



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

Draft for approval

Monday, February 24, 2020

5:30 p.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS:

Charles Collom
Clarence Cryer
Deborah Fabos
Doug Jauch
Fawn Dessy

Frank Ramirez
Jean Lockhart (absent)
Jeff Burdick
Kate Tandy (excused)

Richard Hofferd
Nicole Villaruz (excused)
Sonia Silva

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Malara, Telecare – Ridgecrest CSU
Edward Whitehouse, PUMG
Jessica Forrest, Tehachapi District

Marisa Trebizo, CSU

Robyn Garcia, Clinica Sierra Vista

KernBHRS

Tonya Mann
Lynn Corse

Michelle Culy
Stacy Kuwahara

Mitchall Patel
Robert Farmer

1. Executive Committee Meeting: Executive Committee meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. in the Westchester Training Room.
2. Welcome and Introductions: Jeff Burdick 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 January 27, 2020 regular meeting minutes.
APPROVED ALL AYES.
5. Presentation by Telecare, Ridgecrest CSU, Jennifer Malara. Presentation by Specialty Clinical Services.
 - **Action Item:** Stacy will research the legal language within the insurance world so that clients are not persuaded.
6. Public Comment: An opportunity was provided for members of the public to address the Board.
 - Jessica Forrest from the Tehachapi District spoke about her father's needs for mental health services and the lack of mental health services being provided in Tehachapi. Jessica is here today to get clarification as why services are not being provided for Tehachapi residents or are, they misinformed.
 - Bill Walker addressed Jessica and offered his apologies regarding her situation and for the services that her father did not receive. Bill went over the services are being offered to all the Tehachapi and Ridgecrest residents. Bill informed Jessica that he will investigate where the disconnect may have happened.



- Bill asked Deputy Director, Stacy Kuwahara to speak with Mrs. Forrest and obtain her information to ensure that we properly connect her and her father to services.
- 7. Unfinished Business:**
- 7a. Board member items:
- Bill would like this portion of the agenda to be moved to the end. Board member items will then be discussed in our Executive Pre-meeting with your officers and brought back to the board as quickly as possible.
- 7b. 2019 Annual Report:
- Board reaffirmed as to who the committee member are; Charles Collum, Doug Jauch and Dr. Kate Tandy.
- 8. New Business: None**
- 9. Chair Report – Jeff Burdick for Dr. Kate Tandy: None**
- 10. Administrative Services Deputy Director’s Report – Stacy Kuwahara – None**
- 11. Adult Clinical Services Deputy Director’s Report – Lynn Corse for Alison Burrowes**
- The Substance Use Disorder Division the DHCS audit monitoring review was conducted February 11th.
 - For medication assisted treatment we are working with our partners Omni and Clinica Sierra Vista to expand medication assisted treatment available in the primary care setting.
 - The recovery stations in Delano and Kentucky street are coming soon. Invitation to the open house will go out soon.
 - In the Adult System of Care Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) is now offered and we are looking at additional specialized treatment services.
 - For Individual Placement Support (IPS) we are looking to pilot the individualized placement support. There are two teams in the department with technical support through California Institute for Behavioral Health Services (CIBHS) currently pending approval.
 - Under Special Projects and Housing the county’s low barrier navigation homeless shelter off of Golden State Hwy and M street is under construction. Shelter anticipated to open late February early March. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) will provide onsite services. Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAP-K) will be the operator.
 - The City of Bakersfield recently approved a second low barrier navigation center located at the old Calcot site on Brundage Lane. BHRS will also be offering services at this location. Site is due to open at the end of the year.
 - A conditional grant project was recently completed at one of The Serene homes. This program provides quality housing providers an opportunity to remedy existing conditions within the home to remove barriers to accessibility the cost of permits and other issues.
 - The Pack for recovery program housing services launch on year ago this month. Since the launch over 800 recovery bags have been delivered.
 - Recovery supports is working on the Early Psychosis outreach and awareness program, which is contracted with the University of Southern California, La Clave team. This is an outreach and awareness program for the Hispanic Communities. Hoping for a Spring launch on the La Clave messaging material for the selected rural communities.
 - Peer employment training session coming up March 9th- March 20th.
 - Kern Linkage Division, Supportive Treatment Opportunities the departments Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial Diversion Program is up and running. The clinicians are going into the court room on Fridays and screening for potential clients.
- 12. Department Report – Bill Walker, Director**

- Bill reviewed the California Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) 2020 Legislative Priorities and Budget Priorities handout address boards questions and concerns.
- Bill referred to the BHRS Department Organizational Chart and introduced Mitchall Patel New Public Information Officer for the department.
- Bill shared the flyer on the Homeless & Behavioral Health Informational Forum. BHRS was approached by the faith community and by a group of pollical leaders to go over our system and funding specifically how it relates to homelessness. The goal of the meeting is to increase our partnership with some of the faith-based communities and help some of our legislative members understand what is considered a priority legislative piece.
- Bill discussed the new waivers, the integration and services without a diagnosis. More mobile services and more direct services for foster youth.

13. Board Member Item:

- Fawn commented on how important the IMD waiver is for people who suffer from mental illness and getting proper treatment.
- Deborah commented on how important it is for the doctors and the facilities to build relationships with their patients for a lasting recovery.
- Sonia stressed the importance of filling out the census information. The census is conducted every 10 years and the county gets \$2000 a year that can be applied towards resources.
- Richard commented on the Adult Treatment and Services Committee he attends. Richard was very please with the presentation by the Adult Transition team and encouraged more members to attend.

14. Public Announcements:

- Bill Walker gave kudos to Clinica Sierra Vista for doing street medicine outreach. Bill would like to partner with Clinica Sierra Vista and see how we can add a more medical side to the street outreach that we do as well as the street psychiatric side.

15. MOTION by Frank Ramirez and seconded by Doug Jauch to adjourn to the next regular meeting March 23, 2020, at KernBHRS, 2001-28th St, Training Room.

APPROVED ALL AYES; adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Items Distributed

Minutes of January 27, 2020 Regular Meeting
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Organizational Chart
Flyer on Ridgecrest CSU
Flyer on Homeless & Behavioral Health Informational Forum
Handout on CBHDA 2020 Legislative and Budget Priorities
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