



BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH & RECOVERY
SERVICES

KERN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 28, 2022

5:30 p.m.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (KernBHRS)
Via Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Collom – Chair *Excused*
Sonia Silva (Dist. 1) – 1st Vice Chair
Stephanie Hermeston (Dist. 1) – 2nd Vice Chair
David Kessler (Dist. 3) – Parliamentarian
John Antonaros – Board of Supervisors Appointee
Deborah Fabos (Dist. 2) *Excused*
Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3) *Absent*
Traco Matthews (Dist. 4)

Nancy Solis (Dist. 5)
Dian Schneider (Dist. 2)
Lorre Webb (Dist. 2)
Flossie White (Dist. 4) *Absent*
Rachelle Classen (Dist. 5) *Absent*
Jeff Burdick (Dist. 1)
Tracy Lynch – BHB Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Pat McNeill
Theresa Comstock

Mridini Vijay
Robyn Garcia

KERNBHRS STAFF:

Stacy Kuwahara – Director
Robin Taylor – Deputy Director
Sarah Jimenez-Puente

Heather Hornibrook – Interim Deputy Director
Lynn Corse
Michelle Culy

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Stephanie Hermeston 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 February 28, 2022:** MOTION by Dian Schneider to approve minutes and seconded by David Kessler; ALL AYES. Motion passed.
- 4. Presentation by Sarah Jimenez-Puente and Sgt. Patrick McNeill, "Correctional Behavioral Health"**
Shared a presentation via PowerPoint on Correctional Behavioral Health, the Referral Process, Inmate Stabilization and Assessment Team, Diversion Programs, Discharge Planning, and Outcomes. Time allowed for *Questions and Answers*.
- 5. Public Comment:** Theresa Comstock, Executive Director for California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALBHB/C) is joined by their new Intern, Mridini Vijay. They are joining the meeting today to support our work and posted information on CALBHB/C in chat (www.calbhbc.org).
- 6. Unfinished Business:** None



7. New Business:

- A. Behavioral Health Board Virtual Meetings:** The Behavioral Health Board Executive Committee recommended that the meetings be moved from virtual to in person starting April 25, 2022, at KernBHRS Administration located at 2001 28th Street in the Westchester Training Room. MOTION by Traco Matthews and seconded by Sonia Silva; 8 AYES; 1 OPPOSED. Motion Passed.

8. Chair Report – Stephanie Hermeston for Charles Collom: None.

9. Adult Clinical Services Report – Heather Hornibrook, Interim Deputy Director:

- Services Under COVID: Most of our direct services team have returned to 100% on site. Remaining direct service staff will be on site by April 4, 2022.
- Proposition 47 Grant: Application deadline is May 2, 2022. This grant will provide funding for individuals in the criminal judicial system for both mental health and substance use.
- Kern Linkage Division: Sarah Jimenez-Puente is the new Supervisor for Correctional Behavioral Health, and Cassaundra Thompson is the new Supervisor for the Homeless Adult Team.
- Early Psychosis Team Update: Soft opening on April 1, 2022. Identified staff for the team and are currently working on training for the program.

10. Specialty Clinical Services Report – Robin Taylor, Deputy Director

- Department Supports Division:
 - National Psychology Internship Program Match Process for Year 2022-2023: We have four Psychology Interns from diverse backgrounds that will start in August 2022.
 - Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial Diversion Evaluations: Clinical Psychology Team has taken this on in partnership with Correctional Behavioral Health to decriminalize mental illness.
 - Cultural Competence Team/MHSA Community Listening Events: Working with members of the community from Native American and Hispanic Latinx communities to share main priorities for mental health and wellness from cultural perspective.
- Children's System of Care:
 - School Services and Partnerships: Mental Health Student Services Grant, KernBHRS is working with Kern County Superintendent of Schools to support their school behavioral health teams. KernBHRS is working closely with Bakersfield City School District building relationships to support good communication and referral systems for our youth needing services. Also working with Bakersfield City School District to pilot Prepare U, an educational program focused on mental health wellness.
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Coordination:
 - MHSA Triannual Audit: Completed on March 8th and was a great success.
 - Mobile Clinic with Street Psychiatry Innovation Plan: Approved by Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and will be under the leadership of Michelle Culy.
 - May is Mental Health Month: Full calendar will be provided at the April 25, 2022, meeting.

11. Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director

- Behavioral Health Board Annual 2021 Report: Draft is being finalized and will be presented at the April 25, 2022, meeting.
- Care Court: Provided an overview on what's being proposed.

12. Board Member Item: Lorre Webb proposed Dr. Ashleigh Herrera come speak on distributing Narcan to the public.

13. Committee Reports:

- A.** Adult Treatment & Recovery Services – Lorre Webb: Nothing to report at this time.
- B.** Children's Treatment & Recovery Services – Dian Schneider & Jeff Burdick: This committee meets quarterly.
- C.** System Quality Improvement Committee – David Kessler: Had a meeting today with two great presentations. Children's Foster Care data: Looks like referrals for Foster Care have gone down over the last year. Consumer Survey Results: Overall rating of 85% that our happy with direct services.

14. Public Announcements: None.

15. Adjourn: MOTION by David Kessler and seconded by Dian Schneider to adjourn to the next regular meeting in person on April 25, 2022. ALL AYES. Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite

BHB Meeting Schedule 2022

BHB Agenda for March 28, 2022

Meeting Minutes (Draft) from February 28, 2022

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