



FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

DBH Health and Wellness Center
 1925 E. Dakota Ave.
 Fresno, CA 93726

Minutes

December 18, 2019

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS – Continued</u>
Carolyn Evans David Thorne Donald Vanderheyden Debbie Xiong Amanda Boone Kylene Hashimoto	Dawan Utecht Ahmad Bahrami Erinn Reinbolt	Amber Molina Scott Hollander Brook Frost Heidy Velasquez Ryan Banks Elizabeth Williams Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler Mark Carney Rosio Laguna Fausto Novelo
<u>ABSENT</u> Francine Farber Nikia Shumate Michelle Reed Marta Obler	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u> Nicole Marroquin Keagan Davis James White Francis Nixon Sally Tran Amelia Merida Rafaela Verdialez Morelia Marines Stan Lum Yamileth Partida Kathy Anderson Rondy Earl Packard, Jr.	
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u> Sal Quintero (absent)		

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Carolyn Evans called the meeting to order at 2:31 PM.

Presentation: Performing Above the High

A presentation was given by a local youth coalition group from Performing Above the High. Performing Above the High Project is part of a program from The California Health Collaborative that is a contracted provider with the Department of Behavioral Health. The California Health Collaborative is a statewide agency that provides many different types of programs throughout the state. The agency Sponsor, James White collaborates with the youth to lead the group of students from Edison and Central High School in their goal to reduce marijuana and vaping trends amongst youth 10 – 25 years old throughout Fresno County. The group brought many facts concerning vaping products, devices and confirmed data on harmful health. In order to effectively reach the target age group, the youth stay involved, incorporating their message through many resources such as, day camp activities, youth summits, social media, community events, and surveys that focus on smoking, vaping, and various forms of marijuana use. The Performing Above the High Project slideshow presentation may be viewed on the

link below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nm82eQ4P97nLpWZXGfituV_1eAyTj9R/view?usp=sharing

II. Approval of Agenda by the Board

Approved as written

III. Approval of BHB meeting Minutes from November 20, 2019

Approved as amended

IV. Department of Behavior Health update – Dawan Utecht, Director

Dawan began with the Departments Mission, Vision and Goals statement.

a. General Update

Board Agenda Items

December- Items Approved

- Submission of applications for the Second Round of funding for No Place Like Home that will be submitted in partnership with Fresno County Housing Authorities and Upholdings.
- Agreement with California Health Care services on Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- Department of Mental Health Care Services Performance Agreement

b. Outcomes Report on services provided at the Juvenile Justice Campus (JJC)

Psychiatric Mental Health Services – Youth at the campus receive mental health assessment/evaluation provided by Wellpath, which is contracted service provider with the department. Under the current agreement youth may receive services in crisis intervention, medication management and case management. Within the last fiscal year 839 youth received services

Substance Use Disorder – In collaboration with Mental Health Systems, Wellpath also provides substance use disorder services for youth at JJC. Within the last fiscal year 37 youth were served and were provided services of assessment, participation in a team recovery focus program, crisis intervention, family engagement and case management. After completion of the in-custody program the goal is for the youth to remain substance free for at least six months, have no new convictions and attend school or some type of vocational training.

The Behavioral Health Department Director, along with a small group from probation, Social Services, a judge from Dependency court and a judge from Delinquency court, all recently represented Fresno at a Beyond the Bench conference. The conference is held annually by the court system to look at concerns amongst the different counties in California with the juvenile justice system. Information received showed that Fresno County is doing better in comparison to other counties across California with trending concerns. The department will continue to work at ensuring that youth involved in Dependency and Delinquency court have good access to mental health services.

V. Old Business

a. Report on Site Visit to Juvenile Justice Campus –

On December 10th, 2019, members of the Behavioral Health Board attended a site visit at the Juvenile Justice Campus and are pleased to report that the clean modern facility built to house up to 400 youth, currently has a population of only 170 youth. The low count can represent a positive change with the diversion programs now provided focusing more on rehabilitation and helping youth in the community working toward preventing re-occurring incarceration. Staff engage well with the youth in the many activities that take place daily on the campus to instill structure by routine programming and to assist in succeeding when released.

b. Board Workshop on January 18, 2020

Focus will be on Board business. Workshop is open to the public and taking place at 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Health and Wellness Center 1925 E. Dakota Fresno, CA 93726 auditorium side B.

VI. New Business

Election of Officers for 2020

Quorum present. Only one nominee for each position and Chair requested a vote on the slate

Nominations:

Chair - Carolyn Evans
Vice Chair – Amanda Boone
Secretary – Francine Farber

All members in favor signified by raising hands. The vote was 5 – 0 all in favor

Nominees stand as elected to serve for new year.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Adult Services –

Met on December 2nd and due absence of scheduled speaker a round table discussion was conducted with providers present. Next meeting February 3rd 20 20

b. Other reports or announcements

Children's Committee – Meeting to be held tomorrow December 19th at 9:00 am. At the BlueSky wellness Center. Location for this month only.

Justice Committee – Meeting January 13th at regular time and location.

VIII. Mini MHSA Community Forum

The Department provided a presentation in the form of an abbreviated version of the community forums they have been conducting throughout the community for input on the MHSA 3-year plan.

Meeting adjourned: 4:05

Next meeting January 15th