



FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 3:30pm

Health and Wellness Center

1925 E. Dakota

Fresno, Ca 93726

Minutes

<p><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler Carolyn Evans David Thorne Manuel Piceno Yolanda Cruz Alan Faulks</p> <p><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Debbie Xiong Brooke Frost Stephanie Gutierrez Donald Vanderheyden</p> <p><u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u> Sal Quintero, <i>Supervisor</i> – Absent</p>	<p><u>DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u> Susan Holt, <i>Director</i> Ahmad Bahrami Tamara DeFehr Brian Bishop Tina Young Jeannette Dominguez</p>	<p><u>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u> Sandra Valenton Xixmena Cuyuch Jessica Underwood Katee Wheaton Paige Williamson Trish Small Jazmine Rocha Armine Becker Yvette Garcia Ryan Banks David Tan R. G. Dalila Jimenez Trejo Ana Monreal Fausto Novelo D. Evans Michelle Newsome</p>
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I. Welcome

Secretary Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler filling in for Co-Chair Brooke Frost, called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM. Mary Lou continued by introducing a new Behavioral Health Board member (BHB), Alan Faulks. Alan briefly described a little about self and what interested him in becoming a BHB member.

II. Approval of March 15th draft meeting minutes

Approval was postponed until the May meeting to allow more time for review.

III. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Update *Director, Susan Holt*

The Department Update began with the announcement of two upcoming events.

- May 3rd, 2023 at the Tower Theatre 5:00 PM
“Experiencing Hope” Documentary, Stories of Resiliency in Fresno County May 3rd, 2023
Online registration through Facebook or DBHevents@fresnocounty.gov

- May 27th, 2023 NAMI Walks at Woodward Park from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM, free event

A. General Updates: DBH Events, Board of Supervisors Items and Legislation

Board of Supervisors (BOS) Board Agenda items of note:

April 11th

- Amendment to Master Agreement for inpatient psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric services
- Standard agreement for No Place Like Home funding/ Permanent Supportive Housing

Legislative Update Items of Interest:

- Governor Proposal, ballot initiative for modernization of California's Behavioral Health System
- Modernization of Mental Health Services Act -AB289- Mental Health Services – Inclusion of youth in stakeholder process (already practiced by Fresno)
- SB525 Minimum Wage increase specific to healthcare workers
- SB456 Will allow non-profit organizations to be eligible applicants for housing programs specifically geared toward homeless youth or at risk of homelessness that are current or former youth of foster care

Monthly Deaths by Suicide

March, 2023 - 7 deaths by suicide

Payment Reform Update relating to CalAIM

CalAIM is a multi-year initiative from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) working toward improving the Medi-Cal program that brings a complex historical transition for all within the health care delivery system. Information was provided to explain the payment reform component with details on how the implementation of these changes are intended to address the long-standing challenges of the reimbursement method being used prior to now.

B. Housing Programs and Services Update

Below are permanent supportive housing units in development:

Name	Eligibility Requirements	Funding	Number of units & targeted completion date
Arthur at Blackstone	Homeless, at risk of homelessness with SMI and transitional age youth	No Place Like Home (NPLH) Award	41 December, 2023
Avalon Commons	Homeless, at risk of homelessness with SMI	NPLH Award	60 September, 2024
Crossroads	Homeless, at risk of homelessness with SMI	NPLH Award	50 additional October, 2024
Libre Commons	Homeless, at risk of homelessness with SMI	NPLH Award	123 July 2024

There is also a plan for a transitional supportive housing development that is the only one of its type being specific to the CARE Act that is associated with CARE Court.

Bridge Transitional Housing	Homeless, at risk of homeless with SMI and CARE prioritized	DHCS Allocated Award pending	180
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C. Patients’ Rights Advocates (PRA) Quarterly Report

This report was deferred until next month

D. Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) overview

Turning Point began providing services in partnership with DBH October 3rd, 2022 for persons age 18 and older that are living with a severe mental illness (SMI) and will most likely benefit from AOT intervention as a least restrictive treatment type. Assertive outreach and engagement begin 30 days prior for the goal of voluntary engagement to participate in the court involved treatment. A referral must first be submitted through one of the 13 qualified referral sources with eligibility criteria being met.

- DBH RISE Conservatorship Team receives the AOT referrals dbhaot@fresnocountyca.gov
- Permitting eligibility criteria is met, referrals are then forwarded to Turning Point
- Assertive outreach and engagement will begin for 30 days toward the goal of voluntary engagement
- If the individual does not reach voluntary engagement, assertive outreach can be extended, or the petition process will be initiated and will seek DBH Director and County Counsel approval

As of April 4, 2023 DBH has received 26 referrals.

- 11 denied
- 15 sent to Turning Point

Turning Point has received 15 referrals.

- 7 agreed to Full-Service Partnership (FSP) services
- 5 currently receiving assertive outreach and engagement
- 1 individual placed on conservatorship
- 1 did not meet criteria for petition and declined referral to alternate program
- 1 was unable to be located

IV. Public Comment

No comments received

V. Old Business

- Site Visit Report on Turning Point Vista, AOT Program
BHB members gave a short report of their observation and input on the AOT Program. They expressed interest in knowing how referrals have been received. The response was, through the website while also assuring that DBH has been trained providers and staff on assisting any walk-ins at wellness center and throughout program providers as well as for phone calls received. The BHB mentioned a plan to visit the newly began program again in about a year.

VI. New Business

A. Motion – MHSA 3-Year Plan Draft

Motion –Member Debbie Xiong motioned to approve the draft of the MHSA 3-Year Plan

Second – Member Yolanda Cruz

Discussion –

Question: What specifically are the changes that will be made to the Plan that were mentioned during the Public Hearing

Response: Typos and grammatical

Vote: 7 votes in favor, motion passes

B. April Site Visit –Friday April 21st at The Lodge

VII. Subcommittee Updates

- Adult Services Committee –
 - April 3rd meeting received information on Board and Care Homes
 - Next meeting is June 5th at BlueSky Wellness Center

- Children’s Services Committee –
 - Next meeting Thursday April 27th at BlueSky Wellness Center
 - Will hear information from Central Stars
- Forensics Committee –
 - Tentative date of May 8th for the next meeting
- Substance Use Disorder Committee –
 - Next meeting will be June 8th at 10:00 AM at BlueSky Wellness Center

VIII. Public Comment

- Community member inquired on the Department participating in Laura’s Law (AOT)
- DBH Staff was acknowledged in appreciation of Administrative Assistants Day, April 26th

IX. Adjournment

4:31 PM

Next meeting is Wednesday May 17, 2023

This meeting is open to the public under the Ralph M. Brown Act.