



County of Fresno

ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Fresno County Behavioral Health Board Regular Meeting Minutes May 18, 2016

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS –</u>
Joanne Cox	Dawan Utecht	<u>Continued</u>
Brandy Dickey	Susan Holt	Veronica Alba
John Duchscher	Janelle Sidney	Jorge Romero
Carolyn Evas	Joseph Rangel	Sharon Ross
Renee Stilson	Kristi Williams	Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler
David Thorne	Karen Markland	Doug Schorling
Curtis Thornton		Candice Wagenkitner
Donald Vanderheyden	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u>	Richard Torosian
David Weber	Brenda Kent	Juan Garza
	Dawn Batten	Barb Breen
<u>ABSENT</u>	Randy Packard	Chris Torres
None	Kelly Orend	Mitch Collins
	Mandi Reed	Rachel Ensom
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u>	Brooke Frost	Anna Allen
Absent	Elizabeth Escoto	Leeann Skorohod

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks:

Joanne Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Joanne asked everyone to make sure their email is on the sign in sheet to be added on the distribution list. Joanne mentioned that public comments will take place at the appropriate time. Joanne announced the passing of Dennis Torigian who was a former Mental Health Board member. Curt Thornton commented working with Dennis for a very long time and admired his passion for serving the community and the housing community.

II. Mental Health Month Proclamation and Presentation – Karen Markland

Joanne spoke on events that were taking place during the month for Mental Health Matters Month and Joanne asked Karen to introduce students from Clovis East and from Duncan Polytechnical School. Karen Markland gave a brief presentation and asked to have the proclamation read to the Behavioral Health Board, which was presented to the Board of Supervisors on May 10, 2016. Karen also announced the showing of Directing Change video contest. Film screening of all the State submissions will be held at the Tower Theater on May 31, 2016. Two of the videos which are being recognized on a regional and state level, were presented during the Behavioral Health Board.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Joanne asked the Board for any additions to the agenda and for approval of the agenda. All approved the agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Joanne state she had some corrections to the April minutes regarding consumers sitting on the Board under Opening remarks and wanted the minutes to reflect “As long as they have no interest or influence of financial or contracts of their employer”. Joanne then asked the Board if there were any other corrections to the minutes. No other changes were made and minutes were accepted with changes from Joanne.

V. Update and Program Review:

Dawan started her slide presentation on Constructions/New Services Update, SB 82 projects, Adult Crisis Residential Treatment Facility, and displayed the conceptual design plans for the facility. Dawan stated that the Sierra Building contract is targeted to go to the Board of Supervisors in June.

Regulatory/Legislative Update

Dawan started with AB741 Mental Health Community Care facilities, which will expand Crisis Residential Services to include children.

AB1299: Specialty Mental Health Services Foster children, which addresses county of origin vs. county or residence issues.

AB2403: Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery Facilities which would consolidate facilities and open door to city ordinance issues. The department is currently opposed to this bill.

Governor’s May Revise Budget

Dawan stated that the No Place Like Home initiative has been endorsed and includes a \$2 billion housing bond. Dawan stated that debt financing support from MHSA (“off the top”) could impact Fresno County by \$3 million out of the MHSA funds, and could be competitive grant but not sure how. She also mentioned that the State wide total of \$267 million for Fiscal Year 2016-17 would cover permanent supportive housing, rental assistance and technical assistance to the County.

Dawan stated that the Continuum of Care Reform which is to keep kids from congregate care will provide \$6.4 million from the State General fund for county mental health and includes a federal match of \$13.2 million. She mentioned that CBHDA estimates are between \$240 to \$390 million.

Dawan stated that the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System shows a \$20 million reduction in residential treatment due to delayed implementation of County plans.

Dawan covered the Jail-Based Competency Treatment Beds, which allows \$2.7 million of State General Fund for 25 additional beds to make a total of 183 beds.

Dawan also talked about the State Hospital Beds where \$18 million of General Fund will provide 96 additional beds to the Napa and Metropolitan State hospitals.

Dawan stated that May Revise additions are corrections in the budget for Cognitive Behavioral Treatment (CBT) which will receive \$2.2 million of General Funds to expand CBT to all re-entry hubs, Substance Use Disorder Treatment, which would receive \$3.7 million of General Fund to add 950 slots to existing programs and under Proposition 47, adds \$25.6 million in Prop. 47 savings to Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to fund behavioral health treatment and diversion programs.

DBH Budget – FY 16-17

Dawan stated that the Department's budget has been submitted with a 9% increase in funds from last year, and includes 35 additional staff positions. Dawan stated that the total proposed budget is \$192 million. She also mentioned that Budget Hearings will take place the week of June 13th.

Dawan talked about contracts that are going before the Board of Supervisors for May and June, which will include the Crisis Stabilization Unit, and Access Line, Sierra Building purchase, Holistic Center, Adolescent PHF amendment, SUD Prevention Programs. She mentioned contracts that will be going after June, which include, Residential SUD Service, Primary Care Integration, Multi-Agency Access Program, and various contract expansion to address access in key areas.

Department Projects

Dawan stated that Harder and Company will present to the Adult Sub-Committee in June on Housing. Dawan stated on the Drug-Medi-Cal redesign, Fresno County is slated for Phase 3. Dawan stated that the certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Initiative which was authorized through the Excellence in Mental Health Act of 2014 which proposed a \$1.1 billion investment in behavioral health and proposed a two phase demonstration project. Dawan stated that Phase 1 Planning grant phase with 24 States, where California is a part, includes a one year process to plan and develop CCBHC certification, prospective payment system requirements, and will certify two sites to apply to be a part of the demonstration phase. Phase 2 will run certified sites and bill Medicaid under PPS for expanded federal match funding. Dawan talked about the De-Carceration /Stepping Up Initiative, which will reduce the number of individuals with mental illness in incarceration settings, de-criminalize mental illness and provide an organize approach to collaborate across sectors.

Dawan gave a program review of the Blue Sky Wellness Center, which became operational in 2007 and is a Peer supported and operated wellness and recovery center. The center serves transitional age youth, adult and older adult (60+) populations. Dawan stated that the center is funded with MHSA PEI funds and operates Monday through Saturday. Dawan stated that issues

for the center are declining volume in second half of 2015, and there is the perception of membership requirements which shows there is a need to re-educate to “all welcome”. She stated that recruitment of a Vocational Coordinator and an Administrative Assistant is complete and will start on Monday and provide volunteer training. The TAY program new location opening up at Ashlan/Willow on June 1st and will include an indoor basketball court, pool table and video games. Dawan also mentioned that classrooms will provide computers for social skills and vocational training.

Joanne stated that the Board conducted their visit of Blue Sky and asked the Board of any concerns they may have. Curt stated he has noticed that things have come a long way and concern on that making the Blue Sky a safe and warming environment and feels that measures need to be in place to allow a safe place. He also felt that minimum participation should be enforced and a top priority for the Department. Dawan also mentioned about the visit to the Denver center and how more robust their program was along with the requirement to participate in some capacity. Dawan also stated that this could be an opportunity to talk with Kings View about making some changes to Blue Sky. Joanne stated that safety is a high concern based on the area and has heard statements from organizations about sending family members to Blue Sky because of the safety. David Thorne commented on his observation and he wrote out and stated that resources, use of resources and utilization of the resources and to be able to track to see how effective the center is. Carolyn also addressed keeping the Board abreast of changes to Blue Sky.

VI. Old Business:

Joanne mentioned that Blue Sky had been discussed. Joanne also talked about the Mental Health Resource Fair in Sanger sponsored by Sanger Recreation Department. Carolyn stated that the turn out was low but did a very good job of putting together the event and expects for the event to take place next year.

VII. New Business

Curt introduced Kelly Orender with Hinds Hospice, who runs the Survivor of Suicide Loss group. Kelly stated that more outreach will be conducted and have moved to working with school districts to provide education with the community along through Clovis PD, Fresno PD, and help provide a safety net. Curt then introduced Candice Wagenleitner from Break the Silence. He stated that a conference was held in April, where 500 people participated in and will work to provide ongoing services and work through faith based organizations to provide information and services to their participants.

Joanne stated that the next site visits for the months of June, July and August will start with the Jail/Corizon program in June, the Impact Program through Mental Health Systems for July, and the Urgent Care Wellness Center in August.

VIII. Committee Reports

Adult Services Committee - Carolyn stated that the Crestwood Kingsburg Holistic Center is now open and full along with comments from clients and families that were positive. Carolyn also mentioned that Harder and Company will provide a present on the housing assessment at the June 6th meeting.

Children Services – Carolyn stated that the committee discussed the Continuum of Care Reform, and allow children to receive services without being moving around. She stated that the May 26th meeting, the committee will learn more on the reform and talk with foster family agency representatives.

Justice Committee – Joanne stated that the committee met on May 9th and a discussion took place with Avery Myer of the Public Defender in the Adult Division regarding competency and what happens here in Fresno County and on assisted outpatient treatment. Next meeting July 15st.

SUD Committee – Brenda Kent gave the update on the committee meeting. There has been discussion of the function of the meeting and it was decided for the meeting in June, providers will meet at 10:00 am prior to county staff and committee members arrival. The committee will then meet at 11:00 am on the first Wednesday of each month.

Adhoc Committee - Curt gave an update on the adhoc committee that came from the list of Recommendations for 2016 regarding Peer Support Specialist salaries. He stated that they made rounds to BOS members and was asked to meet with union members. Curt stated that they could meet with the CAO and had a meeting on Thursday and had a great dialogue and felt that the meeting went very well. Curt wanted to recognize Brandy Dickey for a great job she did while meeting with the CAO, and mentioned that the Union will be meeting with CAO to discuss this item further.

IX. Public Comment

Karen provided public comment on upcoming events starting with the May 24th Mental Health Matters Advocacy rally in Sacramento, where Fresno County was invited to participate. She also mentioned the Directing Change event being held on May 31st. NAMI Walk on May 21st at 9:00 am.

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 4:06 pm