



FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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

Minutes

March 16, 2022
Meeting via Webex

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u>
Carolyn Evans Francine Farber Donald Vanderheyden Debbie Xiong Nick Lutton David Thorne Ana Boydston Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler Susan Xiong	Maryann Le, <i>Deputy Director</i> Christina Young Ahmad Bahrami Tamara DeFehr Jeannette Dominguez Dennis Horn Elizabeth Vasquez Jonathan Halverstadt	Marilyn Bamford Jessica Underwood Amber Molina-Princess Lali Witrago Fidel Garibay Christine Lor David Tan Stan Lum Shannon Burch Liz Escoto David Polunas Fausto Novelo Diana Castaneda Nakia Vue Nick Persons Karen Levinson
<u>ABSENT</u> Kylene Hashimoto Steffanie Long		
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u> Supervisor Sal Quintero – Absent Representatives Present – Rocky Vang Ari Martinez		

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Secretary Francine Farber began the meeting at 3:42 as a fill-in for the Chair of the Behavioral Health Board. Upon completion of the rollcall, Vice Chairman, Nick Lutton introduced himself and informed everyone that he would chair the meeting.

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

Time was allowed to review the agenda and there were no comments made.

III. Approval of Minutes from February 16th, 2022, BHB Meeting

Motion to approve: Motion to approve made by BHB member Debbie Xiong

Second: Francine Farber

Discussion: None received

Roll Call Vote: 8 members in favor

February 16th, 2022, Behavioral Health Board Meeting Minutes were approved as written

IV. Guest Speaker in honor of Women's History Month

No guest speaker was present. BHB Secretary, Francine Farber took the opportunity to honor Women's History Month. She described an exhibit on display at the downtown Fresno Library called "One Hundred Notable Women in Fresno". The League of Women Voters provided the display that includes biographies and photos of each woman. Visitors may pick up a brochure that includes the biographies.

V. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Update

Deputy Director Maryann Le filled in for Interim Director, Susan Holt to provide the Department Update, beginning with the following March acknowledgments:

- Women's History Month
- Social Work Month
- The Spring Equinox
- National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week
- Irish American Heritage Month
- National Foreign Language Month

Next week the Department will host a weeklong of activities supporting National Drug and Alcohol week including tips and resources. Individuals can keep an eye out on the Departments Social Media pages for other events of Women's History and supporting all the month of March recognitions.

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

Contracts/Board Agenda Items

March

- Retroactive agreement with the Regents of the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) to correct a signatory error
- Participation agreement with California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) for funding of State Hospital Beds
- Amendment with the Department of Health Care Services DHCS to operate as Mental Health Plan
- Renewal agreement with California Health Sciences University for pharmacy student placement
- CalMHSA participation Agreement to participate in Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program

April

- Exodus Recovery retroactive amendment for adult PHF increased budget related to emergency expansion related to pandemic

Legislative Update

- AB 1995 – Propose to eliminate Med-Cal premiums for some populations currently paying
- AB 2666 - Require establishment of grant program to allocate funding for students in behavioral health field of study and practice
- AB 1836 – Create a grant administered by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to support officer wellness and mental health
- AB 2096 – Authorize chemical dependency recovery hospitals to exist within a building that also houses acute psychiatric hospital or general acute hospital

External Quality Review Organization (EQRO)

Recently and every year a review of the Departments Mental Health Plan is conducted that includes a separate process for the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System. The virtual review was conducted March 1st through the 3rd by Behavioral Health Concepts (BHC) Inc. on behalf of the State. A high level of feedback was received during the closing session, with positive highlights regarding persons served. Listed below are the next steps within the review:

- BHC will send draft report to DBH for review
- Following the review period, BHC will finalize report
- Reports are made available at calegro.com

B. Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report (ARER)2021

A summary of the various categories within the ARER report from Fresno County was provided for fiscal year 2021 that was submitted January 26, 2022: The ARER is a report regarding the County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) fund expenditures and interest earned each fiscal year on the accrual basis that is due to the Department of Health Care Services January 31st of the year following the end of each reporting period, per WIC code 5899.

C. Report on Forensics Services -Program Review: Adult Jail Services Overview

Wellpath is the contracted provider of Health services for the targeted population of adult inmates with serious mental health illness (SMI), acute mental illness, subacute conditions and substance use disorders requiring clinical behavioral health attention, housed within the jail. The services Wellpath provide include:

- Medical Health
- Behavioral Health
- Other (pharmaceuticals, discharge planning and 24/7 medical and psychiatric care)

Fiscal year 20/21 Annual Outcomes Overview:

- Reporting period of July 1st, 2020 – June 30, 2021

- Program Budget - \$5,232,670
- Program Actual Expense- \$5,155,385
- Number of unique individuals served- 4,842
- Services rendered – 34,419

Target goals were met that included decrease of safety cell placement as well as a decrease in the need for mental health inpatient services.

Some strategies used and changes made in response to COVID were:

- Use of personal protective equipment
- Individuals exposed or tested positive housed in COVID quarantine
- Individual counseling increased
- COVID Vaccination / encouraged and provided
- Vaccination required for Staff

Current Initiatives explored and developed:

- Treatment facility designation & involuntary medications orders
- Collaboration with DSH
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) learning collaborative
- West Annex Jail

VI. Public Comment

No Public Comment received

VII. Old Business

A. Site Report on the Lodge

BHB member MaryLou Brauti- Minkler commented on the MHSA Innovations funded project of the Lodge. Thirty individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with no or limited engagement of behavioral health care can benefit from temporary housing for a 30 – 45 day stay at the Lodge by being referred from Exodus, Emergency room 5150 holds or the County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). The program opened in 2021 as an unlocked, low barrier facility and the first model of this kind in Fresno County being that individuals are not required to be clean and sober or in treatment upon admission. Clients are not permitted to drink alcohol or use drugs on site and are encouraged to engage in treatment. Support is available onsite from peer support specialists, case managers and clinicians following trauma informed care treatment.

VIII. New Business

A. Motion to Approve 2021 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors Report not received by BHB members. Item tabled for next meeting

B. Discussion on Community Forum

- BHB will hold virtually in April
- Topic: discussion of the effects of the pandemic on children plus other concerns or questions from the public
- Tentative date of April 26th in evening hours

C. Motion to Approve Continuation of Teleconferencing

Motion: Motion made by BHB Secretary Francine Farber

Second: Second made by MaryLou Brauti-Minkler

Discussion: Discuss hybrid meetings at a future date

Rollcall vote: 8 votes in favor

Motion carried to continue Teleconferencing

IX. Committee Updates

- A. Adult Services Committee - March 7th meeting received information from In Home Support Services. Next meeting April 4th at 10:00 AM will hear from the Departments Housing Access and Resource Team (HART)
- B. Children’s Services Committee- February 24th meeting heard from City Without Orphans and their next meeting April 28th at 9:00 AM
- C. Forensics Committee - Next meeting is April 11th at 1:30 PM
- D. Substance Use Disorder Committee –March 10th meeting received information from Mental Health Systems IMPACT program and updated on the DBH SUD System of Care. The next meeting is June 9th at 10:00 AM
- E. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Four items noted from their most recent meeting was an update on Department bilingual staff now being assessed annually, diversity training will return to 12 hrs. of training, and the Department has inquired with their contracted providers of what their best practices are for training and recruitment of bilingual staff. The committee meets the first Thursday of every month from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

X. Public Comment

No public comment.

New BHB member, Susan Xiong was welcomed. She said she became interested in becoming a member of the BHB because she believes mental heal awareness is very important within the community as well as within her role of employment with the Asian youth population.

No other public comment received

XI. Adjournment

4:43 PM

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