



**BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH & RECOVERY
SERVICES**

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

Monday, April 25, 2022

5:30 p.m.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (KernBHRS)
2001 28th Street, Bakersfield, CA, Westchester Training Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Collom – Chair
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)
Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3)
Traco Matthews (Dist. 4)

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

KERNBHRS STAFF:

Stacy Kuwahara – Director
Jessica Armstrong
Lesleigh Davis
Joy Quiton-Buaya
Christina Rajlal

Heather Hornibrook – Interim Deputy Director
Lynn Corse
Tammy Cates
Michelle Culy
Candee Del Rio

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Charles Collom welcomed all in attendance.
2. **Establish Quorum:** 11 present 2 excused 1 absent; Quorum established.
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for March 28, 2022:** MOTION by David Kessler to approve minutes and seconded by Sonia Silva; ALL AYES. Motion passed.
4. **Presentation by Dr. Christina Rajlal and Candee Del Rio, “Mental Health Services Act Funding and Reversion”**
Shared a presentation via PowerPoint on Mental Health Services Act Funding and Reversion. Time allowed for *Questions and Answers*.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Behavioral Health Board 2021 Annual Report:** The BHB 2021 Annual Report was sent out to all board members for review. Charles opened the floor for discussion and approval. MOTION by David Kessler to approve the BHB 2021 Annual Report and seconded by Stephanie Hermeston; ALL AYES. Motion passed.



- B. Strategic Planning Meeting:** Charles opened the floor for discussion on if we should have a Strategic Planning Meeting this year or have a Strategic Lunch. MOTION by Traco Matthews to have a Strategic Lunch with plans to have a Strategic Planning Meeting next year to develop a 3-year plan and seconded by Nancy Solis; ALL AYES. Motion passed.

8. Chair Report: None.

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

- Housing Division:
 - On site 100% and began housing provider field visits.
 - Prop 47 Grant: In the process of submitting to the CA Board of State and Community Corrections on April 29th. This grant will support: Forensic Supportive Services, Community Based Supportive Services and Substance Use Disorder Early Intervention and Engagement.
- Kern Linkage Division:
 - Mobile Clinic with Street Psychiatry: Next steps are to meet and begin the process of planning the operations and retrofitting of an RV and sprinter van.
 - ROEM Team: A Deputy Conservator was recently hired and is currently working in the field training with staff.
- Adult System of Care:
 - All teams are back on site 100% and groups have started back.
 - Early Psychosis: Soft opening and piloting. We currently have three referrals.
 - AOT: Currently have 47 individuals and have had 170 referrals this fiscal year of those 72% meet criteria. Next meeting is May 10 @ 1 PM via Teams.
- Recovery Services Administration:
 - CFLC: Outdoor art class for 6 weeks, currently in 3rd week. Art will be used for Art in the Park event in May.

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

- Crisis:
 - PEC: High volume.
 - MET: Expansion of the Co-Response Team with BPD. Communications Center Pilot with BPD has been a success. Plans to add 2 more positions for 24-hour coverage.
- Children's System of Care:
 - Crossroads: KernBHRS is taking over from Probation on July 1st.
 - Outreach: Working with schools, managed care plans and Bakersfield City School District.
 - MHSSA Grant: Working on with Kern County Superintendent of Schools.
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Coordination:
 - May is Mental Health Month: Dr. Christina Rajlal went over all the scheduled events. Full calendar provided.

11. Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director

- Psychiatric Health Facilities: Groundbreaking was April 7th. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.
- Career Expo: April 30th from 9AM – 1 PM in the Westchester (2001 28th Street) Parking lot.
- BHB Youth Member Recruitment: We are still recruiting for a youth member between the age of 16-25.

12. Board Member Item: None

13. Committee Reports:

- A.** Adult Treatment & Recovery Services – Lorre Webb: Meeting was held on April 13th and had a presentation on Kern Linkage Division (KLD) – How KLD Connects Clients to Services by Jennifer Catlett. Housing Authority was suggested as presentation at next meeting in May.
- B.** Children’s Treatment & Recovery Services –Jeff Burdick: Meeting was held on April 14th and had a presentation on Covenant Community Services THP Program/Housing Development by Randy Martin. Next meeting is scheduled for July 14th.
- C.** System Quality Improvement Committee – David Kessler: Had a meeting today with two presentations on Performance Improvement Projects by Celena Alvarez and Change of Provider/Second Opinion by Donna Robinson.

14. Public Announcements: None.

- 15. Adjourn:** MOTION by Lorre Webb to adjourn to the next regular meeting in person on May 23, 2022 and seconded by Traco Matthews. ALL AYES. Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite

BHB Meeting Schedule 2022

BHB Agenda for April 25, 2022

Meeting Minutes (Draft) from March 28, 2022

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