



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

Draft for approval

Monday, September 28, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
Via Microsoft TEAMS

BOARD MEMBERS:

Charles Collom (absent)
Deborah Fabos (leave)
Doug Jauch
Fawn Dessy (absent)
Jean Lockhart (absent)

Jeff Burdick
Kate Tandy
Richard Hofferd
Nicole Villaruz
Bill Walker

Stephanie Hermeston
Traco Matthews (absent)
Sonia Silva

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rachel Mehia, Turning Point
Robyn Garcia, Clinica Sierra Vista
Amber Smith, BBHH
Stephanie Hermeston, QKinc

Marissa Treviso, Clinica Sierra Vista
Jaime Contreras, Turning Point
Mary Sawyer, Portfolio Properties

Rachelle Ramirez, Telecare
Katie Sons, TAASK
Jim Wheeler, FLOOD

KernBHRS

Alison Burrowes
Lynn Corse
Robin Taylor
Shannon Tolar
Alice Kendrick
Ana Olvera

Lesleigh Davis
Stacy Kuwahara
Andrea Flores for Mitchall Patel
Tonya Mann
Christina Rajal
Rhonda Barnhard

Tracy Lynch
Robert Farmer
Joy Quiton-Buaya
Jennie Sill
Connie Hanson

1. Welcome and Introductions:
 - Dr. Kate Tandy welcomed all in attendance and provided self-instructions.
 - Dr. Tandy gave a special welcome to new board members Stephanie Hermeston and Traco Matthews.
 - Stephanie introduced herself and gave a brief description of her background and interest to the board.
2. Establish Quorum: 8 present 5 absent 1 excused; quorum established.
3. Approval of Draft August 24, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes: MOTION by Jeff Burdick and seconded by Sonia Silva to approve August 24, 2020 regular meeting minutes.
APPROVED ALL AYES.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Presentation by:
Heather Hornibrook introduced, Robyn Garcia and Marissa Treviso, Clinica Sierra Vista.
Robin presented and reviewed a PowerPoint on, "Adult Behavioral Health Services". Robin addressed the board questions and comments.



6. Unfinished Business: None

7. New Business

- Development of Recruitment Plan for New Members – Bill Walker
 - Bill spoke on the plan to recruit new board members.
 - Mitchall, Public Information Officer has done a great job of reaching out to the community and recruiting new members.
 - Thanks to Mitchall's efforts the board has recruited two new members Stephanie Hermeston and Traco Matthews that are in attendance tonight and another new member starting next month.
 - We are looking at getting people from the outlying area's Ridgecrest, Lake Isabella, or the Kern River Valley. Mitchall is in the process of reaching out to those communities.
 - Bill shared a brief description on the responsibilities for new members who come on board.
 - Bill spoke briefly on the new member orientation. The orientation will consist of an overview of the department and new board members interests. Appointments will go out to new members in the next couple weeks.

8. Chair Report – Dr. Kate Tandy – deferred to September board meeting

- Selection of Behavioral Health Board Executive Committee of the Slate of Officers:
 - Kate addressed the group and mentioned that the executive team is in need of new members. All of the current executive team will be terming out at the end of the year. Those who are interested in serving on the executive team please email Kate or Bill.
 - Rachel Mehia shared that Jaime Contreras would like to help and is interested in coming on board. Bill advised Rachel to have Jaime email Patricia so we can work out the details.
- Director Recruitment
 - Kate shared that Bill will be leaving at the end of the year and what the board's involvement will be in the recruitment process.
 - Kate addressed the board and asked if any of the board members would be interested in being part of the review process. Jeff Burdick stated he would like to assist. Kate shared that Fawn would also assist in the review process being that she has shown an interest.
 - Bill gave a quick overview as to the review process and what it will entail.
 - Bill shared that Liz Brown; BHRS HR will reach out to the BHB group and coordinate the process.

9. Administrative Services Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Deputy Director

- Stacy gave a PowerPoint presentation and overview on the department budget. Addressed questions and comments.

10. KernBHRS Department Report – Bill Walker, Director

- Bill addressed the group and went over legislation. Bill shared that new legislation has been put forward and the negotiations and voting have begun. That leads to legislators approving the legislation and sending it to the governor. The governor will then veto or not sign it. If the governor does not sign, it will automatically become law.
- Bill reviewed a few bills that have been passed:
 - o The Peer Support Specialist Peer Certification Bill.
 - o AB2112 The Suicide Prevention Bill.
 - o AB2265 Mental Health Services Act Bill to use of funds for substance abuse disorder treatment.
 - o AB3242 Mental Health Services Involuntary Commitment.
 - o AB1976 Mental Health Services Assisted Outpatient Treatment – Laura's Law.

- In November Bill and Tony Perez will be doing a presentation next month on the new legislation that will be coming out.

11. Board Member Item: None

12. Public Announcements: NONE

MOTION by Jeff Burdick to adjourn the meeting Seconded by Nicole Villaruz. Next regular meeting October 26, 2020, VIA Microsoft Teams

APPROVED ALL AYES; adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Items Distributed

Behavioral Health Board Agenda

Minutes from August 24, 2020

Behavioral Health Services PowerPoint Presentation, Robyn Garcia, Clinica Sierra Vista

Budget PowerPoint Presentation, Stacy Kuwahara, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services