



### FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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

**Minutes**  
**April 20, 2022**  
Meeting via Webex

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u>
Kylene Hashimoto Carolyn Evans David Thorne Ana Boydston Stephanie Gutierrez Susan Xiong Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler Donald Vanderhyden	Susan Holt, <i>Director</i> Christina Young Brian Bishop Jeannette Dominguez Dang Xiong Vincent Montgomery Jonathan Halverstadt Kannika Toonachat	Rose Vang Nakia Vue Princess Raquel Servin Christina Alejo Jessica Underwood Neil Collins Lali Witrago Kari Larson Xixmena Cuyuch Diana Castaneda Nick Persons Ryan Banks Ana Monreal David Tan Amber Molina Solomon Vang Karen Levinson Marilyn B Shannon Burch Liz Escoto
<u>ABSENT</u> Debbie Xiong Nick Lutton		
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u> Supervisor Sal Quintero – Absent  Representatives Present – Rocky Vang Ari Martinez		

#### I. Welcome and Roll Call

Chair Kylene Hashimoto called the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting to order at 3:31 PM. The meeting proceeded with a roll call of the Behavioral Health Board (BHB) members and the introduction of new member, Stephanie Gutierrez. An acknowledgement was also made of long-time BHB member/Secretary, Francine Farber leaving the BHB as her term expired. Wishing her well in her future endeavors and a thank you was given to express their appreciation for her participation on the BHB.

#### 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 March 16, 2022, BHB Meeting

Minutes approved as written

### IV. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Update

Director, Susan Holt began the Department Update presentation with an announcement of on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, she was appointed as the Department of Behavioral Health Director and Public Guardian. Director Susan Holt had been serving as Interim Director since December 2022 following former Director Dawan Utecht.

#### A. General Update including the Board of Supervisors Agenda Items and Legislation

##### April Acknowledgements

- National Alcohol Awareness Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- World Health Day
- Administrative Professionals Day
- National Alcohol Screening Day
- National Autism Awareness Month
- National Child Abuse Prevention Month

More information on these national acknowledged days can be found on the Department of Behavioral Health's YouTube social media.

##### DBH Facilities Updates

- Construction has begun at the Heritage Center and once completed, the crisis stabilization and psychiatric health facilities will be relocated, and two more facilities will be added in the future
- When the new design is fully completed, Adult and Childrens Mental Health Outpatient programs will be located at Clovis and Olive avenues as a combined campus
- Prior to full completion Childrens Mental Health will be temporarily relocated
- Announcement of temporary location will be at a future meeting

##### Updated Suicide Trends

The following data shows a downward trend in annual deaths by suicide for the totals per calendar year: 2018 – 114

2019 – 111

2020 – 102

2021 – 90

2022 – 25 (first three months of year)

##### DBH Vaccination Clinic Update

The demand for COVID vaccination has significantly decreased. The DBH operated clinic located at the UMC campus will pause administering the vaccine effective 04-22-2022. Individuals may still access the vaccine through the following locations:

- Many Pharmacies across town
- Consultation with primary care provider
- <https://myturn.ca.gov/>

#### CalAIM Updates for individuals who receive Medi-Cal

Enhanced Care Management (ECM) – A new Statewide required Medical benefit added in Managed Care Plans (MCP) that will be led by a Care Manager who will coordinate clinical and non-clinical services using a person-centered approach to address needs.

Community Supports -All managed Care Plans are not required, although they are encouraged, to offer new services of 14 pre-approved community supports to eligible Medi-Cal members, regardless of qualifying for Enhanced Care Management services.

#### Contract/Board Agenda Items

April 5

- Ratify Agreement with California Emergency Medical Services Authority for contract staff deployed to expand capacity in Crisis Stabilization Center during COVID surge
- Budget resolution to increase appropriations for State Hospital beds
- Amendment to Adult Psychiatric Health Facility Agreement adding appropriations due to emergency expansion during COVID

April 19

- Two Salary Resolution changes in Public Guardian's Office
- Retroactive change to Agreement for accuracy of organization name the Fresno Center
- Amendment to Substance Use Disorder prevention services contract with Youth Leadership Institute to add Coronavirus Response Relief Supplemental Appropriations and American Rescue Plan Act funding

#### MHSA Annual Update-New Update

Upon regulatory review, it was revealed that the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) report must be included as part of the plan. As well change in the naming convention from FY 2021 – 2022 to 2022-2023 reflecting that it is the plan for upcoming spending

- The Draft Plan will be amended to include PEI Report and title change
- Must post for 30 days once edits are made
- The Department is requesting support from the BHB with hosting a public hearing at the June BHB meeting
- Once public hearing is completed the report may then be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval prior to submitting with the States June deadline

#### Legislative Update

- CARE Courts Proposal, Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment
- Governor announced proposal 3-3-22
- Individuals under Schizophrenia Spectrum and other psychotic disorders only
- There are many details that the Department is unclear on and will learn more to gain clarity

## **B. Quarterly Report on Housing Programs and Services**

- In partnership with Fresno Housing Authority a Grand Opening Event will occur on May 5<sup>th</sup> for Villages at Broadway, a 26-unit complex with 12 units funded by No Place Like Home project
- Partnering with Upholdings Development continues as a 20 yr. commitment to support a large housing development with construction funded through a No Place Like Home Project for 123 units, 42 designated for persons with serious mental illness
- DBH issued another 20 yr. commitment Letter of Support to provide supportive services for a 69-unit affordable housing development with construction funded through Project Home key for students experiencing homelessness
- PATH Agreement with Kings View to increase max comp for dedicated rural outreach
- Master Lease Agreement with RH Community Builders will go to the Board in June with a suspension of competition due to unique management services and a need for new contract structure
- Housing Supportive Services Agreement amendment will be presented to the Board of Supervisors to add Alegre Commons and Butterfly Gardens to the contract with Exodus

## **C. Patient's Rights Advocates Quarterly Report (January- March2022)**

### Total Complaints/Grievances

- January- 1 (unsubstantiated)
- February- 1 (unsubstantiated)
- March- 1 (unsubstantiated)

### Total Hearings and Advisements

- January- 97
- February- 120
- March- 125

\*\*\*\*The BHB has requested that the August Quarterly Patients' Rights Advocate report include detailed information categorized by facility type and trending complaints from the past year

## **D. Outcomes Report- The Fresno Center Culturally Based Access Navigation Support (CBANS)**

CBANS is a Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) support service provided by The Fresno Center that began July 21, 2021, with a mission to empower individuals and families to live a well-balanced life, in mind, body and spirit. Annual Budget funded by MHSA PEI is \$550,000. The following data reported is for a 6-month period only.

- Actual Expenditures as of 12/31/21- \$138,219.36

- Unique Individuals served: 632
- Referrals made: 277
- Majority age group participating 26 – 59 yrs.
- 25% are 60 yrs. and above
- 10% are ages 0 – 15 yrs.
- 1% of transitional age 16 – 25 yrs.
- 65% of individuals identified as Hispanic or Latino
- 23% Asian
- 7% Black or African America
- 2% more than one race
- 1 % white

## **V. Public Comment**

No Comments received

## **VI. Old Business**

### **Report on Site Visit to the Fresno County West Annex Jail**

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> four BHB members toured a section of the Fresno County Jail that is under construction. In 2018 construction started on an addition to the jail of a section with the capacity to provide better mental health treatment, as well as to stop the use of the oldest section of the jail for housing individuals while incarcerated. The construction is expected to be completed and occupied with inmates in July 2022. Some of the accommodations of the design are noted below:

- Visiting booths and the Probation Department occupy the first floor
- The second and third floor each house 150 inmates sectioned into pods of 24 – 28 individuals
- Small indoor recreation yards with windows provide outside air and sun. Although the areas may fit the criteria, BHB members stated that they are not appropriate to be considered as outdoor space “yards”
- A 24- bed area is available for jail- based competency treatment for individuals to restore competency, locally while awaiting to stand trial
- 2 safety cells that can be utilized for up to 36 hrs. until moved to an observation cell for up to 10 days before reentering general population
- 12 single cells for incarcerated individuals of high profile, violent or seriously mental ill that must be isolated for their own safety or the safety of others

## **VII. New Business**

### **Community Forum: Effects of the Pandemic on Children and Youth**

- Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM via Zoom
- Education Professional and Community Based Organization panel
- Community engagement to discuss resources and support services available

- Fliers are available at the Zoom link:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EHklttFhdWn3Hb\\_gTpMZZEVNYu9EQAmN/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EHklttFhdWn3Hb_gTpMZZEVNYu9EQAmN/view?usp=sharing)

### **Public Question and Answer Session**

- This was proposed from evaluation of the Public Behavioral Health Board Survey
- Will occur Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> immediately following the month BHB meeting
- Open session for any questions by anyone from the public

### **Motion to approve continuation of teleconferencing**

**Motion** - BHB member M.L. Brauti-Minkler

**Second** - C. Evans

**Discussion** - None

**Roll Call Vote** - 6 votes in favor

**Motion passes to approve continuation of teleconferencing**

### **VIII. Committee Updates**

- A. Adult Services Committee - April 4<sup>th</sup> received a presentation from DNH Housing Access and Resource Team (HART) next meeting is May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM and will hear from the Independent Living Association (ILP)
- B. Children's Services Committee- Meets Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and will hear about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's)
- C. Forensics Committee - Next meeting is June 13<sup>th</sup> April 11<sup>th</sup> Draft minutes will be distributed soon
- D. Substance Use Disorder Committee - Meets quarterly June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM
- E. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Nothing available to report as no BHB member attended

### **IX. Public Comment**

No public comment received

### **X. Adjournment**

4:41 PM

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