



### FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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

#### Minutes

July 21, 2021  
 Meeting via Webex

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS –</u> <u>Continued</u>
Kylene Hashimoto	Dawan Utecht; <i>Director</i>	Trish Small
Carolyn Evans	Susan Holt	Elizabeth Escoto
Francine Farber	Christina Young	Ryan Banks
David Thorne	Ahmad Bahrami	Katrina Rudnick
Donald Vanderheyden	Jolie Gordan-Browar	Diana Castaneda
Debbie Xiong	Doug Loera	David Tan
Nick Lutton	Brian Bishop	Nakia Vue
Steffanie Long	Jonathan Halverstadt	Marilyn Bamford
Ana Boydston	Jacqueline White	Elizabeth Williams
	Jeannette Dominguez	Z Gill
		LeeAnn Skorohod
<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u>	Marcos Gonzalez
Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler	Exodus Corporate Office	ICSI
	Jessica Underwood	Nick Persons
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u>	Karen Levinson	Ashlie
Ari Martinez (Representative of Supervisor Sal Quintero)	Sharon Ross	Sonia De La Rosa
	Meena	

#### I. Welcome and Roll Call

Chair Kylene Hashimoto began the meeting at 3:31 PM. Everyone was welcomed and a roll call of Behavioral Health Board (BHB) members was taken.

#### II. Review of Agenda by Board

July meeting Agenda approved as written.

#### III. Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2021 Behavioral Health Board meeting and Minutes from Special Meeting June 18, 2021 regarding Psychiatric Advanced Directive (PAD's)

Minutes from the June 16, 2021 meeting were voted on for approval due to suggested edits. Edits had been completed but not yet received by the BHB members.

**Motion:** Francine Farber - To approve June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes with edits included

**Second:** Debbie Xiong

**Roll Call Vote:** Roll call vote of BHB members

**Motion Carried:** 7 Members in favor to approve minutes from June 16<sup>th</sup>. 2021

#### **IV. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) update**

Dawan Utecht; *Director*

Director Dawan Utecht began by recognizing July as Black, Indigenous & People of Color (BIPOC) Mental Health Month

##### COVID-19

There has been a rise in the number of COVID cases. The case rate increase has largely been in the population of unvaccinated individuals. Individuals that have been vaccinated, also contribute to the case rate increase, although statistics show those who are vaccinated are less likely to become hospitalized or die. Thus far Fresno County has administered 920,000 doses of vaccine.

##### A. General update including Board of Supervisors Agenda Items, Legislation and DBH Capital Funds.

- The number of completed suicides in Fresno County has lowered in comparison to the three prior years.
- Fresno County is currently showing an increase in Fentanyl overdoses
- July Contracts/Board Agenda Items
  - Handle with Care Plus – School based trauma response
  - Integrated prescription management
  - Health Career Connections
  - Two Master Agreements – Interpreter services
    - Licensed and credentialed facilities

##### B. Outcomes Report for Behavioral Health Court (BHB July site visit)

The formal arrangement for DBH with the Court is for Collaborative Treatment Courts Coordinator, who acts as a liaison between the court and other agencies. The services the Collaborative Court Coordinator assists with include the following:

- Ensures care coordination and program development.
- Participates in collaborative team meetings
- Coordinate's intake/initial assessments
- Linkage and referrals
- Court preparation / information gatherings

The Collaborative Treatment Courts Coordinator provides the above listed services to the following courts:

- Adult Behavioral Health Court (ABHC) – Meets twice a month serving adults with Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
- Family Behavioral Health Court (FBHC)- Meets twice a month serving youth with serious emotional disturbance

- Adult Drug Court (ADC) – Meets three days a week
- Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) – Meets twice a month serving adults with SUD who are at risk or have lost their parental rights

Collaborative Treatment Court Coordinators are part of the Adult System of Care, in a unit of the Forensic Behavioral Health Team that specializes in services for justice involved individuals. The participation from DBH at the collaborative treatment courts will continue as well as exploring for future growth and redesigning.

The following Specialty Treatment Courts are expected to be added to the agreement and will receive Collaborative Treatment Court Coordinators:

- Friday Court – Human Trafficking Court
- Mental Health Diversion Court – Adults with a SMI that contributed to their offense
- Veterans Treatment Court – Veterans with SUD or mental health conditions stemming from military service that contributed to their offense

C. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Quarterly Report

- SUD quarterly report was postponed until next month

D. Patients' Rights Advocates Quarterly Report – April – June 2021

Complaints / Grievances

April – 3 unsubstantiated

May – 2, one substantiated and one unsubstantiated

June – 1 unsubstantiated

Hearing and Advisements

April – 120

May – 132

June – 126

**V. Public Comment**

No public comment received

**VI. Old Business**

**BHB Site Visit Report on Behavioral Health Courts**

BHB members completed a virtual site visit to the Behavioral Health Court in July. Judge Chittick met with the BHB members and provided them with the opportunity to receive information on the five different specialty courts in which she presides that include the Behavioral Health Court, Mental Health Diversion Court, DUI Court, Veterans Court and Adult Drug Court. A few wishes that the BHB heard from Judge Chittick were:

- More SUD services for individuals with serious mental illness
- Higher Fidelity Act team for Behavioral Health Court
- More Trauma informed care from providers for individuals similar to that of the Fresno Rescue Mission

## VII. New Business

- August Site visit to the Youth Psychiatric Health Facility
  - Jeannette will begin coordinating
- Site Visits – Discussion: Moving forward about whether the site visits should continue through the Webex internet meeting platform or whether hybrid visits should be an option?
  - Due to the current uprise in COVID cases hybrid site visits will not currently be an option
- Approval of BHB Feedback Survey  
The Final draft of the BHB Public Feedback Survey was provided to all BHB members for review and suggested edits
  - **Motion** – Motion made to accept and distribute the BHB Public Feedback Survey~ BHB member Francine Farber
  - **Second** – Second made - BHB member Nick Lutton
  - **Public Comment** – Chair opened the floor for discussion or any public comment ~ none received
  - **All in Favor** – A roll call vote was taken ~ seven members in favor
  - **Motion Passed** – BHB Public Feedback Survey approved for distribution

## VIII. Committee Updates

- Adult Services Committee  
Meets August 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00 AM Dream Catchers Vocational / Educational Program
- Children’s Services Committee  
Meets August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Forensics Committee  
Meets August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 PM
- SUD Committee  
Next Quarterly meeting September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM
- Cultural Humility Committee  
Met July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Communications subcommittee disbanded since the Department is now receiving professional assistance from JP Marketing
  - Reviewed a Cultural Humility staff survey
  - Received information on expanded outreach to the Black community through organizations, continuation schools, Fresno City College, and Black churches
  - Language Subcommittee will propose to leadership the idea of establishing two Language champion groups to work on creating a glossary of appropriate terms for Hmong and Spanish and to review language translated forms

## IX. Public Comment

- BHB member announced that Blue Sky Wellness Center has been providing

staff and individuals with Peer Support Training

- Disability Equity project offers different vaccine clinics for the community as well as provides help to individuals with a disability or who have a child with a disability and been affected by COVID -19

**X. Meeting Adjourned**

4:35 pm

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