



**FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD**

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

**Minutes**

Meeting Via Webex  
August 19, 2020 3:30 p.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>		<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u>	
Carolyn Evans		Sharon Ross	Diana Castaneda
Francine Farber		Ashlie DeWolfe	Trish Small
David Thorne		Elizabeth Escoto	Ryan Banks
Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler		Nicole Marroquin	Karen Levinson
<u>ABSENT</u>		Robert Dutile	David Tan
Donald Vanderhyden	Debbie Xiong	Marilyn Bamford	Rigo Robles
Amanda Boone	Kylene Hoshimoto	Amber Molina	Jessica Underwood
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u>		Reneeta Anthony	Fidel Garibay
Ari Martinez (Representative of Supervisor Sal Quintero))		Steve McNally	krudnick
<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>		Elizabeth Williams	Janet Paine
Dawan Utecht, Director	Susan Holt	Sdcstaff	Nakia Vue
Maryann Le	Krysten Lynch	Inthone Milly	Brian Bradley
Ahmad Bahrami	Francisco Torres	Stephanie Long	Karen Tombs
Tina Young	Tamara DeFehr	Call-in User 1	Call-in User 2
Jeannette Dominguez	Vincent Montgomery	Call-in User 3	Call-in User 4
Jolie Gordon-Browar	Dan Xiong	Call-in User 5	Call-in User 5
		Call-in User 6	Call-in User 7
		Call-in User 8	

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Chair Carolyn Evans called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM. Jeannette Dominguez took roll call of the BHB members.
- II. Approval of Agenda by Board**  
The agenda was approved as written.
- III. Approval of minutes for July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
Minutes from the July 15th meeting were approved.
- IV. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Update – Dawan Utecht, Director**
  - a. General Update**

## Legislation/State/Budget

- SB 803 Mental Health Services: Peer Support Specialist Certification
  - Establishes a statewide peer support certification
  - Define responsibilities and training/education requirements
  - Establishes code of ethics for maintaining and revoking certificate
  - Requires county to provide a non-federal share to receive a federal match
- SB 665 Mental Health Services Act: County Jails
  - Would authorize the use of MHSA Innovation funds for pilot to select counties for services while incarcerated in county jail or on mandatory supervision including felons
  - In conflict of original MHSA intent and language
- SB 855 Health Coverage Mental Health or Substance Use Disorders (SUD): Addresses Parity
- AB 1976 Mental health services Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)
  - Requires county to offer AOT services unless county governing body opts out
  - Authorizes a judge in superior court to request a petition to initiate AOT process
- AB 2265 Mental Health Services Act: use of funds for SUD treatment
  - Allows for MHSA funds to be used to treat eligible individuals for treatment of co-occurring mental health and SUD pursuant to MHSA
  - Must be included in county 3-year plan and annual MHSA update process

## Contracts/Board Agenda Items

- August 4
  - Approval to accept grant funds for Mental Health Student Services Act
  - Approval for Reading and Beyond agreement for family advocacy services
- August 18
  - Amendment to LPC Consultants for SUD prevention, evaluation and strategic planning
  - Approval for revision of the Master Lease Agreement for Mental Health Systems
  - Approval of the Homeless Block Grant application and Projects for Assistance in Transition, from Homelessness Program, as well as Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment grant funding and mobile outreach using Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus funding

## COVID-19 Update

Fresno County is still on the state monitoring list with restrictions in place since the increase of cases in June. Current as of August 17th the Fresno County Epidemiology Curve chart reveals progress of a downward trend taking place. Although, for restrictions to be lifted and to come off the monitored list, a county cannot fall within the following parameters for at least a 14- day period:

- Less than 150 tests per 100,000 population
- Case rate greater than 100 per day over an average of 14-day period or case rate greater than 25 and positivity greater than 8%
- Hospitalizations increasing by 10% or more
- If less than 20% ICU beds are available
- If less than 25% of ventilators are available

Currently Fresno County areas of needed improvement are:

- Decrease in case positivity
- Case rate percentage per population
- Need more ICU beds available

## COVID-19 Impact on Services

Due to the two different methods of submitting claims, electronically versus manually, there is a lag in data entry and in return, more time is required in order to get an accurate report on the mental health and SUD services from the providers.

### Mental Health Services Act Update

- COVID disrupted plan completion date of June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has given the option to extend the current plan or for an extension to complete a new plan
- Fresno chose to move forward with the option of completing their new plan
- A request for extension form was filed with DHCS on 7/28/2020
- Request for extension of public post and notice was filed on 7/30/2020

#### New Timelines:

- August 20, 2020 - Program Sheets/Program Updates to be completed
- September 3, 2020- Complete all budget projections.
- Mid-September- Host feedback sessions with stakeholders (virtually)
- End of Sept- Post plan for 30-day Public Comment and Review
- End of October- Host Public Hearing
- Early November- Have plan approved by BOS and submitted to DHCS and Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)

### Innovations Plan Annual Update

#### Statewide Full-Service Partnership (FSP) Evaluation

- Fresno is the first of six counties to start
- Third Sector is assisting in evaluating FSP providers
- Seven of the existing FSP's are in the project

### Innovation Community Planning

- Sponsored part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Statewide API Conference (used venue and survey to collect input and data).
- BeHealth (TAY Innovation Project development).
- Feedback Sessions
- Conduct nine specific feedback sessions building off the work done in market research with small group targeted populations.
- SUD Treatment Participants / Homeless Individuals / DV Survivors / Persons Impacted By Human Trafficking / LGBTQ+ Adults (over 50), African Americans / Rural Youth / Transitional Age Youth / LGBTQ+ Youth

### All for Youth Wellness Centers – Location Update

- Negotiations with districts are still pending
- Criteria for selection:
  - Ideally one located in each of four geographical regions of the County of Fresno
  - Located where families and districts have easy access to the wellness services
  - Willingness of districts to provide space on or adjacent to the school campus and if not available the wellness center must be in close proximity to school campus
- Areas of high need in terms of community and student stressors (poverty, high suicide rates, homelessness etc.)

## **b. Update on Justice System Services**

### Forensic Behavioral Health Pretrial Jail Diversion

#### State Hospital Overview

- Target Population
  - Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity
  - Incompetent to Stand Trial

- Offenders with a mental Health Disorder
- Sexually Violent Predator
- Coleman PC 2684 – Mentally Ill inmate
- LPS – Civilly Committed
- Increasing Need
  - Increasing number of Incompetent to Stand Trial findings
  - Growing waitlist for DSH placement
  - Individuals decompensating while awaiting placement
- State vs. County Responsibility

### AB 1810 and SB 215

#### AB 1810 –

- Signed into law on June 27, 2018
- Requirements for diversion eligibility:
  - Individual has a mental health disorder
  - Mental Health Disorder played a significant role in commission on charged offense (felony or misdemeanor)
  - Upon satisfactory performance court may dismiss criminal charges
  - Diversion is limited to two years
- DSH funding requirements for eligibility are narrower

#### SB 215 –

- Excluded certain crimes from diversion eligibility
  - Voluntary Man Slaughter
  - Murder
  - Sex Crimes
  - Possession or use of Weapons of Mass destruction
- Excluded certain mental health diagnoses:
  - Antisocial Personality Disorder
  - Borderline Personality Disorder
    - Pedophilia

### Fresno County Mental Health Diversion Court

- Centralized Collaborative Treatment Court
  - Serve misdemeanor and felony defendants
- Court Process
  - Scheduled monthly every second and fourth Thursday
  - AM session - Eligibility Phase
    - Suitability Phase
    - Progress Hearings
  - PM session - On the record
- Probation Officer
  - Serves as a court officer
  - Works closely with the team and treatment providers

### Forensic Behavioral Health Program - Continuum of Care

#### Program Design –

- Five Levels of Care

- Outreach and Engagement
- Intensive Case Management
- Outpatient
- Full-Service Partnership (FSP)
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)

Target Population –

- DSH Funded vs. Non-DSH Funded

Program Timeline –

Turning Point AB 109 FSP will be used until timeline below is fully executed

- Take to the Board of Supervisors September 22, 2020
- Retroactive Revenue Agreement with DSH for Diversion Funding Term – July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2020
- Turning Point Forensic Behavioral Health Diversion Program Term – Effective upon execution thru June 30, 2023

Vista – Adult Full-Service Partnership (FSP) – Turning Point of Central California Inc.

- Serve approximately 300 Fresno County adult clients
- Provide comprehensive specialty mental health services
- Housing and community support
- Adults referred through various entities including physicians
- Department of Behavioral Health Urgent Care Wellness Center determines approval of services
- Bulk of age range served are 26-59 yrs.

Adult – FSP Future plans

- June 23, 2020 Master Agreement executed expansion of Adult FSP services from 300 clients up to 720
  - Four Program Sites at 180 clients each
- Current Vista contract expires 9/30/2020
- Turning Point – Vista 180 clients – Sunrise Program 180 clients (10/1/2020)
- Mental Health Systems – D.A.R.T. West Program 180 clients (9/1/2020)
- Fourth program will be launched when capacity need is identified

## V. Old Business

### a. Report on Virtual Tour of Turning Point VISTA a Full - Service Partnership

- Virtual site visit tour completed by BHB members on July 31, 2020
- Electronic copy of BHB Program Observation Report provided via email distribution

### b. Letter from Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and BHB Response

- Superintendent response letter to BHB regarding concern of gay high school student experience while attending Selma High School
- Copy of letter included in packet
- In reply to Superintendent response – BHB suggests that one of the new Youth and Wellness Centers be in Selma
- Response letter to Superintendent also included in packet

### c. Status of Patients Advocates Grievance Report

- No updated information to provided

### d. CALBHB/C Central Region Meeting Via Teleconference October 12, 2020

- Information will be provided to public members interested in attending upon request

## **VI. New Business**

### **a. Hybrid Behavioral Health Board Meeting for September**

- September BHB meeting will continue to be hosted virtually via Webex

### **b. Virtual Site Visit – Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)**

- Scheduled for Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> at Kings View, PATH program
- BHB Executive Committee has agreed to begin sending Site Visit program host a copy of BHB Facility/Program Observation Report after completing tour
- Electronic copy of Letter of Transmission to be sent with report to provider provided

### **c. Report on Holistic Cultural and Education Wellness Center**

July 16<sup>th</sup> Advisory Council meeting report on outreach work completed during COVID

- Hosted 381 total online classes via Facebook, YouTube and Zoom
- Mental Health Referrals - 30 / Non-Mental Health Referrals – 166
- April – June Food distribution to Fresno, Del Rey and Parlier combined – 2,628
- Number of children in household served with childcare – 1,194

### **d. Letter in Support of SB 803**

- Electronic copy of Letter in Support of SB803 sent to Assemblyman Jim Wood provided

### **e. Report on NAMI Forum with Family Advocates**

- Family Advocacy Program with Reading and Beyond is up and running
- Advocates met with community members via Zoom hosted by NAMI on August 4<sup>th</sup>
- Family Advocacy services will be available in English, Spanish and Hmong
- Phone number to connect with Advocates (559) 600-6734

## **VII. Committee Reports – All Committees Suspended**

- Committee remain suspended until further notice

## **VIII. Public Comment**

- Sober Stock annual event will be virtual this year
- More information will be distributed

## **IX. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.**

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

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