



County of Fresno

ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Wednesday, **December 20, 2023** at 3:30pm

1925 E. Dakota Fresno, CA 93726

Minutes

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Brooke Frost Manuel Piceno MaryLou Brauti-Minkler Carolyn Evans Debbie Xiong Elizabeth Kus Alan Faulks David Thorne <u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Angel Lopez <u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u> Sal Quintero, <i>Supervisor</i> – Present	<u>DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u> Susan Holt, <i>Director</i> Christina Young Jeannette Dominguez	<u>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u> Jacqui Cavallaro Yvette Garcia David Tan Fidel Garibay Anthony Moreno Adrianna Zaragoza Jessica Underwood Ana Monreal Tony Leyva
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I. Welcome

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II. Review of Agenda

There was a brief pause to review the agenda

III. Approval of draft minutes from the November 15th BHB meeting

The November 15th, 2023 meeting minutes were approved

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

DBH Director, Susan Holt began the Department Update presentation with the mention of many acknowledgments for the month of December that included health topics, national historic days of remembrance and some cultural celebrations.

An extra thank you was given to all the support received on the following item that went forth to our Fresno County Board of Supervisors

A. General Updates: DBH Events, Board of Supervisors (BOS) items and legislation

Board of Supervisors Items

Resolution approved December 12th that will delay the implementation of expanded grave disability criteria associated with the passing of Senate Bill 43 to allow a planful process with stakeholders.

- Implementation delayed until January 2026
- Most counties across the state have delayed implementation except for two counties

Legislative Updates – Item of interest

AB 1047

- Related to gun purchasing law
- Requires the Department of Justice to create a develop a platform for individuals to voluntarily add their name to a registry that involves advising a licensed behavioral health clinician by email during a 10-day waiting period of the attempt to purchase the firearm
- The purpose of registry is for a third party to potentially intervene
- Concerns from the Department include the process moving through email and does not specify what actions are expected by the local county Department of Behavioral Health, as well as no support in funding associated with this Bill amendments brought forth

Deaths by suicide for Fresno County

The number of deaths by suicide for November 2023 is 10. Interestingly the same number for years 2022 and 2020. This data continues to be monitored closely. More discussion to come in 2024 permitting Prop 1 passing and the impact to prevention dollars.

Electronic Health Record and Payment Reform Updates

- The number of counties participating has grown from 21 counties to 23 counties
- Technical problems with the invoice generator have been addressed and has resolved any known cashflow issues thus far
- Met with the Mental Health Contractors Association and Substance Use Disorders Provider Association and will continue to meet regularly to partner in a strategic way to come up with solutions while navigating this post payment reform era
- The State of California of Health Care Services have heard the struggles from Behavioral Health Directors and Provider Associations and have brought in a third-party consultant to provide technical assistance

B. Crisis mobilization status

- Implementation of new Medi-Cal model of expanded mobile crisis intervention
- Current Crisis Intervention team consists of a co-response of law enforcement and a licensed mental health clinician when requested by law enforcement

- New medical model will require 24/7 availability of Behavioral Health professional with a required specific response time
- The goal for a system collaborative model will be a cross system partnership deciding how to work together at the point of crisis response to achieve the best outcomes for all
- New mobile crisis benefits verses current crisis intervention services is that individuals currently must already be involved in a program in order to receive crisis services opposes now anyone in the community can receive services
- Minimum of a two-person team who has received a required core training in crisis assessment and deliver the initial face-to-face crisis assessment onsite

The PowerPoint presented is attached in pdf format

V. Public Comment

Question from BHB Chair – What percentage of current mobile crisis calls are billable to Medi-Cal verses calls that are not?

Response – Director Susan Holt does not have that data on-hand

Question from BHB member – Does the crisis phone line have a system for recording data on the calls for individuals

Response – HIPPA law was referenced and mentioned that current law allows communication of collateral information amongst crisis clinician and peace officer

VI. Old Business

Site Visit Report – Tarpey Elementary Wellness Center

- Through building relationships and activities the wellness center goal is to identify families that could benefit from mental health services as well as navigating other available resources in the community
- Provide staff with flexible working hours so that they may connect more easily with families
- Wishlist of food and gift cards for families and/or ideas on how to obtain them

VII. New Business

A. Vote on BHB Officer nominations

Officer nominations is the same slate as the current officers

Chair – Brooke Frost

Vice Chair – Manuel Piceno

Secretary – Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler

Motion – BHB member Debbie Xiong motioned to approve the whole slate as is

Second – BHB David Thorne seconded the motion

Vote – 9 votes in favor

Motion Passes

B. January 13th BHB Planning Session

- Will be on a Saturday from 9am – 12pm
- Location is to be determined
- The public is welcomed

VIII. Subcommittee Updates

- Adult Services Committee – December meeting heard from Matt Dildine from the Rescue Mission. Next meeting is February 5th
- Children’s Services Committee- The December is on December 21st and at Pacific Clinics 6051 N. Fresno St. #201 Fresno, CA 93710
- Forensics Services Committee – Will meet on January 8th and hear from the Clean Slate program at Blue Sky Wellness Center
- Substance Use Disorder Committee – Met December 14th and heard from CAP and will meet again on March 14th and will hear an overview from on Substance Use Services by DBH

IX. Public Comment

None made

X. Adjournment

4:40 PM

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