



### FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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

**Minutes**  
 Meeting Via Webex  
**Dec 16, 2020**

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>		<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u>	
Carolyn Evans	Debbie Xiong	Selina Escobar	Becky Kramer
Francine Farber	Kylene Hashimoto	Judy Pereira	Naomi Buchanan
Donald Vanderhyden	Steffanie Long	Kirk Haynes	Dia Yang
Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler	David Thorne	Chris Roup	Christina Alejo
Nick Lutton		Nicole Marroquin	Tamara DeFehr
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u>		Capt. Steve McComas	David Tan
Ari Martinez and Rocky Vang		Karen Levinson	Rosio Laguna
(Representatives for Supervisor Sal Quintero)		Jessica Underwood	Curt Thornton
<u>ABSENT</u>		Sharon Ross	Sheriff Margaret Mims
<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>		Raquel Anaya	WellPath
Dawan Utecht, Director	Susan Holt	Diana Castaneda	Ana Cuellar
Ahmad Bahrami	Kannika Toonachat	Ryan Banks	Elizabeth Williams
Tina Young	Tamara DeFehr	Virginia Sparks	Angie Nguyen
Jeannette Dominguez	Karen Tombs	Nakia Vue	Wilma Hashimoto
Jolie Gordon-Browar	Jacqueline White	Katrina Rudnick	E Escoto
Erinn Reinbolt	Lisa Crossley	Ninfa Gordo	Amber Molina
Elizabeth Aguirre	Vincent Montgomery	Eloisa Estrada	Janet Paine
Elizabeth Vasquez	Amy Ryals	Devoya Mayo	Trish Small
		Ignacio Liscano	Brook Frost

#### I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Carolyn Evans called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Participants were reminded that most microphones were muted until public comment or their presentation.

With the present time of year being a time of celebration for many cultures, Behavioral Health Board (BHB) Member Francine Farber was asked to share on the cultural tradition of Hanukah.

#### II. Review of Agenda

Chair Carolyn Evans requested to change the order of agenda to the following:

**Report from Wellpath Re: Psychiatric Services at Fresno County Jail and Juvenile Justice Center To before the Department update**

No objections were made in moving the presentation from Wellpath to before the Behavioral Health

### **III. Approval of Minutes for November 18, 2020**

Minutes accepted as written

### **IV. Report from Wellpath Re: Psychiatric Services at Fresno County Jail and Juvenile Justice Center**

#### Fresno County Jail

Wellpath is contracted to provide all healthcare services; they are contracted with DBH for psychiatric and SUD services in the Fresno County Jail and the Juvenile Justice Center. Wellpath and the Sheriff's Department were present to provide a report on the services provided within the facilities and note any adjusted changes due to the current COVID pandemic.

Sheriff Margaret Mims began by stating, upon looking back to where they were, and where they are now, with teamwork a lot of improvement has been made in the delivery of services in the important aspect of continuity of care.

Jamie Silveira and Terry Ramirez, the Mental Health Services Administrator and Co-Administrator for Wellpath Health Services at the Fresno County Adult Detention Facility provided a PowerPoint presentation with detailed information on the services provided in the facility. Some of the services mentioned were 24/7 crisis services, health service requests available to enable a patient in receiving medical or mental health assistance, education groups, psycho education group, substance use disorder group, medication management, discharge planning and community linkages. In addition to patient care provided through these services, Wellpath focuses on the continuity of care and the fact that these individuals in the facilities are also members of the community.

#### Juvenile Justice Campus

Chief Probation Officer Kirk Haynes was present and provided information on the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC). He stated that they have an in-custody program capable of identifying needs for the youth as early as possible and a system is setup to help them transition when exiting the facility. The institution has made necessary changes to keep infection of COVID under control and to prevent the spread of the virus in the facility.

Present from Wellpath at JJC was the Lead Mental Health Clinician, Rick Virk. Rick stated that with help from other organizations there at the facility they provide a lot of programing for the youth regarding mental health. Medical and mental health assessments begin at intake and they have the available manpower to conduct an assessment from Wellpath for every youth that enters the facility to determine if they have a mental health diagnosis or if mental health treatment is needed. Wellpath is capable in providing treatment needed for the small number of SMI juvenile offenders; in rare occasions if necessary they seek available inpatient facilities that accept incarcerated youth such as, Bakersfield Behavioral, Fremont, Vista Del Mar, Saint Mary's and San Jose Behavioral. To prepare youth for release a transition team meeting is held and any necessary linkages are identified as well as educating the parents on the importance of following up with services.

### **V. Department of Behavioral Health Update**

#### **a. General Update**

Mission Vision and Goals of the Department was acknowledged. An update on COVID was given providing information about the 7800 doses of the vaccine that arrived yesterday. Distributing of the vaccine will be prioritized in the order of individuals working in hospitals, long term residential care settings and health care providers being the first to receive. A system is being developed where residents can register online and will be categorized in a tier method. Many strategies will be put in place as more supply of the vaccine is received that will help in working toward reaching herd immunity. More detailed

information is available in the attached PDF version of the PowerPoint presentation.

**b. Housing Update – new construction? Completion date? Supportive Services Contract**

Pending Board of Supervisors approval, the new Supportive Services provider will be Exodus Recovery. The Item is planned to go in front of the Board on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

- Villages at Paragon – projected opening in February 2021
- Villages as Broadway- projected opening in April/May 2021
- Alegre Commons – groundbreaking planned January 2021

**c. Mental Health Services Act Update, including Assisted Outpatient Treatment**

Four Report back sessions were conducted via Facebook and YouTube Live. It is anticipated the MHSA 3-year plan will post for the 30-day public comment process Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>. At the end of the 30- day public comment, the Department is proposing the English version of the public hearing be incorporated into January 20<sup>th</sup> Behavioral Health Board meeting, with the plan then moving on to the Board of Supervisors for codification.

**d. Evaluation of Substance Use Disorders (SUD) Prevention Programs**

A map of programs by type and location of services provided can be found on the attached PDF as well as reporting information for programs reached by provider, objectives met and other accountability reporting for the following programs:

Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD)  
Friday Night Live (FNL) – 14  
Lock it Up Program (LIUP) – 9  
Performing above the high (PATH) – 7

**e. Outcomes Report on Holistic Cultural & Education Wellness Center and Comprehensive Youth Services**

**Holistic Cultural & Education Wellness Center**

Report on Holistic Cultural & Education Wellness Center will be provided at the January 20<sup>th</sup> BHB meeting.

**Comprehensive Youth services**

The Functional Family Therapy program is an evidence-based program for youth ages 11-17 that experience mental illness and are at risk of becoming involved in the Juvenile Justices system or have recently been released. The program is usually 12-15 weeks long and encourages participation from family members that may have an impact on the family functioning. The program is funded by a county match, MHSI TEI and Medi-Cal reimbursement.

**Bright Beginning for families**

This Full-Service Partnership is also a part of Comprehensive youth services for youth ages 0-10.

More detailed information on the above topics can be found in the PDF file attached.

**VI. Public Comment**

Wilma Tom Hashimoto, Executive director of Casa introduced herself and announced that she is glad to participate in the meeting and it is helpful knowing she can connect with many other familiar people also attending.

Community member Curt Thornton commented on the need of Peer Support Specialists. Curt also spoke some words of appreciation to Chair Carolyn Evans. Carolyn's term expired and she will be stepping down as Chair of the Board.

Director Dawan Utecht also spoke words of appreciation regarding the leadership Carolyn provided for the community.

## **VII. Old Business**

### **a. Report on Virtual Site Visit to Comprehensive Youth Services**

The completed report will be forwarded

### **b. Letters to Fresno City Council and Board of Supervisors re: Alcohol Licenses**

A letter regarding the Responsible Neighborhood Market Act was written by the BHB and sent both electronically and through US Postal. The letter was written with concern in the number of alcohol licenses in the community. No response has been received from the Fresno City Council or the Board of Supervisors.

### **c. California Behavioral Health Planning Council Data Notebook**

The Department of Behavioral Health assisted the BHB with completing and submitting the Data Notebook. A copy of it will be included in the Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors.

## **VIII. New Business**

### **a. Virtual Site Visits—January: Urgent Care Wellness Center and Adult Services at Metro Location**

Once suggested dates are received Jeannette will forward to the BHB members.

### **b. Approval of Goals and Standing Agenda for 2021-2023**

Discussion: Regarding the new 2021-2023 Goals and Standing Agenda created by the AD HOC committee

Motion: Chair Carolyn Evans called for a motion

Motion Made: Francine Farber

Second: Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler

Vote: Roll call vote was taken

Seven members in Favor approving the Goals and Standing Agenda for 2021 -2023

### **c. Election of Officers for 2021**

Carolyn Evans thanked the Department for the help they've provided her as Chair and to the Behavior Health Board.

A Suggestion was made to vote on the single slate of candidate for Officers

Chair - Kylene Hashimoto

Vice Chair - MaryLou Brauti-Minkler

Secretary – Francine Farber

Motion: Nick Lutton

Second: Debbie Xiong

Discussion: Kylene and Francine thanked Carolyn for her many years of service and the continued support she will provide.

Vote: Roll call vote taken

Eight votes in favor of the slate

### **d. Annual Board Workshop**

Jeannette will begin coordinating a date for the workshop in January

## **IX. Committee Reports –**

**Suspended** Board Committees are set to resume in 2021. BHB member Nick Lutton volunteered to chair Forensics Committee formerly known as the Justice

- a. Adult Services Committee – Will resume Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>
- b. Children’s Services Committee – Date has not been determined. Tentatively the fourth Thursday in February
- c. Cultural Humility Committee – BHB member Francine Farber attends the Department of Behavioral Health Cultural Humility Committee that meets the first Thursday of every month. Last month the culturally responsive plan was reviewed. Francine will continue to attend permitting she may receive technical assistance when experiencing technical problems.

**X. Public Comment** *(Any person wishing to address the Board will be limited to 5 minutes or less according to the time available and the number of those wishing to address the Board)*

BHB member Nick Lutton commented on the Equity Project. A resource provided by multiple agencies for parents and caregivers of children with special needs. They provide many areas of assistance. The website link was provided in the chat box. <https://www.depfresno.com>

**XI. Adjourned: 5:25 pm**

**Next meeting January 20, 2021**