



FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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

Via Webex

Minutes

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u>
Nick Lutton	Susan Holt, <i>Director</i>	Amber Molina
Carolyn Evans	Dang Xiong	Allison Burke
Stephanie Gutierrez	Michael Pritchard	Lali Witrigo
Ana Boydston	Brian Bishop	Cynthia Rocha
David Thorne	Enrique Botello	Jessica Underwood
Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler	Jolie Gordon Browar	Michele Darling
Debbie Xiong	Tina Young	David Tan
Manuel Piceno	Jeannette Dominguez	Ryan Banks
		Kari Larson
		Liz Escoto
		Neil Collins
		Kaylie
		Marilyn Bamford
		Deanna Kivett
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>		
Brooke Frost		
Donald Vanderheyden		
Susan Xiong		
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u>		
Sal Quintero, <i>Supervisor</i> – Absent		

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Chair of the Behavioral Health Board (BHB), called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM and welcomed Manuel Piceno newly appointed to the BHB from District 5. Manuel was welcomed to introduce himself. A roll call of Behavioral Health Board (BHB) members followed.

II. Public Comment – No Public Comments were received

III. Review of Agenda by Behavioral Health Board

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

IV. Approval of draft Minutes for the October 19 2022, and November 16, 2022 BHB Meeting

The draft minutes for October 19th and November 16th, 2022 were accepted as written

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

The Update this month began with an announcement about the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Planning Process portion of the Three-Year Update concluding at the end of this month. There is a survey provided in English, Spanish & Hmong on the MHSA webpage, www.fresnomhsa.com, welcoming stakeholder input. Any other input may also be submitted by emailing the team at mhsa@fresnocountyca.gov

- The Department will request an extension from the MHSA Oversight and Accountability Commission for the MHSA Innovations funded program - The Lodge
- The extension plan can also be found on the MHSA webpage
- Before an extension can be considered for granting the Department is required to hold a Public Hearing
- The BHB will host a Public Hearing for Innovations Project Extension Plan during the January 18th BHB meeting

Monthly Suicide Data

- November 2022 – Nine deaths by suicide
- The same number of deaths by suicide for December of 2021

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

Contracts/Board Agenda – Select Items of note
December 13, 2022

- A Resolution authorizing Fresno County's participation in the California Department of Housing and Community Development Accelerator Project Gap Funding Program
- Amendment to Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services for SUD treatment services and the updated State requirements related to the Medi-Cal transformation efforts
- Program evaluation services / program evaluator approved for the California Reducing Disparities project

Legislative Updates

- Budget Act of 2022- Community based intervention for solutions and diversions for Incompetent to Stand Trial

B. Overview on DBH Housing Access Resource Team (HART)

An overview of the services available was provided. The program assists individuals experiencing homelessness and those at risk of becoming homeless and receive services from the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health county-operated treatment teams. The HART program works by providing information to the treatment to teams regarding the proper linkages to homeless prevention and shelter diversion programs, as well as identify resources and the necessary processes to initiate the Coordinated Entry Process.

The three different DBH specific program types of housing available fall under the following categories:

- Homeless Housing – capacity of 93 units
- Homeless Shelter Plus Care Voucher (financial assistance through a voucher) – 51 vouchers
- At-Risk Housing – capacity of 135 units

Referral Types:

Housing referral: DBH Treatment Teams

Tenancy and Supportive Services: Property Management

Mental Health Services: Community

C. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Prevention Services Annual Evaluation Report; LPC

Highlights from the first year of evaluation results for SUD Prevention services for 2021- 22, were shared through a PowerPoint presented by LPC Consulting, Through a strategic planning process in May 2021, a structure on prevention services was created. The Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) was awarded a five- year grant to implement SUD prevention services throughout Fresno County. Soon following, LPC was brought on by the County to design and evaluate the SUD prevention initiative.

Through a list of prevention strategies, the program youth aim to decrease access to following three substances identified:

- Alcohol
- Marijuana
- Prescription drug

Program outreach has been extended through activities at local high schools and middle schools. While Elementary age kids have been reached through locations in the community. Data below represent the numbers of activities and participants:

- 19 different sites for ages 12 – 17 yrs. and 4 different sites for the younger elementary age children
- Over 400 activities
- 350 total participants

All campaigns and events were topics selected and led by youth in collaboration with adult allies. Many of the 28 program objectives are still in progress, with 5 being completely met and 6 not yet met. Some of the program successes identified for year one was, in-person recruitment, middle school engagement and social events. Of the 43 targeted sites for year one only 29 sites were reached, and the program experienced some of the following challenges:

- The impact of COVID for launching services
- Youth fatigue in virtual activities
- Data collection difficulties
- Limited environmental prevention strategies

While the program did experience some challenges, a handful of lessons were learned, making way for new ideas and planning of strategies as solutions to the challenges.

VI. Public Comment

None received

VII. Old Business

- **December Site Visit Report on Department of Behavioral Health HART**
 - The HART program helps many people with housing in the community
 - Only concern is the 30 -day reset on in the timeline for required documents

VIII. New Business

A. **Motion to Approve the Continuation of Teleconferencing**

Motion – BHB Member David Thorne

Second – Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler

Discussion – None

Roll Call Vote - Seven votes in favor

Motion Carries

B. Discussion of Brown Act teleconferencing requirements and new allowances

The BHB Chair made an announcement regarding AB2449, Public Emergency Allowances and the COVID-19 Emergency ending February 28, 2023. A hard copy of the information on the Brown Act was provided to all BHB members via U.S. Postal, ensuring that everyone is aware of the change forthcoming. The changes will require all Boards and Advisory Committees within the state, to meet in-person, with the exception of a “Member Emergency” and a “Just Cause Allowance” (effective 1/1/2023 – 1/1/2026)

C. Election and Installation of BHB Officers for the coming calendar year

Nominees – Nick Lutton – Chair

Brooke Frost – Vice Chair

Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler – Secretary

Motion: BHB Member Carolyn Evans – Move to elect the slate of officers nominated

Second: BHB Member Stephanie Gutierrez

Discussion: None

Rollcall Vote: Seven votes in favor

D. BHB January Workshop to be in-person on a Saturday at 9AM

- The date and location selected will be announced and posted according to the Brown Act requirements

IX. Committee Updates

- Adult Services Committee -December 5th meeting heard from Blue Sky Wellness Center. Next meeting is February 6th at 10:00 AM
- Children’s Behavioral Health Services Committee – Due to the Christmas holiday, met on the third Thursday of December, the 15th and heard from River Vista Behavioral Health, a program new to the area who is scheduled to open June 2023. Next meeting is February 23rd at 9:00 AM
- Forensics Committee- Met on December 12th and received and discussed the routine data reported on by DBH from the Fresno County. Next meeting Monday February 13th at 1:30 PM. Re-occurring meeting schedule is subject to change in the upcoming year. Further information will follow.
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD)Committee – Met on December 8th and heard about the Rehabilitation Program at the Poverello House. Next meeting is Thursday March 9th, 2023 at 10:00 AM

X. Public Comment

None received

XI. Adjournment

4:50 PM

Next Meeting January 18, 2023