



FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Wednesday, **May 15**, 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> |
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| Brooke Frost Manuel Piceno MaryLou Brauti-Minkler Carolyn Evans Debbie Xiong David Thorne Elizabeth Kus Angel Lopez | Susan Holt, <i>Director</i> Ahmad Bahrami Vincent Montgomery Megan Cole Jeannette Dominguez | Jacqui Cavallaro Mary Perich Jessica Underwood Veronica Brito Alex Castellanos Tony Leyva Nestor Flores Rebecca Hawkins Elizabeth Escoto Adriana Zaragoza Rebecca Peter Christina Long LeeAnn Skorohod |
| <u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Alan Faulks | | |
| <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 3:31 p.m.

II. Approval of April 17th, 2024 Behavioral Health Board (BHB) meeting minutes

The draft minutes from April 17th were accepted with note of editing the following bullet points under Item V. Old Business

- Program limitations- limited budget, employee retention and funding assistance for more physical space
- Remove the last bullet

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

Director Susan Holt began the Department Presentation with several acknowledgements for the month of May. Listed below are a handful of those from the long list of many.

- *Mental Health awareness *Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage *Cinco De Mayo
 * National Nurses Day * Mother's Day *Fentanyl Awareness Day * Armed Forces Day

A special acknowledgement was made to recognize the CAPIO 2024 Excellence in Public Information & Communications Award that DBH received for the Experiencing Hope Documentary

created by Brian Bishop, Media Specialist with the DBH Public Behavioral Health Division. The Fresno County Stories of Resiliency ranked 2nd place out of 400 entries.

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

Board of Supervisors Select Items of note

- May 7th – Mental Health and Maternal Mental Health Proclamation by the BOS
 - Projects for Assistance Transition from Homelessness Program
 - Fresno County Mental Health Services Act Annual Update 2024 - 2025
- May 21st - Retroactive Amendment No. 3 Master Agreement for Individuals and Group Providers
 - Participation Agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority for Quality Measures and Performance Improvement program
 - Retroactive Participation Agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority for the Central Valley Suicide Prevention Hotline

Legislative Updates – State Budget focus May Revise

- “May Revise” – Revision of proposed budget by the Governor may be found in depth <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2024/05/10/revised-state-budget-may-2024-25/>
 - Final rounds of Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure program eliminated and instead rolled into Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act
 - Behavioral Health Bridge Housing future rounds reduced by 50%
 - Healthcare Workforce initiatives funding reduced and delayed mental health workforce programs
 - Medication Assisted Treatment grants reduced in State and Community Corrections

Data for Fresno County Deaths by Suicide

- Nine individuals died by suicide in the month of April 2024
- A higher number than the last two years for the month of April 2024

Psychiatric Advance Directive (PAD) Phase 2 Innovation Plan Update

A review on the background of the PAD Project was presented explaining that the project is a collaborative innovation plan sponsored by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission along with seven other counties. The project is in different phases across California right now, such as developing user-friendly on-line tools and establishing training and protocols. A PAD is a legal document with specific instructions for individuals regarding treatment, in the event of a future behavioral health crisis in which they may not be able to make decisions on their own.

Phase 1 of the plan was the build phase and Phase 2 is being considered the rollout phase. Phase 2 of the plan was posted on April 24th for the 30-day review and public comment period and a Public Hearing is scheduled for May 31st at the Health and Wellness Center (HaWC) 1925 E. Dakota.

B. Housing Report

The housing report included data points in a few different areas of housing that DBH has helped establish. The following are housing sites DBH is currently involved with:

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| 15 units - Renaissance at Trinity | 24 – Family Villa & Falcon Court |
| 29 units - Renaissance at Alta Monte | 67 – Recovery Residences & Perinatal |
| 25 units – Renaissance at Santa Clara | 30 – The Lodge |
| 68 – Master leasing | 14 – Villages at Paragon |
| 125 – Independent Living Association (ILA) | 13 – Villages at Broadway |

A table was presented with dollar amounts for construction and annual operating costs for each of the sites listed above, as well as a graph to see the cumulative number of units per year from 2021 up to 2024.

The following are upcoming new housing developments and their tentative completion dates:

- Crossroads – December 2024 – 50 DBH units
- Behavioral Health Bridge – July 2024 - 60 units
- Avalon Commons – June 2025 – 30 units
- Libre Commons – January 2026 – 42 units (possible delay)

The final housing type mentioned was the Behavioral Health Bridge Program. The Bridge housing will prioritize individuals who are CARE Court participants with high acuity and co-occurring disorders. The program will be funded by Behavioral Health Bridge Housing, CalAIM Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports. The site locations planned for the program are Sierra Sunrise on Parkway Drive, Phoenix Landing on Blackstone /Ashlan and a Rural location in Fresno or surrounding counties that is yet to be determined.

Question from BHB member: How many Butterfly Garden residents participate in services.
Answer: An average of 20 individuals

C. Butterfly Gardens – Permanent Supportive Housing

- First Permanent Supportive Housing Complex in the City of Clovis
- Opened in October 2022
- Exodus Recovery is the contracted service provider assisting the most vulnerable, homeless, at risk of homelessness individuals with serious mental illness 18 yrs. of age and older
- Multi-family 75- unit complex of 1-bedrooms
- Per Assembly Bill 977 quarterly outcomes are reported to the Community Development Department (HCD)
- 11 different types of services provided
- Intake data on the population served showed 77 adults received an average of 48 services per month with an average of 2.09 services per individuals

D. June Events

- The 34th Fresno Rainbow Pride Parade is June 1st at 10 a.m. in the Tower District
- Pride Festival June 1st at 11 a.m. at Fresno City College with shuttle transportation available

IV. Public Comment

Supervisor Sal Quintero made a comment briefly explaining the Fresno County BOS process in response to the Governors State Budget May revise. He provided copies of the May Revise summary received by the BOS from the State. He also highlighted a possible topic of interest for the BHB on the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative .

V. Old Business

- June Behavioral Health Board meeting - Is cancelled. Next BHB meeting is July 17, 2024

VI. New Business

- April Site visit - Butterfly Gardens

BHB Chair noted that the presentation just given by Director Susan Holt covered much of the necessary information on Butterfly Gardens and covered only a couple more points. One point chosen to discuss was about the treatment for the unique homeless population and the consideration needed on the shift from being unhoused to housed. The second point made was regarding the complex financial component required to run these housing units and the operational needs to maintain.

- INN Public Hearing / Friday May 31st, 12:30 p.m. – BHB will host at the HaWC

VII. Subcommittee Updates

- Adult Services Committee – Will meet June 3rd at 10:00 a.m. and hear from the DBH Hospital Access Linkage and Outreach (HALO) Team
- Children’s Services Committee –Met on April 25th and heard a presentation from Turning Point Dragon Fly program. They will meet again on June 27th with a presentation from Prodigy Healthcare Inc.
- Forensics Services Committee – Will meet on June 7th and awaiting confirmation from Adult Probation to attend and discuss coordination of services with DBH
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee – Will meet on June 13th and hear from DBH on the SUD system of care

VIII. Public Comment

Question: Why is the Metro office on Kings Canyon closing

Answer: The office is not closing; it will relocate services soon to a different facility in about a year

Question: What type of staffing is needed at Butterfly Gardens

Answer: All classifications

IX. Adjournment

4:36 P.m.

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