



### FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 3:30pm

1925 E. Dakota Fresno, CA 93726

### Minutes

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u>
Brooke Frost Manuel Piceno MaryLou Brauti-Minkler Carolyn Evans Debbie Xiong David Thorne Elizabeth Kus Alan Faulks	Susan Holt, <i>Director</i> Ahmad Baharami Sean Patterson Brian Bishop Tammy DeFehr Tina Young Jeannette Dominguez	Sierra Scott Christine Edmondson Carrie Smithson Darrell Hamilton Avneet Khinda Jessica Underwood Dang Xiong Ana Monreal Marcos Lombera Sylvia Rios Arlene Mendoza Yvette Garcia Tammy Frates Jacqui Cavallaro
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Yolanda Cruz		
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u> Sal Quintero, <i>Supervisor</i> – Present		

#### I. Welcome

Behavioral Health Board (BHB) Chair, Brooke Frost called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM, and mentioned that she was very pleased to see so many people attending the in-person meeting

#### II. Review of Agenda

Time was allowed for everyone to look over the meeting agenda

#### III. Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2023 Behavioral Health Board (BHB) meeting

The draft July BHB meeting minutes were approved as written

#### IV. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Update; *Director, Susan Holt*

##### A. General Updates; DBH Events, Board of Supervisor (BOS) Agenda Items and Legislation

Director Susan Holt began the Department Update presentation by introducing herself and recognizing some acknowledgments for the month of August.

##### BOS Agenda Items of Note

August 8th – Amendment II to Master Agreement with various School Districts for the coordination of space to perform mental health services at various school

districts. – Memorandum of Understanding with the districts to allow DBH to have staff out at school districts and provide space at zero cost

### Legislative Items of Interest

Deferred this month due to legislative Recess

- With amendments to SB326 underway the Department is working with the County administrative office on a deep analysis of amendments to help prepare the BOS for recommendations on what they might consider if they choose to take a position

### Suicide Data (obtained through the Coroner's Office)

Eight deaths by suicide for August 2023 is showing to be less than what occurred in 2022

- BHB member requested to receive data on age and gender of individuals
- The department invites open discussion during their suicide prevention collaborative which is open to community member participation
- Upon request from the BHB the Department will provide more detailed suicide data

### Transition to Payment Reform – Update

- Two new Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes added
- Providers will receive detailed instruction and should work closely with the Analyst who oversees the agreement
- New Electronic Health Record (EHR)/Smart Care enhancements continue and it will be a long process of refinement
- With 23 counties participating in the new EHR there is belief that it will help in leverage of data tracking with the State

The DBH Kings Canyon campus experienced a power outage last week that caused a small interruption in services due to criminal vandalism. 24/7 emergency generator power kicked in, although unfortunately is not enough power to support the HVAC system. Emergency plans were followed and with help from community partners, care was temporarily transitioned to other facilities. Emergency medical services at local hospitals across the county were informed and aware to prepare to render services if necessary. Admissions have since re-opened and are back to normal.

## **B. Reporting of how Fresno County Behavioral Health Services are financed**

DBH Business Division Manager, Sean Patterson led a high-level overview on the financing of DBH services. Having experience of working on many budgets across departments of Fresno County, he shared that this is a complicated system unique to behavioral health is due to the many different funding sources and the required obligations that come with them following state and federal law.

The presentation explained the details of funding brought from the 2011 Realignment, 1991 Realignment, Mental Health Services Act and Federal Financial Participation and the many different requirements for receiving and spending.

With both the 1991 and 2011 Realignments changes were made that transferred the responsibility of services between the State to Counties. Funding of specific services also occurred. Some advantages that came with the changes brought greater fiscal flexibility and became consistent sources of funding. MHSA funding through the millionaire's tax differs with annual adjustments of revenue. This makes it difficult to estimate monthly allocations, while Counties are still responsible for ensuring compliance with WIC section 5892. The Federal Financial Participation funding is the best source of funding for the County, giving the opportunity to draw down an uncapped dollar amount of federally regulated matched funding.

Please refer to the power points for more information.

In closing, DBH Financial Analyst, Tammy DeFehr, stepped in to help give an understanding of the Mental Health Services Act Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSAOAC) Transparency Dashboard. She explained that the information available on the dashboard is pulled from the revenue and expenditure report submitted by the County every fiscal year to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). There was note made to the fact that the information available on the dashboard is a snapshot in a point of time and does not display a complete picture of MHSA funding; the encumbered amounts for projects underway are not shown in the dashboard.

Director Susan Holt added some additional comments regarding competitive grants that are also available at times. She also noted that DBH is the second largest Department in Fresno County, with the second largest budget

#### **V. Public Comment**

Comment from attendee was with concern of how the Department can be best supported to ensure the county receives what is needed.

Response was to encourage continued advocacy.

#### **V. Old Business**

##### **- Action Item – Approve BHB Evaluation 2023 and the distribution of**

Motion – BHB member Carolyn Evans motioned to approve the evaluation as written and to distribute to the community

Second – Debbie Xiong

Discussion - None

Vote- Eight members in favor, none opposed

Motion Passes

The Survey is available to complete through the end of September. Available in paper and digital format and in Spanish, English and Hmong

## **VI. New Business**

- Announcement on the presentation of The Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors
  - The date for the presentation of the Annual Report to the BOS will be on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## **IX. Subcommittee Updates**

- Adult Services Committee
  - Met on August 7<sup>th</sup> and heard from the Kingsburg Crestwood Healing Center
  - The Committee will meet again in October
- Childrens Services Committee
  - Will meet on August 24<sup>th</sup> and will hear from Fresno County Superintendent of Schools All 4 Youth program
- Forensics Committee
  - Will meet September 11<sup>th</sup>
- Substance Use Disorder Committee
  - Will meet on September 14<sup>th</sup>

## **XI. Public Comment**

None received

## **XII. Adjournment**

5:21 PM

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