



FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 3:30pm

Via Webex

Minutes

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u>
Nick Lutton	Susan Holt, <i>Director</i>	Xixmena Cuyuch
Brooke Frost	Maryann Le <i>Deputy Director</i>	Ana Monreal
Carolyn Evans	Emma Rasmussen	Elizabeth Escoto
Stephanie Gutierrez	Marcy Black	Paul Cummings
Ana Boydston	Ahmad Bahrami	Walker Stevens
David Thorne	Tamara DeFehr	Stan Lum
Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler	Dang Xiong	Arlene Mendoza
Donald Vanderheyden	Vincent Montgomery	Jessica Underwood
Manuel Piceno	Tina Young	Yvette G
Yolanda Cruz	Jeannette Dominguez	Sandra Martinez
		Lali Witrago
		Amber Molina
		David Tan
		Manmeet Sidhu
		Kari Larson
		Ignacio Liscano
		Dawn Evans
		Deanna Kivett
		Marilyn Bamford
		Enrique Botello
		Fausto Novelo
		Neil Collins
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>		
Debbie Xiong		
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u>		
Sal Quintero, <i>Supervisor</i> – Absent		
Ari Martinez, <i>Chief of Staff</i> – Present		

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Chair of the Behavioral Health Board, Nick Lutton called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM with a roll call of the Behavioral Health Board (BHB) members following

II. Public Comment

No Comments made

III. Approval of January 18, 2023 BHB meeting minutes

Minutes approved with suggested edits

IV. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Update *Deputy Director, Maryann le*

Deputy Director, Maryann Le was present to provide the Department Update on behalf of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and Director, Susan Holt.

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

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

February 7th

- Approval of Participation Agreements with California Mental Health Services Authority for Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention and Central Valley Suicide Prevention Hotline
- Approval of Countryside Care Center to Master Agreement for Skilled Nursing Facility
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Parc Grove Commons for continued designation of five apartment units for DBH Referrals

Legislative Update Items of Interest:

- Anticipate many new bills to be introduced by the February 17th deadline
- Bills already introduced that the Department is following
 - AB67 – Homeless Courts Pilot Program
 - AB289- Mental Health Services – Inclusion of youth in stakeholder process (already practiced by Fresno)

Introduction of New Innovation Plan

DBH Public Behavioral Health Division Manager, Ahmad Bahrami was present provide a brief introduction on a New Innovation Plan of Participatory Action Research (PAR) with Justice Involved Youth using an Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)'s Framework. The full plan can be viewed at www.FresnoMHSA.com. The following information are some of the main details about the plan.

- The project evolved over the past two years focusing on justice involved population
- Due to Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) one time funding a strategy for sustainability, by utilizing funds for learning and research to guide and support efforts of the system of care
- The focus on Justice involved Youth aligns with other local agency efforts that include, the Fresno County Health Improvements (FCHIP), Trauma and Resilience Network with the focus on ACE's and the Probation Department Realignment Report
- Engage youth ages 15 - 17 in the research as trainers and to inform

- The focus is on determining effective approach, interventions, and services by youth identifying from firsthand experience along with professional research to develop strategies for prevention future youth involvement in the justice system
- Budget Total over five years: \$3,000,000
Costs included – Participant Stipends, community participation, transportation assistance, training curriculum contingencies and participant childcare
- Next Steps and Actions to Date:
February 1, 2023 – 30-day review and public comment began
March 2nd, 2023 – 30-day public comment ends
March 15, 2023 - Public Hearing
May 2023 – Hearing for plan approval with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
July 2023 -Begin implementation of project

Questions, comments, and support can be submitted to mhsa@fresnocountyca.gov

B. Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report (ARER)

The ARER is an annual report that all counties are required to submit, per the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 5899, to the Department of Health Care Services, by January 31st of every year. The present and all past ARER reports submitted by Fresno County are public record and are posted at www.FresnoMHSA.com. The ARER for FY 2021-22 had no reversion and pending the approval by the Oversight and Accountability Committee (OAC) and permitting approval on the two plans submitted for this year, no foreseen reversion will occur.

C. Introduction of new DBH Deputy Directors (DD's)

The DBH Executive Team is made up of 5 members, one Director and four Deputy Directors. Director, Susan Holt, Deputy Director, Maryann Le and today the Department will take the opportunity to introduce and welcome the new three DD's to the DBH Exec Team.

Dr. Lesby Castro-Flores, Psy.D. – with the County of Fresno since 2007

Marcy Black – with the County of Fresno since 2007, short departure and returned 2019

Emma Rasmussen – Began with Fresno County Department of Social Services in 2012, Ventured out for the last ten years to Community Medical Center and has now returned to the County DBH

Specific assignments for each of the new three DD's has not yet been determined. Although, the goal of the Department and plan for new organization structure will utilize all

the knowledge and experience the expanded Exec Team brings as a strength of being in a better position to serve the needs of the community.

V. Public Comment

No comments received

VI. Old Business

- BHB January workshop overview

This was an in-person meeting and the first time for many of the BHB members to meet each other. A few community members also attended. It was successful experience with completing BHB business and plan for the upcoming year. A special thanks to Blue Sky Wellness center with accommodating the BHB and allowing the use of their conference room.

VII. New Business

- Motion to approve recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

The BHB 2023 Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

1. Support recruitment and retention of behavioral health professionals, including fiscal incentives and technological flexibility
2. Expand permanent supportive housing inventory with less restrictive criteria for individuals with behavioral health disorders at all levels of need, regardless of current housing status
3. Educate and disseminate information to the community about behavioral health services and programs that are available, along with a navigation system for accessing those services
4. Establish inpatient substance use disorder treatment programs for individuals with severe mental illness

Motion: Carolyn Evans

Second: MaryLou Brauti-Minkler

Discussion: none

Roll Call Vote: 8 votes in favor

Motion Carries

- Letter of Support –
The BHB had intended on providing a letter of support for the Department and for the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program round five funding for renovating the Heritage Campus Center project to expand the Behavioral Health continuum of treatment

services and resources. The deadline date for submitting was missed although the BHB offered to provide if it can still be accepted.

VIII. Subcommittee Updates

- Adult Services Committee – February 6th meeting received a presentation from the Independent Living Program (ILA)
Adult Committee now meets bi-monthly. Next meeting is April 3rd and have expressed interest in learning more about Board and Care Homes
- Children’s Services Committee – meets February 23rd and will hear from Quality Family Services
- Forensics Committee – Did not meet in February- A Doodle poll will be distributed requesting responses on a more convenient day and time for attendee participation
- Substance Use Disorder Committee – Next quarterly meeting March 9th. And will receive information from DBH on SUD services available. In – person location is still to be determined.

IX. Public Comment

- Chair, Nick Lutton welcomed New BHB member, Yolanda Cruz. Yolanda briefly provided information about herself and her interest for being on the BHB
- Reminder of next meeting being in-person

X. Adjournment

4:54 PM

Next meeting is Wednesday March 15, 2023

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