



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County
Department or Agency Name(s): Department of Health Services
Staff Name and Phone Number: Bill Carter, 565-5157
Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

Mental Health Board Update (FY 18-19 Report)

Recommended Action:

Accept submission of the 2018-2019 Mental Health Board Annual Report and Data Notebook.

Executive Summary:

The Mental Health Board (MHB) is required to submit an annual report each year. This item finalizes the submission of the Annual Report for 2018-2019. The MHB will submit the 2019-2020 Annual Report in the near future.

Additionally, each year, the California Behavioral Health Planning Council requests that each county MHB respond to its request for the completion of a Data Notebook, highlighting a particular area of focus. The MHB works with the Department of Health Services to collect and report annually as well. The MHB is pleased to submit to the Board of Supervisors the 2018-2019 Data Notebook reviewing Access to Services, Vulnerable Groups, and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) programs. The Sonoma County Mental Health Board 2018-2019 Data Notebook is available at: https://www.calbhbc.org/uploads/5/8/5/3/58536227/2018-dnstatewideoverviewreport-_final.pdf

Lastly, the MHB submits an introduction of each of the MHB members. While each supervisor is familiar with the three members she or he has appointed, the MHB believes it will be beneficial for supervisors to know the overall board make-up. Attached is an introduction to the members of the board.

Discussion:

The 2018-2019 Annual Report - In summary, the 2018-2019 Annual Report highlights the following from two years ago:

- The Behavioral Health system was in recovery from the financial issues that occurred the previous year. Dr. Kozart served as Interim Behavioral Health Director and guided the organization through restructuring and staff reduction. Bill Carter was hired as the new Behavioral Health Director. Most of the services that had been offered at Chanate moved to “The Lakes.”
- Flooding in the lower Russian River area affected services there.
- The proposal to cut Adult outpatient services as well as Peer-run Centers caused concern for our clients, resulting in many of them telling their stories both to the MHB and the BOS. The MHB was grateful that those services were maintained by county funds supplied by the BOS. We were also

appreciative that as traumatic as it was to be aware of possible cuts, we were aware. The transparency was appreciated.

- We ended the year hopeful that 2019-20 would bring better outcomes.

2018-2019 Data Notebook - The MHB Data Notebook pointed out that access to services was slow sometimes requiring long wait times. Our MHSA programs were running well, but there was interest in more input by community, clients, and family members. The report is attached. It has not yet been posted on the CALBHBC website.

MHB Membership - Our MHB has specific membership requirements. 50% of the board must be family members and consumers and should reflect the diversity of the community. We currently have no vacancies. It is also in the Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) that one of the members of our board is a BOS member. Three of the current BOS members have attended meetings this past year when the focus was on their area. Their participation was appreciated. MHB meetings are currently on Tuesday evenings. The MHB will contact the BOS to ask if changing meetings to Wednesday would enable regular MHB participation of a Supervisor or if Supervisors would be interested in sharing the responsibility of each attending two meetings a year.

Prior Board Actions:

N/A

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 20-21 Adopted	FY 21-22 Projected	FY 22-23 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	0	0	0

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Annual Report 2018-2019

Attachment 2 - Data Notebook 2018

Attachment 3 - Membership Roster and Bios

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

None