



County of Fresno

ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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

Minutes

Meeting Via WebEx
June 17, 2020 3:30 p.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>
Carolyn Evans	Dawan Utecht, Director
Amanda Boone	Ahmad Bahrami
Francine Farber	Betty Brown
David Thorne	Jeannette Dominguez
Donald Vanderheyden	Tina Young
Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler	Jonathan Halverstadt
Kylene Hashimoto	Sue Vang
	Dang Xiong
<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u>
Debbie Xiong	Margarita Rocha
Marta Obler	Doug Loera
	Ryan Banks
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u>	Robert Dutile
Sal Quintero (absent)	Elizabeth Williams
	Amber Molina
	Fausto Novelo
	Rosio Laguna
	Ray Banks
	Jessica Underwood
	A. Yopez
	K. Levinson
	Etisha Wilbon
	Sharon Ross
	Nicole Marroquin
	Elizabeth Escoto
	Marilyn Bamford
	Clarene
	Braine
	LeeAnn Skorohod
	Michael Goossen
	R. Robles

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Carolyn Evans welcomed all participants to the Behavioral Health Board (BHB) virtual meeting via Webex. BHB member David Thorne was invited to read the Proclamation issued by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for May Mental Health Awareness Month. Roll call of BHB members was taken. Carolyn informed BHB members that the order of the Agenda topics will be shuffled due to availability of Director Utecht.

II. Approval of Agenda by Board

Accepted as amended.

III. Approval of Minutes for May 20, 2020

Approved and accepted as written.

IV. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Update – Dawan Utecht, Director

- a. **General Update** – Began with the Mission, Vision and Goals statement. An announcement of June as Pride Month. DBH is distributing information, as well as activities presented to the public and staff during Pride Month.

Legislation

Currently the focus of Legislation is the budget and with a decline in funding there is a lot of advocacy to restore realignment funding. Related flexibilities will be revisited

later this summer.

Agenda Items

April 28th

- Amendment to contracts to support revised payments allowing modified process due to COVID-19 through June 30, 2020

June 9th

- Turning Point Adult Full-Service Partnership (FSP) - extended 3 months
- Master Agreement FSP – 5 years
- Master Agreement for Recovery Residence – 5 years
- Year End Budget Appropriations

Department of Behavioral Health Response to COVID-19

- Continue to see priority clients in person (e.g. Crisis services, injections, blood draws, new medication start and Urgent Care Wellness)
- Continue regular communication with contracted providers
- Gradual methodical preparation for “Return to Work”
- Shared Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) information on Guidance for Workplace Preparation for COVID

- b. Report on Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Sustainability and Reversion**
Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) had funds in the Innovation Category subject to reversion at the end of the fiscal year.
On May 28, 2020 Fresno County presented three Innovations Plans to The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) that totaled \$6.9 million dollars that were approved. Therefore, as this fiscal year ends, DBH will not have any funding reverted.

c. Quarterly Housing Update

Staffing

- DBH has added one full-time Staff Analyst to the Housing Team for the housing contracts
- Currently developing a fully integrated Housing Team for both Contract and Clinical Support

Permanent Supportive Housing Services

- On June 10, 2020 Request for Proposals (RFP) for Supportive Services Providers was released
- It will include current No Place Like Home developments and existing Renaissance properties
- Contract award is tentatively planned for late August / early September

Permanent Supportive Housing Services Properties

No Place Like Home (NPLH) Round One developments:

- Villages at Paragon – projected opening date November 2020
- Villages at Broadway – projected opening date November 2022
- Barstow Commons – projected opening date February 2022

NPLH Round Two developments: (awards still pending)

- Blackstone / Simpson: focused on Transitional Age Youth (TAY)
- Butterfly Gardens

Renaissance

- DBH & Fresno Housing Authority (FHA) leadership meet regularly
- DBH utilizing technical assistance from Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) with operational changes and MOU language
- Pending MOU revisions:
 - More clearly delineated roles and responsibilities
 - Contracted provider for on-sit services (pending RFP)
 - Incorporating tenant and staff input

New Plan for Renaissance Annual Outcome Reporting

Outcome report to be modified effective July 1, 2020 to align with the CSH “Dimensions of Quality” consisting of the following core tenant outcomes:

- Tenants Stay Housed
- Tenants Improve Their Mental and Physical Health
- Tenants Improve Their Income and Employment
- Tenants Are Satisfied with Housing and Services
- Tenants Have Social and Community Connections

Outcome Report will include cumulative tenant data for Santa Clara, Alta Monte and Trinity. The modifications are based upon review of DBH supportive housing efforts conducted by CSH to be the model for all Permanent Supported Housing projects.

Supportive Housing Institute

By creating partnerships between service providers, developers and the community the goal is to develop a comprehensive pipeline of affordable housing.

- The Originally scheduled process to begin in mid-2020 has now been pushed back to early 2021 due to the impact of COVID-19
- Attendees will include FHA, DBH, affordable housing developers and community-based organizations interested in expanding supportive housing

Master Leasing Program

Years 4 and 5 of the provider agreement was not renewed. DBH will work directly with property owner Regency Property Management while conducting a feasibility analysis as well as review the program design to develop a new RFP that will include expectations aligned with evidence-based practices and outcome requirements with CSH Dimensions of Quality. DBH will continue to support tenant lease arrangements under the master lease agreement by directly providing tenancy support and supportive services from County Staff.

d. Safety Protocols for Re-opening of Programs

Each individual contracted provider will develop their own plan and protocols for re-opening. DBH has provided resource information of the following:

- OSHA guidelines
- Scripts for Telehealth Services
- Template DBH completed to follow for safely re-opening

V. Old Business

Action Item: Approval of letter to Fresno County Superintendent of Schools re: LGBTQ+ Concerns in Public Schools

In response to a presentation provided at the May BHB meeting regarding a concern in the lack of support for LGBTQ+ students, the BHB created a letter written to the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. A copy of the letter was provided with comments and questions welcomed from the BHB and members of the public.

Motion Made – MaryLou Brauti-Minkler

Motion made to accept the letter with the minor change made to send to the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

Motion Second – Francine Farber

Public comment: – Held / received

Vote:

Ayes – Amanda Boone, Kylene Hashimoto, MaryLou Brauti-Minkler, David Thorne and Francine Farber

Noes:

Abstain: Carolyn Evans

Motion Carried - Letter accepted and will be sent to Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Jim Yovino.

VI. New Business

a. Survey from California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC re: Patients' Rights Advocates

CBHPC sent a survey to Behavioral Health Board (BHB) members along with information on the role of Patients' Rights Advocates. As a result of receiving the survey BHB Chair realized that it would be beneficial for BHB members and the community to invite Stan Lum as a guest speaker to share his knowledge and expertise as a Patients' Rights Advocate. The BHB has requested a monthly copy of Patients' Rights Complaint, Grievance, and Resolution list from the Department. The list was provided to the Mental Health Board in past years; however, it will require some research before making a response.

b. Hybrid BHB meeting for July

The BHB possibly will hold an in-person meeting in July; however, attendees will be limited to ensure safety guidelines are followed, including distancing and masks. The auditorium can provide adequate space, those unable to attend can participate via Webex.

c. Site Visit – Virtual Tour of Multi Agency Access Program (MAP) at The Poverello House. Five BHB members available to participate June 23rd. Jeannette will coordinate.

VII. Committee Reports

All BHB sub-committees are suspended until further notice

VIII. Public Comment

A consumer Michael requested information on RFP's and wanted to know which Department to contact for a record request. Michael was informed he would need to contact the Purchasing Department; Jeannette will assist as needed.

BHB member suggested posting BHB meeting invite information for Webex participation at The Blue-Sky Wellness Center; Jeannette will assist in providing that information.

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

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