



County of Fresno

ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Wednesday, **February 21, 2024** 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 Elizabeth Kus David Thorne Angel Lopez	Lesby Castro Flores, <i>Deputy Director</i> Ahmad Bahrami Tina Young Jeannette Dominguez Lisa Crossley	Essenia Porter Patrick Hamilton Yolanda Randles Andie Smith Ben Britton LeeAnn Skorohod Marilyn Sliney Fidel Garibay Jessica Underwood Marcos Gonzalez Mai Lia yang Xixmena Cuyuch Adriana Zaragoza Tammy Frates Christina Long Paul Cummings
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Alan Faulks		
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u> Sal Quintero, <i>Supervisor</i>		

I. Welcome

Behavioral Health Board (BHB) Vice Chair, Manuel Piceno called the meeting to order at 3:32. Shortly after, Chair Brooke Frost arrived and led the meeting.

II. Approval of the January 21, 2024 draft Behavioral Health Board (BHB) minutes

The January 21st, 2024 BHB meeting minutes were accepted as written

III. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Update; *Deputy Director, Lesby Castro Flores*

Deputy Director, Lesby Castro Flores provided the Department Update on behalf of Director, Susan Holt.

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

Board of Supervisors Items

- February 6th Agreement with California Mental Health Services Authority for Interoperability Solution Services and Data Archive Solutions
- February 20th Expansion of Adolescent Community Treatment with Pacific Clinics to add non-FSP levels of outpatient specialty Mental Health Services
- Amendment to agreement with Unite USA for the Multi-Agency Access Program (MAP) universal screening platform and data system
- March 5th Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocate program- contract termination
 - February 2023 AB 2275 required amendment be made to the Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocate (MHPRAP) Program agreement under the LPS Act
 - The changes increased the volume of Patients' Rights Advisements and Certification Review Hearing representation
 - The MHPRAP faced many challenges that included certificate of insurance requirements and data reporting
 - On August 30, 2023 DBH issued an official out of compliance notice to provider and had offered technical assistance. Unable to effectively collaborate and demonstrate improvement
 - The MHPRAP is expected to continue to provide services up until March 15th
 - March 15th the Smith Waters Group will take over pursuant to Purchasing Agreement
 - DBH team members have also been trained to step in and provide this service if necessary

Legislative Updates – Items of interest

- AB 1047 - Update – This bill did not make it out of appropriations and will not move forward
- Friday of last week was the last day for legislators to introduce new bills
- Will review hundreds of bills in the weeks/months ahead

Deaths by Suicide, Fresno County

December 2023 suicide data showed 7 deaths by suicide. This number is close to the 6 deaths by suicide for the previous 3 years beginning in 2020

Mobile Crisis Update – Beginning December 31st, a new state mandate required implementing a work shift for the hours of midnight to 6 a.m. for mobile crisis response. While the Department fell short with having a new contract presented to the BOS and approved prior to the December 31st deadline, a plan was needed to remain compliant. Individuals from the DBH Exec Team and a Senior Staff Analyst completed required training and stepped in to temporarily fulfill these new shifts. In addition to the support from the current day Shift contracted provider Kings View, the Department successfully stayed in compliance. That new contract that was needed will go to the BOS on January 23rd.

Facilities Updates – Heritage Center

The Heritage Center is located at the corner of Shields and Millbrook and is currently under construction for the relocation of the Youth Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF), Adult PHF, and the Crisis Stabilization Center (CSC) Adult and Youth.

Tentative timelines:

- Youth PHF complete construction September 2024 and open November 2024
- Complete kitchen construction August 2024 and operational to align with Youth PHF opening
- Adult PHF complete construction October 2024 and open December 2024
- CSC complete construction January 2025 and open March 2025

B. Public Hearing for Innovation Plan – California Reducing Disparities Project - Evolutions

DBH Department Manager Ahmad Bahrami led the Public Hearing. This Public Hearing was held for the existing Innovation Plan that was approved three years ago, California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) Innovation (INN) Plan. This Public Hearing is part of the community planning process that is required to make any changes to the original plan. INN plans must be approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to receive one-time funds for learning, via adaptations, research, pilot and demonstration. The Department is asking for an extension of the CRDP original plan. The reasons asking for the extension and the plan for moving forward are explained below with some other information presented at the Public Hearing.

- Sweet Potato Project, Hmong Helping Hands and Atencion Plena Practicas are the CRDP programs involved
- Community defined evidence-based project - unique to the population of this specific community contingent on resources and variables that may or may not be available to help succeed with the youth specifically in the community of Fresno County
- There was a plan to transition to a Prevention and Early Intervention project (PEI)
- Changes that could be brought on by Prop 1 will eliminate the option to sustain programs via PEI
- The extension will add two years and the opportunity to create the best possible strategy with potential to sustain
- Comments and questions can be made and listed on and through the options below www.fresnomhsa.com email: mhsa@fresnocountyca.gov

Discussion concluded with an announcement of the 2024 – 2025 MHSOAC Annual Update now being posted and up for viewing at www.fresnomhsa.com BHB members were encouraged

by the Chair to review all the programs listed that can be found in the Annual Update report.

IV. Public Comment

- BHB Chair commended DBH for the efforts and the job done in the community defined practice

V. Old Business

- **BHB Annual Planning meeting – January 13, 2024** – This is an old item and was disregarded

VI. New Business

A. Approval of Recommendations to the BOS

-BHB Chair asked if BHB members had any comments on the recommendation

-BHB member suggested omitting #5 of the recommendations:

#5. If Proposition 1 passes in March, support the Department in implementing the requirements and report the impact to the public on a regular basis

-Supervisor Sal Quintero suggested that the BHB request to receive ongoing feedback from the BOS via DBH as information arises that pertains to any of the remaining four recommendations in the Annual Report to the BOS

B. Review and Discussion of 2023 Annual Report to the BOS

- BHB member Carolyn Events complimented Chair on the written Annual Report
- Chair replied that the report last year was much longer because it was a 2-year report

C. **Action Item** – Vote on 2023 Annual Report to the BOS

Motion: BHB member Debbie Xiong motioned to approve the Annual Report to the BOS with the edit of eliminating recommendation #5

Second: Carolyn Evans

Discussion: see above

Vote: 7 members in favor

Motion Passes

D. **Action Item** – Vote on Innovation Plan Extension

Motion: Manny Piceno motioned to approve the CRDP Evolutions Extension

Second: Debbie Xiong

Discussion: BHB Chair commended DBH for the efforts and the job done in the community defined practice

Vote: 7 members in favor

Motion Passes

E. Site Visit Report – River Vista

BHB member reported that 4 BHB members participated in a site visit on February 2nd at the River Vista Behavioral Health Center located in Madera next to the Valley Childrens Hospital. Below are a few details from the report of the tour:

- 24- hr. in-patient facility for individuals experiencing mental health disorders
- Facility currently has 20 beds available and an overall capacity of 128 beds, 40 beds reserved for ages 5 – 17 yrs. old
- Opened in August 2023 and plans to open more beds in phases and be fully operational in 2025

VII. Subcommittee Updates

- Adult Services Committee – February meeting learned of services available for transitional age youth (TAY). Next meeting is Monday April 8th at 10 a.m. at BlueSky Wellness Center
- Childrens Services Committee – Met December 21st and heard about the County Full-Service Partnership(FSP) programs for youth. The Committee will meet again Feb. 22nd
- Forensics Services Committee – Meeting day changed to Fridays quarterly
 - Next upcoming meeting is Friday, March 1st at 10:00 a.m.
 - Same meeting location of BlueSky Wellness Center Ste 110
- Substance Use Disorder Committee – Will meet again Thursday March 14th

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Adjournment

4:35 p.m.

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