



### FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 3:30pm

In-Person Meeting  
Health and Wellness Center  
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 Carolyn Evans Ana Boydstun David Thorne Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler Manuel Piceno Debbie Xiong	Susan Holt, <i>Director</i> Erin Chan-Golston Lisa Weaver Dang Xiong David Keomanyvanh Tina Young	Sandra Valenton Tony Leyva Amber Molina Nakia Vue Carrie Smithson Nathalie Corpus Jordan Walker Stevens Elizabeth Escoto Jessica Underwood Xixmena Cuyuch Dawn Evans Wilma Hashimoto Paul Cumming
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Nick Lutton Donald Vanderheyden Stephanie Gutierrez Yolanda Cruz		
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u> Sal Quintero, <i>Supervisor</i> – Present		

**I. Welcome and Roll Call**

Vice Chair Brooke Frost filled in for Chair, Nick Lutton. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 PM. And being the first back to in-person meeting the Behavioral Health Board (BHB) members were asked to introduce themselves

**II. Approval of February 15, 2023 BHB meeting minutes**

The draft minutes were approved as written

**III. Public Hearing – Innovations Research Project- Participatory Action Research with Justice Involved Youth using Adverse Childhood Experience (ACES) Framework**

3:35 Public Hearing began

Staff Analyst from the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) gave a brief overview of the Innovation Research Project. The project was posted on February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> marked the end of the 30-day public comment period. During the public hearing today the feedback from the community will be presented and discussed. The next steps in the process for the Innovations Research Project is to get approved by our local BHB and then move on to seek approval from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC). The Department hopes to have an approval from the OAC by May 2023.

A. Motion to Approve the Innovations Research Project

**Motion** – BHB member Debbie Xiong

**Second** – Carolyn Evens

**Vote** – seven BHB members in favor

**Motion Passes**

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

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

- Mental Health Student Services Act grant funding – Approved by BOS
  - \$3.1 million extending grant term to 2026
- Authorization received to continue process for Crossroads Village Development
- SB 43: expansion of criteria for involuntary holds and involuntary commitments. Currently, 5150's doesn't include substance use disorder with certain criteria, but the criteria could be broad and must be determined by the respondent.

Suicide data was provided for January and February 2023.

B. Quarterly Forensics Update

Crisis response – many new upcoming changes to occur

- Crisis Mobile service a new mandatory Medi-Cal benefit
- It will require DBH to expand crisis mobile services to 24 hrs.
- Timeline to have fully designed and ready for approval by October 31<sup>st</sup> and ready to go live by December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Requires 2 team members to be staffed 24 /7
- This system is a mandate for people receiving Medi-Cal and the County will meet to figure out how to fund the nonMedi-Cal persons in need of the same service
- Minimize the use of law enforcement with a standardized protocols required to follow

### C. Family Advocate Services Update; Reading and Beyond

Advocates from the Reading and Beyond program attended the meetings. The advocates assist individuals who are family members or support persons to someone living with a mental health or substance use disorder condition. The Advocates serve as a point of contact for the support persons by helping to link them to vital resources as well as navigate the system of care on an individual need basis. Some of the areas that the advocates help families with are in receiving different types of benefits for food, housing, as well as provide education and information and navigation assistance.

Outcome data for fiscal year 2021-22

- Advocates assisted 541 individuals who identified as support persons
  - Family members / support persons received assistance in the form of a one-time contact or multiple contacts with either short term goals or long-term goals
- 1069 contacts that included 528 of them being unique individuals served
- Overall average of around 20 different individuals served a week
- 2938 unique services rendered

### D. Outcomes Report on A & J Social Services

A & J Social Services has been operational since 2003 and today offer two types of programs, One being a Driving under the influence (DUI) and a PC1000 drug diversion program both being a statute set by the State. The Department currently has a revenue agreement with A & J for the services they provide, although in the future will be looking into what types of changes could possibly be made to this agreement. The fee schedule is set by the provider, with Fresno County receiving a percentage of that collected from participants as the role they play on behalf of the State in monitoring these services. The State also receives a portion of that revenue that Fresno receives. The duration for which an individual enrolls in services is dependent upon the charges they received. Below are a few more details about the program describing the services offered:

- Offer services from four different locations: Clovis, Selma, Reedley and Kerman
- Multiple program lengths; Six Week, Three-month, Six-month, Nine-month or 18-month
- Awareness and Education oriented program with a counseling component
- The State permitting the program to permanently utilize online services post pandemic, allowing increased access to services

### V. **Public Comment**

- A member of the public asked if there are other types of DUI programs around?

## **VI. Old Business**

BHB provided feedback from their site visit with A & J Social Services

- The Program identified their strengths of being in strategic areas of Fresno County are that they are bilingual
- Good services but underfunded
- BHB recommended to program that they conduct client surveys upon completion of program for measurement of knowledge gained by participants

## **VI. New Business**

- March Site Visit –will be online via Webex, March 21<sup>st</sup>. at 11:00 AM with the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT), *Turning Point Vista*

## **VII. Subcommittee Updates**

- Adult Services Committee – Did not meet in March. Next meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the BlueSky Wellness Center and will discuss Board and Care homes
- Children’s Services Committee – Meets on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at BlueSky
- Forensics Committee – TBA
- Substance Use Disorder Committee – March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting received a presentation from DBH on all SUD services available within the system of care for Fresno county residents
  - Co-Chair of the Committee stated that there is a lack of SUD services in the rural areas
  - Next meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> at BlueSky Wellness Center

## **VIII. Public Comment**

- Board of Supervisors, Sal Quintero announced a free event celebrating Earth Day April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Fresno Fairgrounds that will bring a lot of good information that will highlight all County Departments as well as other agencies

## **IX. Adjournment**

4:56 PM

**Next meeting is Wednesday April 19, 2023**

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