



FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Minutes

November 17, 2021

Meeting via Webex

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS -</u>
Kylene Hashimoto Carolyn Evans Francine Farber David Thorne Donald Vanderheyden Debbie Xiong Nick Lutton Steffanie Long Ana Boydston Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler	Dawan Utecht; <i>Director</i> Susan Holt Christina Young Ahmad Bahrami Stacy Vanbruggen Dennis Horn Brian Bishop Jeannette Dominguez	<u>Continued</u> Christine Lor CMAC TV Elizabeth Escoto Ryan Banks Katrina Rudnick Diana Castaneda David Tan Amber Molina Robert Dutile Bee Vue Stan Lum Sharon Ross Kari Larson Nakia Vue Ryan Banks Ignacio Liscano Nick Persons
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Supervisor Sal Quintero	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u> Angie Jenkins Princess Chris Roup Fidel Garibay Jacqueline White	
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u> Representative Ari Martinez Representative Rocky Vang		

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Chair Kylene Hashimoto began the November Behavioral Health Board (BHB) meeting at 3:31 PM. Roll call of members was taken, and an announcement was made about the BHB meetings livestreaming monthly on the Community Media Access Collaborative (CMAC) network and online platform. The meetings can also be accessed through the CMAC App and following TV channels operated by CMAC:

- Comcast Xfinity – Channel 96
- AT&T U-verse – Channel 99
- Apple TV- CMAC app
- Roku – CMAC app
- Fire TV – CMAC app

Future BHB meeting info can also be accessed through the CMAC website www.cmac.tv/gov

II. Review of Agenda by Behavioral Health Board (BHB)

III. Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2021, BHB Meeting

Approval of October BHB Minutes postponed until December 15th BHB meeting

IV. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Update

Dawan Utecht, *Director*

Director, Dawan Utecht began with announcing her departure from her role as the Director of Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health, effective December 3rd, 2021. She will continue her career at Telecare, an organization that provides Behavioral Health Services throughout California and four other states. Susan Holt has been appointed as the Interim Behavioral Health Director.

November was acknowledged as Native American Heritage month. A discussion had at the beginning of the month can be found here: <https://youtu.be/uMIgZRY-118>

COVID-19 Update

Fresno County has experienced a persistent increase more than other County's across the state. Different data of specific measure tracked by the state for a running average was provided.

a. General update including Board of Supervisors Agenda Items and Legislation

November-

- Innovation Plan Agreements with The Fresno Center, West Family Resource Center, and Integral Community Solutions
 - Support to continue projects that started under the California Reducing Disparities - Sweet Potato, Hmong Helping Hands and Atencion Plena & Platicas

b. Report on Foster Care Services

c. Outcomes Report on Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC)

CVRC helps individuals with developmental disabilities reach their goals. The population served includes children and adults who are substantially impaired due to conditions falling within the legal definitions of "developmental disability". Individuals from Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Kings & Tulare counties may be referred by parents, doctors, teachers, relatives, friends, or the individuals themselves. One designated liaison from the Behavioral Health Adult Division and one designated liaison from the Behavioral Health Childrens Division work with CVRC when behavioral health support is needed.

V. Public Comment

The BHB members took the opportunity to show their appreciation to Director Dawan Utecht, by thanking her for all the work she put in while at the Department and acknowledging the many programs developed and projects accomplished through her guidance and visionary leadership.

A thank you was returned by Director Dawan Utecht to the Behavioral Health Board members for their volunteer work and their commitment to the community.

Many attendees also contributed a thank you to Director Dawan Utecht through Chat on the Webex platform.

VI. Public Hearing: Annual Update on Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovations Projects

The Department is approved for 9 Innovations Plans. One plan will go live in December, and one is pending. The other seven active Innovations Plans projects are the following:

- California Reducing Disparities Projects
 - Sweet Potato
 - Hmong Helping Hands
 - Atención Plena & Pláticas
- Community Planning Process –In yr. 3 of 5
 - 10 initiatives planned for this year
- The Lodge – In yr. 1 of 3
 - began receiving guests in March 2021
 - has served 172
- Multi-County Full-Service Partnerships Evaluation – In yr. 2 of 3
 - final round of evaluation processes
- Psychiatric Advance Directives- In yr. 3 of 5
 - impacted by COVID-19 and now gaining traction

This update is a hearing update informing the community of progress made on the four Innovations Plan projects mentioned above, which have already been approved by the State and have a set dollar amount for what those plans involve. The set dollar amount is received as a one-time fund for a 3–5-year period. These projects work well as pilot programs and research evaluations, and if used for program development, sustainability must be considered and planned for, should the program prove to be effective.

After providing the update of these Innovations Plans, the final copy will be submitted to the MHSA Oversight and Accountability Commission (OAC.) Information regarding MHSA can be found at <http://www.fresnomhsa.com/> and all comments or questions can be sent to mhsa@fresnocountyca.gov

Motion: Made by BHB member Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler to approve Innovations Annual Update

Second: Received by BHB member Francine Farber

Discussion: None

Roll Call vote: Eight votes in favor

Motion carried

VII. Old Business

- **Site Visit Report to Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC)**
 - One of 21 Regional Centers throughout the state
 - One of the largest
 - Supplies supports and services indirectly to children and adults with substantial disabilities diagnosed prior to the age of 18 and are expected to continue
 - Clients receive services voluntarily without limitations
 - Clients' family members may sit on their Board of Directors who meet monthly

- Offices in Fresno, Visalia, and Merced
- Currently assist 12,500 clients and 60% being adults with whom they coordinate services for
- Serious lack of Psychiatric help
- A recent state provision makes services available for 3-5 yr. old children
- Anticipate the need of more service coordinators and personnel
- **Discussion on BHB Feedback Survey Results**
 - 69 responses compared to 17 responses in 2019
 - Suggestion to form an Ad Hoc committee to review comments left on narrative questions from the BHB Feedback Survey
 - Create a list of comments and provide a response
 - Three BHB members volunteered to sit on Ad Hoc Committee
- **Discussion on Community Forum**
 - Presentation by The Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and the Department of Behavioral Health All-4-Youth Collaboration
 - Compliments on the work being done with implementing of the Wellness Centers near the schools
 - A member of the community attending with a deep concern for her children was able to connect for services needed
 - The BHB will plan for future Community Forums throughout the year

VIII. New Business

- **Nomination of Officers for 2022**
 - Nominations will now close
 - Nominations received – Kylene Hashimoto for Chair
Nick Lutton for Vice-Chair
Francine Farber for Secretary

No additional nominations were received.

- **Motion to Approve Continuation of Teleconferencing**
Motion: BHB member Nick Lutton motioned to approve continuation of teleconference
Second: Received from BHB member Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler
Discussion: None
Roll Call Vote: Eight members in favor
Motion carried
- **Site Visit to Westcare Supportive Overnight Stay**
 - Final Site Visit for the year will be scheduled for December

IX. Committee Updates

- Adult Services Committee
 - Nov. 1st meeting heard from the Inspiration Opportunity and Transformation Team (IOT)
 - Next meeting December 6th, 2021, at 10 AM
 - Requested to hear from Crestwood Bridge and their transition services

- Children's Services Committee
 - October meeting heard from Guest Speaker Debra Rush on human trafficking
 - Next meeting December 16th, 2021, at 9 AM
 - Presentation from City without Orphans
- Forensics Committee
 - Next meeting is December 13th at 1:30 PM
 - Reevaluate the meeting frequency
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Committee
 - Meets on December 9th
 - Will hear from the Mental Health Services Impact Program Adult SUD services
- Cultural Humility Committee
 - Meets every 1st Thursday of the month at 10AM
 - New pride website set up www.Pride365plus.com
- Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee
 - Public forum regarding accusation made on the sleeping conditions for foster youth
 - There is a shortage of placement facilities due to State barriers
 - A Consultant was hired to investigate and address the critical issue of placing challenged foster children in more stable living environments
 - Decrease in retention rate at Child Welfare

X. Public Comment

- Independent Living Association (ILA) is offering a course about serving sex offenders struggling with a mental health disorders and homelessness
- Link for that training can be found at the ILA website
- Recent Discussions had with DBH
 - Acknowledgement starting Native American Heritage Month <https://youtu.be/G5oxqX3MU8Q>
 - Native American Heritage Month <https://youtu.be/MlqZRY-1I8>
 - Panel of Veterans and how to better serve <https://youtu.be/MhCdCafc76M>

XI. Adjournment

5:16 PM

Next Meeting December 15, 2021

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