



FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Wednesday, January 18, 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	Tamara DeFehr	Ana Monreal
Carolyn Evans	Mary Johnson	Elizabeth Escoto
Stephanie Gutierrez	Erinn Chan-Golston	Candice Wilkins
Ana Boydston	Brian Bishop	Jessica Underwood
David Thorne	Lindsey Sorondo	Yvette G
Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler	Vincent Montgomery	Sandra Martinez
Donald Vanderheyden	Jolie Gordon Browar	Liz Escoto
Debbie Xiong	Lisa Crossley	Lali Witrigo
Manuel Piceno	LeeAnn Skorohod	Amber Molina
	Tina Young	David Tan
	Jeannette Dominguez	Neil Collins
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>		Nakia Vue
		Deanna Kivett
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u>		Marilyn Bamford
Sal Quintero, <i>Supervisor</i> – Absent		Joel Flores
		Walker Stevens
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 3:30 PM with a roll call of the Behavioral Health Board (BHB) members following

II. Public Comment – No Public Comments were received

III. Review of Agenda by Behavioral Health Board

There was a brief pause for BHB members to review the agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2022, BHB Meeting

- Draft minutes from December 21st BHB meeting approved as written
- This Item IV. On agenda has the incorrect date for the December meeting
- The correct date for the December BHB meeting is December 21st, 2022

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

A. General Update - Board of Supervisors Agenda Items, Legislation and DBH Events

An Announcement was made regarding DBH adding 2 new positions to the Executive Leadership team. In addition to those 2 positions there was one vacancy that already existed. Making it possible for a selection of three new Deputy Directors to bring on board forming an expanded Executive Team.

- 2 Internal Promotions – Marcelia Black, Former Division Manager of Managed Care
Private Sector - Dr. Lesby Castro Flores, Former Children’s Services Division Manager
- Emma Rasmussen, Health Leadership

Suicide Data

December 2022 – six deaths by suicide

Data for 2022 shows being lower than data from 2018 and 2019 and relatively close to the same for 2020

Contracts/Board Agenda Items – Select Items of note

- January 3rd – Approval of two Participation Agreements with California Mental Health Services Authority, Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention and Central Valley Suicide Prevention Hotline
- January 13th - Adopt Resolution proclaiming and ratifying a Local Emergency Order, resulting from the winter storms
 - All Fresno County Employees are disaster services workers
 - DBH fills the role by supporting the health and safety of the community
- January 24th – Seeking approval of amendment to an existing agreement and for Whole Person Care Like funding that will add navigation and linkage for community members transitioning from incarceration

Legislative Updates – No Specific Bills of Interest Introduced / Reported

A brief overview of the legislative cycle was provided

- Bills are introduced in a two-year cycle
- Just starting a new two-year legislative cycle
- Bills that did not make it through the previous cycle would need to be reintroduced by the February 17th deadline

B. Patients’ Rights Advocates (PRA) Quarterly Report November 2022 – December 2022

The Previous quarterly report included data for four months, leaving only two months to report on today

Total Complaints / Grievances:

- November: 0
- December: 1 (1pending) Inappropriate verbal exchanges with case manager and review of interview process is underway

Total Hearings and Advise

- November: 96
- December: 100

Special Advocacy Needs

- DBH Director / Public Guardian meets regularly with PRA Executive Director to review findings
- Special meetings are arranged when necessary for specific concerns
- Currently working through protocols related to impacts from AB2275

VI. Public Comment

Question from BHB Chair for the Department: Does the Department foresee any substantial impact from the upcoming end of the Emergency order?

Response: No changes in service delivery are anticipated

VII. Public Hearing – The Extension Plan for Innovation Project – The Lodge

DBH Public Behavioral Health Division Manager, Ahmad Bahrami

Principal Staff Analyst, Erinn Chan Gholston from the Department was present to lead the Public Hearing.

- Project of researching a target engagement approach
- Originally approved April 2020 by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)
- This was approved as a three-year project at \$4,200,000
- Seeking an extension for two additional years at \$3,160,000
- Project will conclude June 30, 2025
- Accomplishments to date include successful linkage, 211 individuals served with nine linkages in year one, 377 individuals with 97 linkages in year two
- All individuals linked were previously not in care and in pre-contemplative state of change
- Seeking extension of more time to allow for a true assessment
- Evaluation conducted by Health Policy Institute
- The plan for extension was posted for Public Comment and open to receive community input and planning for 30 days beginning December 1, 2022 and remained open until January 3, 2023

The next steps:

- Submit proposal to MHSOAC by January 31, 2023
- Present it on April 21, 2023
- Upon approval it will go to the BOS to amend the contract with vendors
- A final report will be created at the end of the INN Plan
- Fresno MHSA.com contains annual update with detailed data

A. Motion to Approve Extension of Inn Plan

Motion: BHB member Carolyn Evans

Approve the DBH Extension Plan for Innovation Project – The Lodge

Second: BHB member Debbie Xiong

Roll Call Vote – Ten votes in favor

Motion Passes

VIII. New Business

A. Motion to Approve the Continuation of Teleconferencing

Motion – BHB Member Debbie Xiong

Second – MaryLou Brauti-Minkler

Discussion – None

Roll Call Vote – Nine votes in favor

Motion Passes

B. BHB Workshop Announcement

- Saturday January 28, 2023, 9:00 AM at Blue Sky Wellness Center

IX. Subcommittee Updates

- Adult Services Committee
 - Meetings will now be held bi-monthly
 - February 6th meeting will receive a presentation from the Independent Living Association (ILA)
- Childrens Services Committee
 - Next meeting February 23rd
- Forensics Committee
 - Next meeting February 13th
- Substance Use Disorder Committee
 - Meets quarterly with the next meeting March 9th

XI. Public Comment

None received

XII. Adjournment

4:28 PM

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