

# ▶ Nevada County Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Board

Updates from 2020-21

## Role of the MHSUD Board: Advise the Board of Supervisors and the local Behavioral Health Director regarding any aspect of the local behavioral health program, including:

Programs and Services	Review and evaluate the community's public behavioral health needs, services and facilities
Contracts and Agreements	Review agreements entered into by the BH department including the annual Mental Health Services Act update, state audits and key contracts
Outcome Data	Review the county's performance outcome data
Community Involvement	Ensure community involvement in all BH planning processes
Hire Director	Review and make recommendations on applicants for appointment as the local Behavioral Health Director

Note: These duties are outlined in Welfare and Institutions Code 5604.2

# Current members of the Board

- ▶ All Board members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors
- ▶ Board must be comprised of at least 50% consumers or families of consumers (minimum 20% consumers)
- ▶ One member will be from the Board of Supervisors
- ▶ Board members or spouses cannot work for the County or local contracted agency (unless the person is a mental health consumer)

Key  
accomplishments  
for the MHSUD  
Board this year:

Added multiple new board members

Supported department through Covid crisis

Provided input on department budget  
priorities

Brought in a diversity of outside presenters

Monitored demand for mental health and SUD  
services

# Behavioral Health Responds to the Covid Crisis

Quick shift to  
mostly virtual  
services

Supporting key  
contractors

Planning for an  
evolving demand  
for services

Providing  
support to the  
community

Monitoring  
client needs

# Other Behavioral Health Department successes

Building a Children's System of Care

Ongoing focus on keeping people with mental illness out of the criminal justice system

HOME Team and other homeless services

Exciting new programs coming online

# Challenges that lie ahead

Long-term impacts of Covid on behavioral health needs



Growing demand for SUD services and rising overdose rates



Ongoing and potentially growing challenges of homelessness



Workforce challenges and vacant positions



Implementation of CalAIM and other regulatory changes

# Thank you, Amanda!!

You have been a:

- ▶ Fearless advocate
- ▶ Effective policy maker
- ▶ Compassionate partner
- ▶ Incredible community member

We will miss you!