



FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Wednesday, August 17th, 2022, at 3:30pm

Minutes

Via Webex

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>Members of the Public</u>
Nick Lutton Carolyn Evans Stephanie Gutierrez Brooke Frost Debbie Xiong David Thorne Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler Donald Vanderheyden	Susan Holt, <i>Director</i> Erinn Chan-Golston Dang Xiong Jolie Gordan-Browar Brian Bishop Tina Young Jeannette Dominguez	Jessica Underwood David Tan Lali Witrago Ryan Banks Deanna Kivett Stan Lum Sharon Ross Amber Molina Fausto Novelo Trish Small Christine Lor Ron Alexander Marilyn Bamford Xixmena, Cuyuch
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Ana Boydstun Susan Xiong		
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u> Sal Quintero, <i>Supervisor</i> – Absent Ari Martinez, <i>Chief of Staff</i> – Present		

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Chair of the Behavioral Health Board, Nick Lutton called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. A roll call of the Behavioral Health Board Members (BHB) was taken.

II. Review of Agenda by Behavioral Health Board

A brief pause was taken to review the agenda

III. Approval of Minutes from the July 20th BHB meeting

A motion was made to approve draft minutes as written for the July 20, 2022, BHB meeting

- Supported by a Second
- Roll Call vote occurred
- 7 members voted in favor

Motion passed to accept the July 20, 2022, meeting minutes as written

IV. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Update *Director, Susan Holt*

A. General Update - Director, Susan Holt began her Department Update presentation with the monthly suicide data for August 2022 that could be viewed alongside prior years for reference. This data is carefully monitored in partnership with other agencies as part of

the suicide prevention collaborative. The soon approaching month of September is recognized as Suicide Prevention month. There have been some recent updates to the <https://fresnocares.org> website that includes the rollout of the new suicide prevention lifeline number, 988 as well as information on a multi-county suicide prevention virtual summit happening September 30th, 2022.

BOS agenda items of note - August

- August 9th – Lease Agreement for 2719 N. Air Fresno Drive to expedite relocation of Childrens Mental Health Facility and Transitional Age Youth services

Legislative Updates – Bills of Interest

- SB1227 – Would authorize inpatient psychiatric facility to file a petition to request additional 30 days of intensive treatment
- SB1338 – Would enact Community Assistance Recovery Empowerment (CARE) court

Deputy Director Recruitment Update

- Release of job announcement expected any day

Update on Kings Canyon Campus Power Outage and services impact

- Full power has been restored at the Psychiatric Health Facilities (PHF) and the Crisis Stabilization Center (CSC)
- Exploring alternative building options to relocate the Outpatient Services and Administrative Staff

B. Patients Right's Advocates Quarterly Report –

Total Complaints/Grievances:	Hearings and advisements:
• April: 1 Substantiated	129
• May: 2 Unsubstantiated	138
• June: 1 Pending	89
• July: 1 Unsubstantiated	111

C. Department of Behavioral Health Older Adult Team (OAT) Program Review

Since 2007 the DBH OAT provides specialty mental health services to individuals aged 60 years and older who meet the criteria of having a significant impairment due to mental illness. For the reporting period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, the estimated program expense was \$1,186, 241 and served 602 unique individuals costing an estimated \$1,971 each with 4,125 of claimable services.

While during the 2021- 2022 fiscal year, the program operated at a challenging vacancy rate of 37% the program is allocated for the following positions:

- 6 Clinicians
- 4 Community mental health specialists
- 2 Peer Support Specialists

Services offered;

- Comprehensive assessment and treatment plan
- Individual, family and group psychotherapy
- Case management
- Collateral
- Crisis intervention
- Psychiatric medication services
- Individual and group rehabilitation

V. Public Comment

Question for Director Susan Holt - BHB member inquiry of how individuals do DBH adult division receive seeking psychiatric services

Response – Director's report provided at the September BHB meeting will include that information in detail

VI. Old Business

Report from the BHB Site Visit with DBH Older Adult Team

Without repeating information about the program that was already given in the above Department Update item, BHB member reported the few following highlighted areas.

- Limitations due to staff shortage
- Impressed with the job well done considering the challenging limitations they are experiencing
- Team goals regarding methods of client participation resulting from the pandemic
- Shortage of Adequate internet access / smart phones for seniors
- Need of more assisted housing
- Educate staff on more resources available through the managed care plan for clients
- Due to emergency safety issues BHB was pleased to hear that the OAT team is now located on the 1st floor as opposed to the 2nd flr.

VII. New Business

A. Motion to Approve the Continuation of Teleconferencing

Motion – BHB member Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler made a motion on the Continuation of teleconference for monthly Behavioral Health Board and Subcommittee meetings

Second – BHB member Debbie Xiong

Roll Call Vote – 7 members in favor

Motion Carries

B. Nominate and Vote for Vice Chair of BHB for the remainder of the year

- Nominations received - Members Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler and Debbie Xiong
- Member Mary Lou Brauti -Minkler withdrew

Motion – Made by BHB member Carolyn Evans - To elect BHB member Debbie Xiong as Vice Chair of the Behavioral Health Board for the remainder of the year
Second – BHB Member Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler
Roll Call Vote - 6 members in favor
Motion Carried

VIII. Committee Updates

BHB Adult Services Committee – met and received a presentation from the Welfare to Work Special Needs programs. No meeting in September due to Labor Day Holiday. Will meet October 3rd and will receive information on rural mental health services

Childrens Behavioral Health Committee – meets Thursday August 25th and will receive information from Prodigy adolescent Substance Use Disorder services

Forensics Committee – Received updates from within the Departments Forensics Services, changes to the presentation of information at the meetings and a few other updates. Discussed ideas for future meetings. Meet October 10th at 1:30

Substance Use Disorder Committee – meets September 8th at 10:00 AM

Executive Membership / Committee – Will not meet in September due to holiday. New meeting date to be determined and announced

IX. Public Comment

None received

X. Adjournment

4:32 PM

Next meeting is September 21, 2022

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