



FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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

Minutes

February 16, 2022
 Meeting via Webex

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u>
Kylene Hashimoto	Susan Holt, <i>Interim Director</i>	Jessica Underwood
Carolyn Evans	Maryann Le	Eloisa Estrada
Francine Farber	Ahmad Bahrami	Lali Witrago
Debbie Xiong	Brian Bishop	Fausto Novelo
Nick Lutton	Erinn Reinbolt	Diana Castaneda
Ana Boydstun	Tamara DeFehr	Nick Persons
David Thorne	Tina Young	Deanna Kivett
	Lisa Crossley	Christine Lor
	Lindsey Sorondo	Karen Levinson
<u>ABSENT</u>	Stacy VanBruggen	Ryan Banks
Steffanie Long	Sonia DeLaRosa	Sharon Ross
Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler	Manmeet Sidhu	Tammy Frates
Donald Vanderhyden	Jonathan Halverstadt	David Polunas
	Jacqueline White	Princess
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u>	Jolie Gordon Browar	Liz Escoto
Supervisor Sal Quintero – Absent	Kannika Toonachat	Yasmin CALBHB/C
	Jeannette Dominguez	Ana Monreal
Representatives Present –		
Rocky Vang		
Ari Martinez		

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Kylene Hashimoto, Chair of the Behavioral Health Board, called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM and asked for a roll call.

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

Time was allowed to review agenda and no comments were received.

III. Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2022, BHB Meeting

January 19th minutes approved

IV. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Update

Interim Director, Susan Holt provided a Department Update Presentation and began with responding to an inquiry from the BHB. Susan Holt informed the BHB that the recruitment for the Director position at DBH is officially posted and available for anyone interested in viewing.

Acknowledgements for the month of February:

- Lunar New Year
- Black History Month

COVID – 19 Trends and Updates

Omicron variant peaked over all for the State in January and Fresno County closely followed. The case rate across the state is now on a downward slope, and Fresno County data is also showing the same. The Department continues to provide in-person services on an individualized basis.

A. General update including Board of Supervisors Agenda (BOS) Items and Legislation

February BOS Agenda Items – ~~Approved~~

Wellpath- amendment through a grant to add MAT Coordinator
Handle with Care- amendment to correct agency name

Will present to the BOS 2-22-2022

Salary Resolution to add three staff positions that will focus on emergency preparedness and disaster planning/response

Legislative Update –

AB738 – Would require at least one member of a community-based Mental Health Board to be a Veteran or Veteran Advocate

AB1668 – Would require one member be from each of the 10 regions for the 16-member Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

B. Outcomes report on the Lodge for 2020 - 2021

The concept for the Lodge was created through part of the MHSA Three Year Plan 2017 – 2020 as an Innovation Plan to explore, identify and understand engagement strategies for individuals that are homeless or at risk of homelessness and are in a pre-contemplative state of change. The plan is to address basic needs with using peer support in a low barrier temporary lodging setting to increase engagement of individuals. The team available for care delivery to assist those individuals consists of 7 Peer Support Specialists, 2 Case Managers and 2 Clinicians. Other support staff are an overnight security, a driver and a janitor, as well as a leadership team of an Executive Director, Program Manager, Clinical Supervisor, Peer Supervisor, Office Manager and Bookkeeper.

The following service data provided is for four months of the year with the Lodge being opened for services only since March 1st, 2021, up to the fiscal year closeout.

- Reporting period: Opened for services: March 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
- Budget: \$733,343
- Actual Expenses: \$425,695
- Unique Individuals Served: 190
- Cost per individual : \$2,240.50

Effectiveness

- 16% persons successfully engaged
- 31% reduction Crisis Stabilization Center visits for persons served
- 50% reduction in emergency department utilization

An annual report for the first full year of services will be coming soon.

C. Report on Peer Support Services

Senate Bill 803 defines a peer as someone with self-identified lived experience with the Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder treatment and/or recovery themselves or with a parent/family member receiving services. The bill recognizes peers as critical members of the workforce.

Counties have the option to develop their own plan meeting all statutory requirements or designate an organization to act on behalf of the County and all plans are subject to the Department of Health Care Services approval. After approval from the BOS, the plan for Fresno County is to partner with California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to act on its behalf as the designated organization.

The next steps for the Department consist of the following:

- Review and update job specifications to align with the new Peer Certification Program
- Finalize Participation Agreement with CalMHSA
- Prepare for additional changes that will result from the anticipated federal approval of Medi-Cal claiming

V. Presentation from NAMI Fresno on Peer Workforce Development

Ragini Lal, Community Engagement Manager with National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) was unable to make it due to an emergency and has offered to present at the March BHB meeting if still interested.

VI. Public Comment

There were no comments made

VII. New Business

- A. Discussion and approval of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update 2019 – 2020

BHB Chair opened the floor for discussion on the MHSA Annual update that was presented at a public hearing today by the Department before the Behavioral Health Board meeting.

Motion: BHB member Carolyn Evans

Motion to recommend approval of the Annual Update of the MHSA Plan

Second: BHB member Nick Lutton

Discussion: No Discussion

Roll Call Vote: 7 votes in favor to approve

Motion Pass

- B. BHB Annual Workshop Rescheduled for Thursday, February 17th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM

The BHB Annual Workshop has a new date and will take place tomorrow. The public is welcome to attend. BHB members were encouraged to visit the CALBHB/C website to review available information.

- C. Motion to Approve Continuation of Teleconferencing

Motion: BHB Carolyn Evans

Motion to approve continuation of teleconferencing

Second: BHB member Debbie Xiong

Discussion: Members would like to discuss ideas for hybrid meetings at a future date

Roll Call Vote: 7 votes in favor to approve

Motion Pass

VIII. Committee Updates

- A. Adult Services Committee

February 7th, 2022, meeting received a presentation from the Department of Behavioral Health RISE Team on Conservatorship

Next meeting March 7th, 2022, with a plan to hear information from In Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

- B. Children's Services Committee

Next meeting is February 24th and will receive a presentation from City Without Orphans

- C. Forensics Committee

February 14th meeting received information from Turning Point, First Street Center Outpatient

Next meeting is April 11th

D. Substance Use Disorder Committee (SUD)

Next meeting is March 10th, 2022. DBH will present an update on System of Care SUD and a brief presentation from the Mental Health Services IMPACT Co-occurring Program

E. Transitional Age Youth Committee (TAY)

BHB Chair introduced the idea of creating a TAY Committee , timeline to be determined. The creation of the committee is an effort to engage and involve the transitional age youth within the community for involvement and improvement of appropriate services. Anyone interested or who has ideas for recruitment, please contact BHB Chair Kylene Hashimoto, Ahmad Bahrami or Jeannette Dominguez.

IX. Public Comment

BHB member Francine Farber announced that the Cultural Humility Committee has changed to the new name of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

X. Adjournment

4:30 PM

Next Meeting March 16, 2022

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