



FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 3:30pm

Minutes

Via Webex

<p><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Nick Lutton Carolyn Evans Stephanie Gutierrez Debbie Xiong Susan Xiong Ana Boydston David Thorne Donald Vanderhyden Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler</p> <p><u>Members ABSENT</u> Brooke Frost</p> <p><u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u> Sal Quintero, <i>Supervisor</i> – Absent</p> <p>Ari Martinez, <i>Chief of Staff</i> – Present</p>	<p><u>DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u> Susan Holt, <i>Director</i> Ahmad Bahrami Brian Bishop Tina Young Russell Noland Kristin Lynch Dang Xiong Amanda Rosen Lisa Weaver Stacy Vanbruggen David Keomanyvanh Dalila Jimenez-Trejo Joseph Rangel Jeannette Dominguez</p>	<p><u>Public Members Present</u> Aurora Ramirez Marilyn Bamford LeeAnn Skorohod Lali Witrago Jessica Underwood Jeannemarie Caris-Mcmanus Stan Lum Gary Pigg Amber Molina Angela Hernandez Luisa Avila Elizabeth Escoto Etisha Wilbon Nakia Vue Kari Larson Sandra Martinez Trish Small Ryan Banks Fausto Novelo Ron Alexander Sharon Ross David Tan Jessica Underwood</p>
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I. Welcome and Roll Call

Chair of the Behavioral Health Board, Nick Lutton called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM and asked for a roll call of the Behavioral Health Board (BHB) members

II. **Public Comment** – Any member of the public desiring to address the Board on a matter that is not on the agenda may do so at this time. Any member of the public desiring to address the Board on an item that is on the agenda, may do so before or during the agenda item as facilitated by the chair

III. Review of Agenda by Behavioral Health Board

There was a brief pause for BHB members to review the agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes from August 17th, 2022, BHB Meeting

The August 17th minutes were approved with the requested edit of adding the name of the person who made a motion.

- Jeannette will confirm that the edit was made by resending the updated copy to BHB members

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

A. General Update including DBH Events/ Suicide Awareness, Board of Supervisors Agenda Items and Legislation.

Director Susan Holt began her presentation by acknowledging September as Suicide Prevention Awareness month, Recovery month and Hispanic Heritage month. She continued with presenting suicide data in response to a question raised by a BHB member at the August meeting. The question was if whether the Department tracks data on age demographics? In response, detailed data was provided for deaths in the youth age range. The following is a summary of additional demographic groups of data that was provided from the years of 2018 – July of 2022:

- Gender – higher number of males
- In the 2019, 2020 and 2021 age group 25–34-year-old had the highest numbers of death by suicide
- Month – noticeable spikes in January, May & June in 2019 and in June of 2020
- Percentage of the deaths per race – the percentage of total deaths more than doubled for the two specific races of Asian and Black

The Suicide Prevention collaborative uses this type of data to help identify areas where work is needed and is using different approaches for strategic outreach and awareness.

A list of past and future Suicide Prevention Awareness activities, along with Recovery events throughout the month of September was presented. Some promotion work put out by the Department could be found on Billboards targeted by zip codes, banners shared with 10 local schools and through the following links:

<https://youtu.be/gjHdvkVi90o>
<https://youtu.be/e9f-U1pbLqY>
<https://youtu.be/fSpMVLdHiZc>
<https://youtu.be/uCHDMyZlpWo>

Contracts/Board Agenda Items –

- Budget approved
- DBH appropriations \$361,600,587
- 752 positions (increase of six positions)

Legislative Updates – Bills of Interest

- SB1338 Community Assistance Recovery (CARE) Court
- AB 1951 – Sales and use tax exemptions in manufacturing
 - Vetoed by Governor

Deputy Director Recruitment – Now Active

- www.governmentjobs.com/careers/fresnoca
- Direct all questions to Fresno County Resources Department:
hremploymentservices@fresnocountyca.gov ph.# (559) 600 - 1830

Data on Psychiatry Services at "Metro" clinic

- The DBH clinic that provides Psychiatry services is located on the University Medical Center (UMC) campus at Kings Canyon and Cedar
- Only DBH provided psychiatry services but no other contracted programs at this location
- Fiscal Year 21-22 data reflects 5,848 persons served

Update on Peer Support

- New Peer Certification training had 61 Peer professionals from DBH network of care participants
- A work group is under development for establishment of rate for claiming under Medi-Cal
- Certification exam is under development

B. Outcomes report on Westside Family Preservation Services Network - Youth Empowerment Centers (YEC)

- Prevention and Early Intervention services for West Fresno County youth
- Ages 10 – 24 and their family members

Services available include:

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| * Volunteer Peer/Family Support Services | * Outreach and Education |
| * Support Groups | * Leadership Development |
| * Recreational and Socialization Activities | * Mentoring /Coaching |
| * Life skills | * Other Support Services |
| * Employment and Vocational Services | * Many other services |

The program provides services to the following covered areas:

Firebaugh - 164	Kerman – 133
Huron - 83	Coalinga - 130
Mendota - 32	

Three of the target goal areas exceeded expectations. In the future the program plans to expand mini sites through networking with organizations already established within the smaller communities.

D. National Recovery Month / SoberStock

- 16th Annual
- Saturday September 24th at Eaton Plaza

VI. Public Comment

No public comment received

VII. Presentation from Turning Point of Central California (TPOCC) on Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program (AOT)

Program Director of Turning Point Vista and Sunrise Full- Service Partnership Programs, Angela Hernandez was present to introduce information about the new AOT program that will become operational October 3rd, 2022. A video was shown that described AOT and the process for receiving the assistance. Referrals can be made through the DBH webpage and on the Turning Point website. *Links provided below*

<https://www.tpocc.org/aot>

<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/behavioral-health/providers/managed-care/assisted-outpatient-treatment>

VIII. Old Business

Report from the BHB on their August Site Visit with the Westside Family Preservation Services Network – Youth Empowerment Center

BHB member stated having knowledge of the program when it first began many years ago and noted that it has greatly improved, evolving into the program that has been needed. Below are a few additions the program could benefit from receiving:

- Funding for transportation is needed due to geographic area
- Funding for Enrichment programs
- Expansion of mental health services in the rural area

IX. New Business

A. Motion to Approve the Continuation of Teleconferencing

Motion – BHB Member Debbie Xiong

Second – Carolyn Evans

Discussion – None

Roll Call Vote - Seven votes in favor

Motion carries

B. Plan for next upcoming site visit

- DBH Crisis Intervention Team
- Date to be determined

X. Committee Updates

- Adult Services Committee -Did not meet in September due to Labor Day holiday. October 3rd they will hear about Rural Mental Health Services provided by Turning Point.
- Children’s Behavioral Health Services Committee – Meets bi-monthly and did not meet in September. They meet again Thursday October 27th and will have information on what will be discussed on the meeting Agenda that will be distributed
- Forensics Committee- Did not meet in September. They will meet on Monday October 10th and will have a presentation on Suicide Trends from DBH Forensics Team
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD)Committee – Met on September 8th and heard from Westcare Residential Treatment Program. They will meet again on December 8th and the committee has invited the Poverello House to discuss the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services available

XI. Public Comment

None received

XII. Adjournment

4:58 PM