



BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH & RECOVERY
SERVICES

KERN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 24, 2022
5:30 p.m.
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (KernBHRS)
Via Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Collom – Chair	Nancy Solis (Dist. 5) <i>Absent</i>
Sonia Silva (Dist. 1) – 1 st Vice Chair	Dian Schneider (Dist. 2)
Stephanie Hermeston (Dist. 1) – 2 nd Vice Chair	Lorre Webb (Dist. 2) <i>Excused</i>
David Kessler (Dist. 3) – Parliamentarian	Flossie White (Dist. 4) <i>Absent</i>
John Antonaros – Board of Supervisors Appointee <i>Excused</i>	Rachelle Classen (Dist. 5) <i>Absent</i>
Deborah Fabos (Dist. 2)	Jeff Burdick (Dist. 1)
Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3)	Tracy Lynch – BHB Coordinator
Traco Matthews (Dist. 4)	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pritika Ram	Marisa Trebizo
Pari Siberman	Robyn Garcia
Sharon Woolfok	

KERNBHRS STAFF:

Stacy Kuwahara – Director	Jessica Armstrong
Alison Burrowes – Deputy Director	Lynn Corse
Heather Hornibrook	Lesleigh Davis
Diana Najera	Jennie Sill

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Charles Collom welcomed all in attendance. Board members provided self-introductions.
2. **Establish Quorum:** 9 present 2 excused 3 absent; Quorum established.
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for 11/22/21:** MOTION by Traco to approve minutes and seconded by Dian; APPROVED ALL AYES.
4. **Presentation by Pritika Ram, Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK):**
Shared a presentation via PowerPoint. Community action that is part of a nationwide effort to address poverty and issues that may lead to poverty. Volunteers are always welcomed. Allowed time for Q&A.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Behavioral Health Board Virtual Meetings:** The Behavioral Health Board next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2022. MOTION by Traco Matthews to remain virtual for the month of February and seconded by Dian Schneider; APPROVED ALL AYES.



B. Learning Healthcare Network (LHCN) Innovation Plan:

Heather Hornibrook (Administrator, Adult System of Care for KernBHRS) shared a presentation on LHCN. Funding starts with Stakeholders support, 30-day public review, then Behavioral Health Board (BHB) approval. Once BHB has approved the Plan, it moves on to Board of Supervisors and lastly to Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability final approval. MOTION by Dian Schneider to accept the Learning Healthcare Network Innovation Plan and seconded by Jeff Burdick; APPROVED ALL AYES.

Q&A:

Is funding for Kern only or for LA counties too? Kern County only.

Target population ages 16-25? Yes. Can you go lower than 16 years old? That is the average age but if needed can probably make changes.

If a change is made in the targeted population, would we have to go back for approvals again? Unsure of the answer, but Heather will ask MHSA Coordinator (Christina Rajlal) for information.

On recordkeeping, will that be internal, or will clients have a portal access? Current electronic record will not be maintained by its organization. Currently, we are in a Request for Proposal process to find a new Electronic Health Record (EHR). The new EHRs include client portals.

Is this a grant? This is part of KernBHRS' Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding. MHSA is funding stream. We will have a presentation on MHSA at the next BHB meeting. MHSA has to spend funds on innovation projects

New Action Item for Tracy: Add MHSA presentation to next BHB agenda.

For family education & support, do you have an outline of what it is going to look like? Not yet but working on the process with UC Davis on how the team will flow and how our outreach will look.

8. Chair Report – Charles Collom:

A. Parliamentary Appointment: renominated David Kessler. David accepted the appointment,

B. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services Committee Appointment: Director motioned to appoint Lorre Webb as the co-chair. APPROVED ALL AYES.

9. Adult Clinical Services Report – Alison Burrowes, Deputy Director:

- Due to the surge of COVID, scaled back for onsite services but added more field services and using video. Having some challenges with staffing; losing nurses and some clinical staff—looking at some recruitment strategies.
- Recovery Station on Kentucky Street is under repair so currently working out of the Westchester Building. Working with Stakeholders on retaining the Delano Recovery Station because the station is not being utilized in the capacity anticipated.
- Substance Use Disorder and the Quality Improvement staff will be participating in the external quality review with the state (an opportunity to share our services and get feedback).
- Relational Outreach Engagement Model (ROEM) Team has expanded and reached the 1st year anniversary. ROEM's objective is to reduce the number of unsheltered homeless with behavioral health challenges.
- Individual Placement Support which is an employment support program will be featured at the next BHB meeting.
- Advanced Peer Employment Training on February 16-18, 2022 in collaboration with Recovery Innovations International.

10. Specialty Clinical Services Report – Robin Taylor, Deputy Director (Stacy for Robin)

- 2/25/2022 Black History Month Webinar 3-5 p.m.
- Cultural Competence Staff are participating on a Statewide Community Mental Health Program
- New MHSA Innovation Plans: LHCN which was presented today is an Early Psychosis Intervention Plan. Looking to expand the ROEM Program and to have mobile clinics.
- MHSA Audit happening March 8, 2022

11. Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director

- Shared concerns on amount of staff affected by COVID—it is impacting services. Taking measures to try and keep staff safe and continuing face-to-face serving by going out in the field but less services onsite unless they are services that must be performed onsite.
- In the proposed budget for new fiscal period starting in July 2022, we should be seeing increases in realignment and MHSA funds. Governor is proposing a Medi-Cal expansion for all regardless of immigration status.
- State hospitals wait list is huge so they will be investing more money to have more community based restoration services to avoid going to the hospitals.
- Focused on recruiting and training for an ethnically, culturally, inclusively workforce.
- Recruiting for a Youth BHB member; see flyer in invite.
- BHB Annual Report: time to work on it; more to come.

12. Board Member Item: None.

13. Committee Reports:

- A. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services – No updates.
- B. Children's Treatment & Recovery Services – Dian Schneider & Jeff Burdick: Jeff shared that Child Guidance gave a presentation on their services for the community. This committee meets quarterly so next meeting will be in March.
- C. System Quality Improvement Committee – David Kessler: CalAIM was discussed and the changes coming to that program.

14. Public Announcements: None.

15. Adjourn: MOTION by Traco Matthews and seconded by David Kessler to adjourn to the next regular meeting via Zoom on February 28, 2022. APPROVED ALL AYES; adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite

BHB Agenda for January 24, 2022

Meeting Minutes (Draft) from November 22, 2021

BHB Meeting Schedule for Year 2022

BHB Youth Recruitment Flyer 2021

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