



FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Minutes

October 20, 2021

Meeting via Webex

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH -</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u>
Kylene Hashimoto	<u>Continued</u>	Princess
Carolyn Evans	Dawan Utecht; <i>Director</i>	Mayra
Francine Farber	Susan Holt	Elizabeth Escoto
David Thorne	Christina Young	Ryan Banks
Donald Vanderheyden	Ahmad Bahrami	Katrina Rudnick
Debbie Xiong	Stacy Vanbruggen	Diana Castaneda
Nick Lutton	Kannika Toonachat	David Tan
Steffanie Long	Estevan Gonzalez	Amber Molina
Ana Boydston	Brian Bishop	Robert Dutile
Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler	Jonathan Halverstadt	Paul Cumming
	Jeannette Dominguez	Lali Witrago
	Jolie Gordon-Browar	Angie Jenkins
	Elizabeth Vasquez	Karen Levinson
	Dang Xiong	Kari Larson
	Kathy Anderson	Jessica Underwood
	Lisa Weaver	Tamara DeFehr
	Earliana Vang	Luis Santana
	Dennis Horn	Edgar Olivera
		Sharon Ross
		Victoria Jimenez
		Nakia Vue
		Ray Banks
		Etisha Wilbon
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u>		
Representative Ari Martinez		
Representative Rocky Vang		

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 Behavioral Health Board (BHB)

- BHB Executive Committee / Membership meeting date on page 2 is missing under the list of future meeting dates at the bottom of the Agenda.
- Next BHB Executive Committee/Membership meeting is November 1, 2021, at 11:45 a.m.

III. Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2021, BHB Meeting

The September 15th Behavioral Health Board Meeting Minutes approved as written

IV. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Update

Dawan Utecht, *Director*

Director, Dawan Utecht began her Department update mentioning that October is LGBTQ+ History month, with National Coming Out Day October 11th.

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

October-

- Retroactive intent to apply for grant funding, through DHCS, to expand mobile crisis efforts emphasizing on the 25 and under population
 - Approved – Provisional award also received on proposal under the conditions of requiring some amendments
 - Will provide update on amendments later

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 Adult Services

c. Quarterly Report from Patients' Rights Advocates

Any special advocacy needs are addressed through the Patients' Rights Executive Director meeting regularly with DBH Deputy Director, Susan Holt and they review any findings. Additional special meetings are arranged as needed for any other specific concerns.

Quarterly report July – September 2021

Total Complaints/Grievances:

- July: 2 (2 unsubstantiated)
- August: 1 (1 unsubstantiated)
- September: 1 (1 pending)

Total hearings and advisements:

- July: 121
- August: 102
- September 113

d. Outcomes Report on Centro la Familia

Centro La Familia provides Consumer & Family Advocacy Services by providing community-based behavioral health support and stigma reduction educational services to all people residing in rural and metropolitan areas of Fresno County who may be experiencing a first break in mental illness or early onset of a crisis. The program also has a subcontract with Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM) that

provides similar services to the refugee community

Annual Outcomes Report Reporting Period of July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Actual Amount: \$111,939

- Funded by MHSA CSS

Unique Individuals Served:

- Presentations: 1,964, Outreach: 3,221, Support Groups: 209, Calls: 595, One-on-Ones: 417

Services Rendered:

- Total Program Services: 6,406

Cost Per Person Served

- \$18 per unique client

The program saw an impact on the individuals served from the increased stressors due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Precautionary measures were taken in response and services continued to provide needed mental health support.

e. Workforce Education and Training (WET) Grant, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD)

WET Regional Partnership Program Overview-

FY 2019 -20 \$40 Million Appropriated to fund the OSHPD 2020-25 WET 5 Year Plan

- Budget appropriation requires a 33% local match from County Behavioral Health agencies by December 2024
- Upon successful completion of WET Regional Partnership Grant, 5 Regional Partners will be allocated a percentage of funds

Re-invigorate programs to address workforce by:

- Pipeline Development
- Undergraduate College and University Scholarships
- Clinical Master and Doctoral Graduate Education Stipends
- Loan Repayment Program
- Retention Activities

V. Public Comment

No public comment received

VI. Old Business

a. Site Visit Report on Centro la Familia

- BHB member stated that the program has 1 staff member funded through the DBH contract and one-half staff from the FIRM subcontract, which doesn't seem to be enough for the number of services they provide
- The program stated they have requested to modify the contract so that the program could have the ability to support more staff.
- The program is currently able to provide services for the robust program by layering services from other additional grants they receive

- b. Review of BHB Public Feedback Survey results
- 69 responses were received
 - Improvement from 24 responses that were received in 2019
 - Clarification was made in response to survey comments and the purpose of “public comment” section. This is unlike the question-and-answer session that is welcomed at community forums
 - Questions are welcomed during BHB meetings through the chat box
 - BHB Administrative Assistant supporting the BHB provided her email address to receive any questions or comments dominja@fresnocountyca.gov

VII. New Business

- a. Discussion and Motion on revision of Brown Act Public Emergency Allowances
- Per recently signed AB361 allowing exemptions to in-person meetings requires a vote to continue to meet virtually, every 30 days

Motion made: BHB member Francine Farber moved that the Fresno County Behavioral Health Board and its Committees follow the requirements of AB361 to complete emergency activities allowed under the legislative act

Second made: BHB member Carolyn Evans

Discussion: Confirmed that a hard copy of the Legislative Act was sent to BHB members and a digital copy to the meeting distribution list

Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes

Motion carried

- b. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update Community Planning Meetings
- BHB member commented on attending a Community Planning meeting provided by the Department through Webex and stated there were technical issues that didn't allow participants to see the PowerPoint presentation
- c. Nomination of Officers for 2022
- Positions that will be nominated are Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
 - Nominations received: Kylene Hashimoto for Chair
Nick Lutton for Vice Chair
Francine Farber for Secretary
 - Nominations will continue to be accepted through November by sending to Jeannette
- d. Site Visit to Central Valley Regional Center
- In the process of coordinating a date
- e. Community Forum Postponed to Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 5:30 PM
- Hosted via Zoom
 - An email and a flyer containing the Zoom link will be sent
 - All community members are welcome to attend and join discussion

VIII. Committee Updates

- a. Adult Services Committee –
 - October meeting received information from Exodus Recovery regarding the support provided by them at the Permanent Supportive Housing projects
 - November 1st meeting will receive information from the Department of Behavioral health Inspiration Opportunity and Transformation (IOT) team as well as information on their eating disorders initiatives
- b. Children's Services Committee –
 - Met on August 26th
 - Next meeting will be Thursday October 28th at 9 a.m.
 - Presentation by Breaking the Chains
- c. Forensics Committee –
 - Met on October 11th and heard a presentation from Wellpath on jail services
 - Next meeting is December 13th at 1:30 p.m.
- d. Substance Use Disorders Committee –
 - Meet quarterly, Next meeting is December 9th at 10:00 a.m.
- e. Cultural Humility Committee –
 - New Diversity service Coordinator, Dennis Horn was introduced
 - Discussion on collecting demographic data and the difficulty in collecting information on ethnicity and gender
 - Completion of Spanish language web page was announced

IX. Public Comment

- Reminder of Community Forum tomorrow October 21st at 5:30 p.m.

X. Adjournment

4:41 pm

Next Meeting November 17, 2021

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