



**KERN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Draft for approval

Monday, January 27, 2020

5:30 p.m.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
2001 28th Street Westchester Training Room

BOARD MEMBERS:

Charles Collom (excused)
Clarence Cryer
Deborah Fabos (excused)
Doug Jauch
Fawn Dessy

Frank Ramirez
Jean Lockhart
Jeff Burdick
Kate Tandy

Richard Hoffer (excused)
Nicole Villaruz
Sonia Silva

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bakersfield Recovery Services, Eric Sanders CAD-C-II, Executive Director
Marisa Trebizo, Clinica Sierra Vista
Robyn Garcia, Clinica Sierra Vista
Stephanie Carroll – Bakersfield Recovery Services
Coleen Peteis, NAMI
Katie Sons, TAASK

KernBHRS

Alison Burrowes
Ana Olvera
Lynn Corse

Michelle Culy
Rhonda Barnhard
Robert Farmer

Robin Taylor
Stacy Kuwahara
Mitchell Patel

1. Executive Committee Meeting: Executive Committee meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. in the Westchester Training Room.
2. Welcome and Introductions: Kate Tandy welcomed all in attendance. Board members provided self-introductions.
3. Establish Quorum: 9 present 3 absent; quorum established.
4. Approval of Minutes: MOTION by Frank Ramirez and seconded by Jeff Burdick to approve November 25, 2019 regular meeting minutes.
APPROVED ALL AYES.
5. Presentation by Bakersfield Recovery Services, Eric Sanders CAD-C-II, Executive Director and Stephanie Carol, Program Director. Presentation on residential SUD (Substance Use Disorder)
6. Public Comment: An opportunity was provided for members of the public to address the Board. None
7. Unfinished Business: None.
8. New Business: None



- 9.** Chair Report – Kate Tandy: reported that she has been the chair of the Quality Improvement committee for over three years and has now transitioned it over to Clarence Cryer.
Dr. Tandy shared to today's attendees that we celebrated today with an ice cream social in place of having a holiday event in December. Took this opportunity to meet and greet.
- 10.** Administrative Services Deputy Director's Report – Stacy Kuwahara
- Stacy introduced Robert Farmer, Technology Services Manager and explained what an important role he plays in our department.
 - Medical Services has started a new pilot program by providing psychiatry services using telepsychiatry with some of KernBHRS contractor providers.
 - Quality Improvement Division submitted their most recent network adequacy report. KernBHRS was able to demonstrate all the standards in children's and adults. Stacy believes moving forward into the next recertification round there will be no Correction Action Plan (CAP). Bill explained to the board the reason behind the CAP/sanction. Next submission will be in April.
 - Finance is focused on the budget Fiscal Year 20/21.
- 11.** Specialty Clinical Services Deputy Director's Report – Robin Taylor
- Robin reviewed the Mental Health Services Report for Fiscal Year 19/20 2nd Quarter Report handout addressed members questions and comments.
 - Psychiatric Hospital Facility project is still in progress. Robin met with an architect to begin the design.
 - Crisis services, Fraise Hope House is now open and seeing clients.
 - The lobby over at Mary K Shell is under construction. Construction should last about 2 or 3 months.
 - Mental Health first aid training that will be open to the public, Saturday, February 15th from 8am-5pm at our Westchester location.
- 12.** Department Report – Bill Walker, Director
- Bill shared the legislative cycle has begun and bills are starting to get introduced at the state level. A lot is coming out in Governor's budget and legislative.
 - For children's one of the biggest focus is to integrate behavioral services into the schools and address Transitional Age Youth specific to foster care.
 - Healing station and Sobering station will open in March 2020.
 - The County is developing a low barrier shelter and the city passed their own low barrier shelter.
 - Another area of focus is forensic work for people going into prison or state hospitals or if they are coming out who to transition them to receive services.
 - Bill spoke about the waivers. Every county has a mental health, behavioral health and physical health plan with the state that implements the federal and state dollars for the Medicaid, Medi-Cal and unfunded populations.
 - Tomorrow in the Board of Supervisors chambers Kern Medical and the county will be presenting to integrate Kern Medical and Kern Health Systems plan. Bill has already spoken to Dough Howard and Russell Judd and work towards better integration.
 - 27 days into the calendar year, 211 days into the Fiscal Year, 332 days till Christmas and 367 days until Bill retires. Bill gave the county a year notice and has started a transition plan.
- 13.** Board Member Item:
- Frank Ramirez would like some consideration and suggested when doing MHSA feedback in the future would it be possible to implement a google form to give individual/personnel input.

- Frank Ramirez spoke about the movement to give blanket services to students in schools. Frank would like some consideration for the students who are medically insured that may not have a fair chance in accessing services due to barriers. Example co-pays.

14. Public Announcements:

- Bill Walker introduced Nicole Villaruz representative for Board of Supervisors

15. MOTION by Frank Ramirez and seconded by Doug Jauch to adjourn to the next regular meeting February 24, 2020, at KernBHRS, 2001-28th St, Training Room.
APPROVED ALL AYES; adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

16. Ice Cream Social-*Meet 'n' Greet*

Items Distributed

Minutes of November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Organizational Chart
Behavioral health Board 2020 Meeting Schedule
Mental Health Services Act Fiscal Year 19/20 2nd Quarter Report