



Board Agenda Item 6

DATE: May 14, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Carolyn Evans, Chair, Fresno County Behavioral Health Board

SUBJECT: Fresno County Behavioral Health Board Annual Report for 2018

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive the Fresno County Behavioral Health Board Annual Report for 2018

The annual report is submitted pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC), section (§) 5604.2(a)(5). The report provides an introduction to the Fresno County Behavioral Health Board (FCBHB), its subcommittees and summaries of activities and topics relating to mental health and substance use disorder recovery and wellness. The report is approved by the FCBHB and provided to your Board for review.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Your Board may choose not to approve the annual report and make recommendations to the FCBHB to revise the report and resubmit for your Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

DISCUSSION:

As mandated by W&IC, §5604.2 (a)(5), the FCBHB is required to submit an annual report to the governing body, your Board, regarding the needs and performance of the County's behavioral health system.

The Annual Report for 2018 was approved by the FCBHB on January 16, 2019. The report provides an overview of the FCBHB and its subcommittees as well as a summary of activities and topics that the FCBHB has been involved with in the past year relating to mental health and substance use disorder recovery and wellness. The report includes a list of the 2018 recommendations to your Board:

- Create a system to educate and inform families of behavioral health services that are available and how to access those services.
- Establish specific services for families with youth children (prior to age 12) who need inpatient services or follow-up to inpatient services.
- Move forward with a permanent supportive housing project available to all clients of Department of Behavioral Health.
- Establish an employment program with job development, job placement, and job coaching to assist individuals with behavioral health disorders find and keep jobs.
- Support SB 906 regarding certification for peer providers of mental health and substance use

disorder services. When this legislation is passed, establish Certified Peer Support Specialist positions.

In its role as advocate and public representative for consumers and their families, the FCBHB encourages public participation towards the goal of wellness and recovery from mental illness and substance use disorders. Your Board's continuing involvement and support are appreciated as factors that contribute to the success of those efforts.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #4, February 28, 2017

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

Fresno County Behavioral Health Board Annual Report for 2018

CAO ANALYST:

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