



FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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

Minutes

Meeting Via Webex
March 17, 2021

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>		<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u>	
Kylene Hashimoto	Carolyn Evans	Edgar Olivera	Rosio Laguna
Francine Farber	Debbie Xiong	Brian	Etisha Wilbon
David Thorne	Nick Lutton	Amanda	ICSI
MaryLou Brauti-Minkler	Donald Vanderheyden	Amber Molina	Sharon Erwin
		Kaylie Tejada	Stan Lum
		Eloisa Estrada	Ryan Banks
		Katie P	Selina Escobar
		Neil Collins	Trish Small
		Dana Field	Karen Levinson
		Nakia Vue	Rosio Laguna
		Nick Persons	Fidel Garibay
		Adriana Reyes	D. Tan
		Elizabeth Escoto	Elizabeth Williams
		Angela Yepez	Katrina Rudnick
		Diana Castaneda	Dezie Woods Jones
		Jessica Underwood	Ana Monreal
		Kaylie Tejada	Selina Escobar
		Etisha Wilbon	Edgar Olivera

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ari Martinez and Rocky Vang
 (Representatives for Supervisor Sal Quintero)

ABSENT

Steffanie Long

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Dawan Utecht, Director Susan Holt
 Ahmad Bahrami Brian Bishop
 Tina Young Stacie Vanbruggen
 Jeannette Dominguez Dang Xiong
 Jolie Gordon-Browar Vincent Montgomery
 Jonathan Halverstadt Duke Ramshaw

I. Welcome

Chair, Kylene Hashimoto began the meeting at 3:30 p.m., welcoming all attendees.

II. Review of Agenda by Board

Accepted as written

III. Approval of January and February 2021 Minutes

- January 20, 2021 Behavioral Health Board (BHB) meeting minutes accepted as written
- February 17, 2021 Behavioral Health Board meeting minutes accepted as written

IV. Honoring March as Women’s History Month

Dezie Woods-Jones State President, *Black Women Organized for Political Action*.
 CEO, *The Training Institute for Leadership Enrichment (TILE)*

Dezie Woods-Jones spoke of the inequities across the board including the mental health system, that women have faced throughout history and all the way up to today. African American women are affected more than average women, even though percentage-wise they are some of the highest educated groups of people in the nation. While they experience disparities such as under-employment, lower pay rate and higher

expectations, with greater responsibility, it all contributes to their well-being and over all mental health. African American women also have the highest percentage in number of voters, and although that has been recognized, they are still the least represented on boards and commissions and in elected offices from the local level to the national level. Faced with the many differences, it ultimately affects the quality of life. Dezie asked for all to be aware of the inequities and to ask themselves, what efforts are being made in working toward systemic change?

V. Department of Behavioral Health Update; *Director Dawan Utecht*

Director Dawan Utecht began her update on the Department by thanking Dezie Wood-Jones for her participation in the meeting and invited anyone interested to participate in a Panel Discussion on Wellness and Holistic Health throughout Her story, on Facebook and/or YouTube Live Friday March 19th and Friday March 26th. A Flyer will be provided. She also added that March is Social Worker Month, reminding everyone that Social Workers are essential.

COVID-19 Trends

Fresno is in the red tier for positivity rate and remains in the purple tier for cases per day. In Fresno 267,00 residents have received either the Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson and Johnson vaccine. In detail, slightly under 100,00 residents have received partial vaccination (received 1 dose) and 65,289 have been fully vaccinated. Last week the Department began administering the Johnson and Johnson vaccine to individuals served through a private clinic. Although those individuals are prioritized and eligible to receive the vaccine at any location, they are not guaranteed to receive the Johnson and Johnson as they may at the private clinic.

Data on the impact of COVID on persons served continues to show both adults and children are receiving more services than pre-pandemic. The Department will continue to closely monitor trends and develop plans to ensure the needs of the people served are met while creating a safe in-person environment for them and staff.

General Update including Board of Supervisors Agenda Items

January

- Minor amendments to RH Builders agreement for Master Lease Agreement
- Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- California Health Collaborative for Substance Use Disorders Prevention Services

February

- No items

March

- Behavioral Health Board Annual Report
- California State University, Fresno foundation for evaluation services for the Lodge

Legislative Update

- AB 226 (Ramos) children's crisis residential treatment facilities
- AB 1340 (Santiago) Mental Health Services: involuntary detention
- SB 465, SB 749, AB 686 - Outcome's reporting
- SB 507, SB 782 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment
- AB 988, (Bauer-Kahan) Mobile Crisis Support Teams: 988 Crisis hot-line

Response to Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

1. Educate and inform the community about behavioral health services that are available, along with a navigation system for accessing those services.

The Department is in the process of updating their website and is also doing some work on care coordination to work along with other systems of care within the whole system of care.

2. Implement Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT or Laura's Law) for individuals who do not respond to existing programs.

The Department intends to continue working toward the required elements of submitting a marketing and education plan by April to the state.

3. Expand housing inventory at all levels of need, including board and care, room and board, permanent supportive housing, and sober living homes.

Many activities occurring with housing through The No Place Like Home grants, Innovation Project of the Lodge, the Master Lease Agreement and the Independent Living Association as well as a couple more projects that are in the pipeline.

4. Establish inpatient Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment programs for individuals with Severe Mental Illness.

The Department shares the goal on SUD residential treatment programs and is providing an SUD services report later within this meeting.

5. Implement the Peer Support Specialist Certification Program (Senate Bill No. 803).

The Peer Support Specialist Certification Program is being established by the state and the Department plans to support and conform to the requirements to help individuals become certified.

Quarterly Housing Report

No Place Like Home (NPLH) agreement with Exodus Recovery for supportive housing services is going to the Board of Supervisors for approval March 23, 2021

Round 1 Developments / Fresno Housing Authorities

- Villages at Paragon – expected to be fully leased by May 2021
4041 Plaza Dr West
27 units = NPLH tenants 13 / FHA tenants 13 / Property manager 1
- Villages at Broadway – expected to be fully leased by August 2021
1828 Broadway
26 units = NPLH tenants 12 / FHA tenants 13 / Property manager 1
- Alegre Commons – expected to be fully leased by October 2022
130 W. Barstow
42 units = NPLH tenants 20 / FHA tenants 21 / Property manager 1

Round 2 Developments / Up Holdings (UPH) / Fresno Housing Authorities

- Butterfly Gardens – expected to be fully leased by October 2022
784 W. Holland Clovis
75 units = NPLH tenants 37 / 36 UPH tenants / Property manager 2
- Arthur at Blackstone – expected to be fully leased by February 2023
3039 N. Blackstone
41 units = NPLH tenants 20 / FHA tenants 20 / property manager 1

Non-competitive allocation is going toward the Avalon Commons project located at Alluvial and Chestnut that will commence with development by the FHA in 2022. 60 units, 6 NPLH tenants, 53 FHA tenants, and 1 property manager.

Tenants will be identified through the Coordinated Entry System and required to meet the HUD or NPLH criteria.

Through an agreement with Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP) and the Independent Living Association, high quality room and board facilities are available promoting independent living in shared housing environment at privately owned and operated homes for adults with disabilities on a fixed income

that would benefit from shared housing. Currently operating 11 homes with 50 beds. Interested persons can visit ilacalifornia.org/fresno-county/

Report on Substance Use Disorder Services

Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) began January 2019 covering services that include:

- Outpatient
- Intensive Outpatient
- Narcotic Treatment Program
- Residential (Adult/Youth/Perinatal)
- Withdrawal Management (formerly detoxification)
- Recovery Services (formerly aftercare)
- Case Management
- Medication Assisted Treatment

Overall capacity at all levels of care is a little more now under the DMC-ODS

Outcomes Report on Blue Sky Wellness Center

Blue Sky Wellness Center provides peer driven education, stigma reduction, social activities with volunteer opportunities and support to address mental illness and/or behavioral health challenges to achieve recovery and wellness. The reporting period from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 \$967,862.49 fully funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) served 712 unique individuals. With the cost per person served at \$1,359 per client. Consumer Perception Survey received an overall satisfaction of 93% of 166 people completing the survey. On March 19th, the Center closed to the public due to the pandemic and the staff at the center began doing outreach telephone calls to individuals in the amount of 3,378 phone calls. The center re-opened on June 15th, 2021. Upon re-opening safety measures taken were screening, cleaning, social distancing and 20-member limit have been implemented. No staff infections of COVID have occurred and no COVID infections of members have been linked to Blue Sky attendance.

VI. Public Comment

One BHB member volunteers at Blue Sky Wellness Center and regularly attends groups and he gave a statement regarding the unity at the center and how all members work together helping each other heal and work toward their individual wellness.

VII. Old Business

Report by BHB members on Virtual Site Visit to Blue Sky Wellness Center

BHB members reported the center having a strong peer driven support system, that in turn helps toward making the program affordable regarding the cost per person receiving the services needed. The staff enjoys being part of the center and in helping individuals receive the many resources they offer.

Annual Report to Board of Supervisors

On March 9th prior Chair Carolyn Evans and present Chair Kylene Hashimoto presented the Annual Report for 2020 and Recommendations for 2021 to the Board of Supervisors.

VIII. New Business

April Virtual Site Visit to Uplift Family Services Fresno HOPE

Jeannette will coordinate the Virtual Site Visit date and inform all members. Uplift Family Services Fresno Hope program focuses on Child Welfare court ordered services.

IX. Committee Updates

- Report on Adult Services Committee

On March 1st the committee heard some information regarding the Supportive Services at the housing projects that will be provided by Exodus. The Next meeting will be May 3rd and the committee has requested to hear from RH Community Builders on the work they will be doing at the Lodge and in the community.

- Report on Children's Services Committee

The committee had their first meeting on February 25, 2021, heard from DBH Children's Services, and created a list of future potential presenters. Next meeting will be on April 22nd at 9:00 a.m. and there will be a discussion on services provided for children at the Juvenile Justice Campus

- Report on Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee

The committee received a presentation on the new SUD System of Care at the March 11th meeting. The committee will meet quarterly, and the next meeting will be June 10th at 10:00 am. The committee has requested to hear from Westcare, Mental Health Systems and Turning Point on the recovery residences and the services they provide.

- Report on Cultural Humility Committee

BHB member attending the Cultural Humility Committee is on the communications sub-committee and reported discussion on the role of the subcommittee and plan to meet with JP marketing for clarification on how the sub-committee can help them with some groundwork.

- Report on Forensics Committee

Will meet April 12th and the 2nd Monday Bi-monthly thereafter.

X. Public Comment

Regarding Women's History Month, equality and freedom is a goal that will eventually be met for all people. Today the House of Representatives removed the timeline that was previously required for passing the Equal Rights Amendment. The legislation will now move on to the Senate and if passed it will pave the way for all women to be treated equally.

XI. Adjournment

4:44 p.m.

Next BHB meeting: Wednesday, April 21, 2021

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

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