2020 were reviewed by Tulare County Mental Health Board Members.</p> <p>Ms. Long moved to approve the July 7, 2020 minutes as written; seconded by Ms. Chief Salazar. Motion approved.</p> <p>AYES: 9 (Clifton, Salazar, Brooks, Allen, Juarez, Long, Smith, Nicotero, Jones)</p> <p>NOES: 0</p> <p>ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Martin Del Campo)</p> <p>ABSENT: 1 (Asman)</p>	N/A	Chair Nicotero
b. Consider application for membership from Therese Woodmansee for Family Seat #16	<p>The membership application of Therese Woodmansee was discussed and considered for Family Seat #16 on the Mental Health Board. After this discussion Ms. Long moved to accept Ms. Woodmansee's application; seconded by Ms. Brooks. Motion approved to forward this application to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration.</p> <p>AYES: 9 (Clifton, Salazar, Brooks, Allen, Juarez, Long, Smith, Nicotero, Jones)</p> <p>NOES: 0</p> <p>ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Martin Del Campo)</p> <p>ABSENT: 1 (Asman)</p>	The membership application will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for their review and consideration.	Mr. Nicotero
IV.Presentations / Reports / Discussion Items			
a. Supervisor Shuklian Report	<p>Supervisor Shuklian provided an update from the Board of Supervisors regarding COVID-19 including the number of cases, deaths, and that the Governor is sending a Support Stride Team to the Central Valley. (This was done in Imperial Valley and the cases count was lowered.) Supervisor Shuklian spoke about communities which are particularly vulnerable (nursing homes, farmworkers, etc.) She encourages everyone to wear masks and maintain social distancing.</p>	N/A	Supervisor Shuklian
b. Director of Mental Health Report	<p>Ms. Bolin presented the Director of Mental Health report on behalf of Ms. Donna Ortiz. She gave a COVID-19 update (the total number of positive cases in Tulare County, the increase in the last two weeks, the greatest contributor for the increase appears to be large gatherings). The goal is to decrease the number of case to average 200 cases per 100,000 (currently it is at 593 per 100,000). This affects a lot of decisions in the community in relation to schools and business openings. The mental health clinics remain the same (limited services with appointment only and injection services) and serving through telehealth.</p> <p>The MHSA Three-Year Plan was extended until June 20, 2021. It is being explored how other counties are operating their stakeholder meetings (via Zoom). The goal is to begin in October.</p> <p>Project Room key has housed 148 persons; currently 110 are housed and 14</p>	N/A	Ms. Bolin

	<p>referrals have been made to permanent housing.</p> <p>Supervisor Shuklian added that the County acquired the hotel (Palms 99) located on Highway 99 and Avenue 264 as part of Project Room Key. This is a coordinated effort between Tulare County Housing Task Force and the Tulare County Housing Authority. The Board of Supervisor approved a lease agreement to be used for permanent supportive housing to help house the homeless population as well as some mental health consumers which will include case management services.</p> <p>Ms. Bolin stated that the report results were released from the California State LPS Audit performed regarding San Francisco County, Shasta County, and Los Angeles County. These results are available online under “LPS Audit” and it was found that the LPS Law was sufficient; however, there is not enough bed capacity for when a person is placed on conservatorship to help address the mental illness across the state. There will be a statewide effort to improve building capacity to help get these consumers placed much sooner.</p> <p>SB 803 (the Bill regarding Medi-Cal being billed for Peer Support Specialist services) is moving forward.</p> <p>Ms. Bolin also presented AB 1304, the California MAT Re-Entry Incentive program. This Bill will allow parolees supervised by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to be eligible for a 90-day reduction to the period of parole for every six months of a successful enrollment or completion of a substance abuse program, up to a maximum of a 180-day reduction. Tulare County has collaborated with Kaweah Delta to offer MAT services and hope to have this implemented within the next 30-60 days. That should bring psychiatry services to the Visalia Recovery Services.</p> <p>Regarding Laura’s Law (AB 1976). This is a Bill which looks at getting the Court involved to mandate treatment for those suffering severe mental illness. Part of the criteria must be a history of lack of compliance. Ms. Bolin listed some of this criteria. She also gave a brief summary of the legal process. There is still some unclear information and Ms. Bolin is waiting for the final outcome of the Assembly Bill. There is also a multidisciplinary team, data metrics, and training. Ms. Bolin will keep the Board informed.</p> <p>Ms. Bolin address questions from Board members.</p>		
c. Executive Committee Secretary Report & Packet Enclosures	<p>Mr. Nicotero stated that today’s meeting included all the items discussed at the Mental Health Board Executive Committee on July 21.</p>	N/A	Chair Nicotero
d. Mental Health Board Members’ Reports (Committees + Individual Activities)	<p>Ms. Clifton stated that the hours at the Porterville Wellness Center have changed (9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.). Support groups continue (but smaller so as to keep social distance). Phone support continues.</p> <p>Ms. Martin Del Campo complimented the services she receives from the County providers when they are needed.</p>	N/A	Board Members

	<p>Chief Salazar stated that his Department has been busy in trying to help keep the community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Ms. Brooks apologizes for missing the Mental Health Board Executive Committee meeting. She will follow up with her Department regarding a NAMI presentation at her office.</p> <p>Ms. Juarez stated that she attended the NAMI's 3-day Multicultural Symposium and enjoyed it.</p> <p>Ms. Long thanks Ms. Bolin for her update on AB 1976. She also inquired as to whether there is any pending actions regarding Everwell. Ms. Bolin stated that she will inquire and then she and Ms. Ortiz will make contact with her.</p> <p>Mr. Smith gave an update regarding the Transitional Age Youth and how they are adjusting to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Mr. Nicotero reported on the NAMI Board meeting and stated that there are three At-Large vacancies for anyone who might be interested.</p>		
V. Future agenda items/ adjournment	<p>Ms. Long stated that she would suggest a speaker regarding autism for a future agenda.</p> <p>Ms. Brooks suggested the AB 1304, the California MAT Re-Entry Incentive program. Ms. Bolin will speak with Dr. Love.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 3:50p.m.</p>	N/A	Chair Nicotero
Minutes Written By:	N/A	N/A	Diane J. Fisher
MINUTES READ/APPROVED BY: BRUCE NICOTERO, CHAIR			
<p>NEXT MEETING: September 1, 2020 3:00-3:45 p.m.</p> <p>LOCATION: To be held via Zoom</p>			