



### Fresno County Behavioral Health Board Regular Meeting Minutes February 16, 2016

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS –</u>
Joanne Cox	Susan Holt	<u>Continued</u>
Brandy Dickey	Kathy Anderson	Mitch Collins
John Duchscher	Robert Johnson	John Mendez
Carolyn Evans	Stacy VanBruggen	Ivet Soria
Renee Stilson	Duke Ramshaw	Greg Hodges
David Thorne	Cary Williams	Rachel Ensom
Curtis Thornton		Ryan Banks
Donald Vanderheyden		Marylou Brauti-Minkler
David Weber		Leann Skorohod
	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u>	Luana Murphy
<u>ABSENT</u>	Pete Rodseeri	Fidel Garibay
Brian Conway	Delilah Cooper	Laura Whitehouse
Francine Farber	Christina Alejo	Sharon Ross
	Chris Torrez	Ghia Xiong
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u>	Howard Watkins	Richard Farrow
Absent	Tracey Weld	Jane McCy
	Brenda Kent	Brooke Frost
	Deanna Kivett	
	Elizabeth Escoto	

#### I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks – Chair Joanne Cox

A. Chair Joanne Cox called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. She announced that she would like to appoint Curt Thornton to participate as the Member at Large on the Executive Committee for 2016. Curt agreed to the appointment. Joanne also stated that there is a committee in DBH on Cultural Diversity that meets on the fourth Wednesday, at 2:30 pm, every other month. Joanne is recruiting Board member's to appoint to this committee. Joanne announced the resignation of Brian Conway from the Board and Joanne commented on his service to the BHB and wished him well for the future.

#### B. Success Story – Drug Court

Robert Johnson gave a brief presentation on Drug Court, how defendants go through the court and how defendants are referred to treatment programs. Robert explained that when Proposition 47 passed in 2014, it reduced many drug charges into a misdemeanor instead of a felony and talked about the impact to Drug Court and why changes were made. Since the redesign, 60-70% of participants are accepting treatment referrals and about the same amount of defendants not showing up for their arraignment. He also stated that about 25% do not return for their two week follow up review. Barriers to getting defendants to choose treatment services as an option, are limited time with defendant to convince them to go into treatment, felony charges reduced to

misdeemeanor, lack of knowledge of treatment services within the judicial system and among the defendants, high rate of no shows, and a lack of availability resources in the rural areas of Fresno

County and lack of resources for inpatient treatment services. Robert explained that there are several plans to increase the show rate with defendants by decreasing time before arraignment and providing an amnesty program for defendants with warrants. John Duchscher asked if tracking is taking place on defendants that show up for treatment. Robert stated that Probation is working on tracking numbers, but they are not very accurate at this time.

## II. Approval of Agenda

Joanne asked the Board if there were any changes or corrections to the Agenda. No changes were requested. All approved.

## III. Approval of the Minutes

Joanne asked for any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, minutes were approved as submitted.

## IV. Update and Program Review – Department of Behavioral Health – Susan Holt

Susan Holt began the Department update with some construction updates. The department received SB 82 Project funding for the Adult Crisis Residential and the design of the building is currently being developed with the help of a task force. Susan stated that the process is moving very fast due to the timeline for funding. Susan also stated that negotiations for the Sierra Building have concluded and contract is being finalized very soon. She stated that the Kingsburg Healing Center (MHRC) is now open.

### **Regulatory /Legislative**

Under this update, Susan asked the Board if they remember AB 3632, the law for students in special education, a designation of severe emotional disturbance and had placed mental health care into their Individual Education Plan (IEP). This piece of legislation required the local education plan and had the County responsible for the care delivery. In 2011, AB 114 carved out the County Mental Health Department from care delivery of the IEP, so the County was no longer responsible to provide this care. The State Department of Education did not have any mandates in place, so a required State Audit Report was conducted. The Fresno County SELP testified that they did not receive any services from the County Mental Health Department and because of this statement, conversations have begun with the school districts to see how the County can assist in providing services to students with this designation. Susan stated that more updates will follow as the process continues. The Fresno County SELP includes Fresno Unified, Clovis Unified, and Fresno County Office of Education.

### **Operations Update**

Susan stated that the Department has been working on Strategic Plans transforming the Department into becoming a proactive department instead of being reactive. On that note the

Department is starting the MHSA Annual Update process. Every meeting is considered part of stakeholder planning. The Department will use these meetings to communicate how the MHSA dollars are being spent and to gain input from the community stakeholders who have unique perspectives based on their needs in Fresno County. These plans are still in early planning and more information will be brought before the Board in the next few months.

Susan stated that the Department is closer to implementing the Reaching Recovery tools which are used to measure recovery instead of sickness. These tools will help in determining the level of service during their recovery to match clients' need. Tools will be piloted in the adult system of care and then will migrate into our contracted provider programs.

Under Housing Assessment, Susan stated that the Department truly understands the need for permanent and supportive housing and working toward using an outside consultant to help coordinate a needs assessment. We will be finalizing a contract with outside consultant to help in coordinating local efforts with the state-wide initiatives. We expect to have an update from the consultant on the progress to Board in April.

### **Contracts Highlight**

Susan stated that the crisis stabilization unit RFP has closed and received one respondent. Contract negotiations are pending. She also talked about the youth PHF, which opened back in April, is going through an annual review and researching whether we can expand to the 16 beds. She stated that current census has been hovering around the 12 bed range.

### **Program Update – LPC Associates**

Susan introduced Tracy Weld, LPC Consulting Associates, and she provided a presentation on the Substance Use Disorders Prevention Strategic Plan. Susan gave a thanks for the work that was put in to collecting the data for program planning and how prevention services are working.

#### **V. Old Business**

- A. Board Orientation - Joanne announced three possible dates to conduct the BHB Orientation, which are March 5, Fig Garden Library, March 26, Woodward Park Library- just before Easter, or April 2 or 9, location to be determined. Brandy Dickey motion to meet on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carolyn seconded. All but Don were available.
- B. Annual Report - Joanne announced that the Annual report was accepted at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting.
- C. Site visits to Crestwood – Kingsburg Healing Center. BHB members attended the Open House. Renee Stilson stated that the facility was state of the art, and very welcoming.
- D. Teen Challenge Site Visit - John Duchscher talked about the Teen Challenge visit, stated it is a

world-wide program, results are amazing, facility opened in October. The facility currently houses 50 residents that are referred from various agencies. It is currently a men's program only.

Program is free and donations to the program are given through the faith-based community.

- E. Room and Board Vendor Meeting - Carolyn gave an update on the Room and Board vendor's meeting. BHB members met with 3 vendors, provided dialogue to meet with each other along with the board. Training was a major request and more support from case managers on life skills for the client.

VI. New Business:

A. 2016 BHB Recommendations to Board of Supervisors

Joanne stated that a meeting took place prior to the BHB regular meeting to prioritize a list of recommendations that were discussed and selected. This meeting was open for anyone to join the discussion. The following items were clarified by Curt Thornton and listed as follows:

1. Have in addition to the Field Crisis Response services, provide 24/7 services, at least on call, to assist law enforcement, EMS throughout the county.
2. Increase Peer Support Specialist Pay scale by \$2.00 per hour for both classifications, and for each step.
3. Move forward with permanent supportive housing project in 2016
4. Establish Residential Co-Occuring Services for 2016

Susan suggested to the Board that the department prepare an agenda item for the Board of Supervisors and list these recommended items. After further discussion, Joanne then asked for a vote. The Board voted 6 to 2 to accept the proposed recommendation list.

- B. March Meetings with Board of Supervisors – Joanne announced the following dates and times of meets that will take place with individual BOS members. The meeting dates and times are as follows:

Supervisor Pacheco, District 1, March 11th, 1:30 pm

Supervisor Borges, District 2, March 14th at 11:30 am

Supervisor Perea, District 3, March 25 at 9:00 am

Supervisor Mendes, District 4, March 25th, at 10:00 am

Supervisor Poochigian, District 5, still waiting for availability

- C. Future Site Visits – Joanne announced the following date for the March site visit which was set up by Carolyn Evans, and will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at The Bridge Program. John commented that the Board make the contact to schedule the visits instead of asking county staff to schedule. Joanne stated that it was suggested by staff that the County make the contact. The recommended site visit for April is the Central Star (PHF). Joanne will announce the date at the next Board meeting.

D. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

Joanne stated from the prior meeting, it was suggested to have an item on human trafficking. John also mentioned that there is an introductory workshop on Monday March 14, from 6-9 PM at the Neilson Center. Flyers were placed in the back of the room.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Adult Committee - Carolyn reported an update on the 25 cities project to count homeless and assess for housing needs. She also stated the committee was given an update on the MAP program and stated that a map point has been established at the Poverello House with future MAP points pending. She stated the committee heard an update on the IMPACT program and that 100 clients are currently in the program. Carolyn stated that on March 7<sup>th</sup> the committee will hear the transition of service provider at the Adult PHF.
- B. Children's Services Committee – Carolyn reported that the committee had a presentation on human trafficking issues and stated that all ages are affected. Runaways and immigrants are the most targeted. The number for the National Human Trafficking Hotline, 1-888-373-7888 and should be giving to suspected victims.
- C. Justice Committee – Joanne reported that the next Justice Committee meeting will take place on March 14 at 1:30 pm at Blue Sky and will hopefully have a speaker on the MAP point at the Jail.
- D. SUD Committee – John reported that at the March Committee meeting, a Provider fair will take place and will hopefully be able to move to a more broader event for the public to provide awareness in the community for treatment services.

VIII. Public Comment

A comment/question was asked about Doctor's help with patient care in clinics and Susan stated that there are different component to someone's recovery and that the doctor's coverage is just one of the components. No further comments were addressed.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Joanne Cox at 4:30 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kelley Juhrend, Administrative Assistant