BEHAVIORAL HEALTH&RECOVERY SERVICES

KERN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 22, 2022
5:30 p.m.
Zoom

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 *Excused*
Deborah Fabos (Dist. 2)
Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3)
Traco Matthews (Dist. 4): *Absent*
Nancy Solis (Dist. 5):
Dian Schneider (Dist. 2): *Excused*
Lorre Webb (Dist. 2): *Absent*
Flossie White (Dist. 4) *Absent*
Jeff Burdick (Dist. 1)

Tracy Lynch – BHB Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:
Marisa Trebizo

KERNBHRS STAFF:

Stacy Kuwahara – Director
Dr. Christina Rajlal
Jessica Armstrong
Heather Hornibrook
Allissa Lopez
Jeffery Kaya
Lesleigh Davis
Robin Taylor
Lynn Corse
Michelle Culy
Eva Rodriguez
Kim Kartinen
Tonya Mann

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Charles Collom welcomed all in attendance.

2. **Establish Quorum:** 8 present, 2 excused, 3 absent; Quorum established.

3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for June 27, 2022:** MOTION by Sonia Silva to approve minutes and seconded by Bryson Gholston; SEVEN AYES. Motion passed.

4. **Presentation by Tonya Mann and Dr. Christina Rajlal "Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month, Recovery Month by Tonya Mann, and Dr. Christina Rajlal and "Zero Suicide Initiative by Allissa Lopez**. Shared a Presentation via PowerPoint on Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month, Recovery Month with Goals, Highlight on 988, and Calendar of Events.

5. **Presentation by Allissa Lopez, Jeffery Kaya and Kim Kartinen "Zero Suicide Kern Making Suicide a Never Event".** Shared a Presentation via PowerPoint on Zero Suicide Kern Making Suicide a Never Event with Our Community, The Framework of Zero Suicide, What we know and what we are doing, Zero Suicide at KernBHRS, Positive Action Toward Hope and Healing (PATHH), Treatment on the PATHH, KernBHRS Suicide Data, and Next Steps.

6. **Public Comment:** None

7. **Unfinished Business:** None

8. **New Business:**
   A. **BHB September 26th, 2022, Meeting**: In Person or Virtual. MOTION by Deborah Fabos, to have September 26, 2022, meeting held virtual via Zoom and seconded by Bryson Gholston. Motion passed.

9. **Chair Report:**
   A. **Strategic Planning Training:** September 17, 2022, from 11:30-1:30 PM @ 2001 28th St, 1st floor Training Room. RSVP required, as lunch will be ordered for this event, email Tracy Lynch to confirm attendance.

10. **Adult Clinical Services Report – Heather Hornibrook, Interim Deputy Director for Alison Burrowes**
    - **No Place Like Home Team**: Now known as Supportive Housing Team. We are partnering with the Housing Authority. Pioneer Cottages is a 36-one-bedroom unit facility. 18 are reserved for eligible individuals with a serious mental illness, homelessness. The other 18 units are reserved for low-income families. These units will provide onsite staff providing case management services, which will coordinate with treatment teams. Benton Cottages will be opening next month. Three additional facilities opening in the next few years including one in Delano.
    - **Prop 47 Grant**: We were awarded $6 million. This will support 3 program areas (Forensics Community Base Supportive Services, and Substance Use Disorder Early Intervention and Engagement).
    - **CFLC**: Will be offering in person group meetings in September at the Westchester site.
    - **Data Notebook – Lesleigh Davis**: Is a survey that is issued by the Commission of Behavioral Health Boards as a way to collect information and data that goes to the Behavioral Health Planning Council that is used to lobby. Proposed notebook with responses was sent out via email. There were questions about item #9. If you have any changes, comments, or questions, please respond by August 31st in the draft pdf provided. Around September 16th, you will receive the final draft that will be voted on at the September 26th meeting.

11. **Specialty Clinical Services Report – Robin Taylor, Deputy Director**
    - **BHCIP Grant**: Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) are grants that the Governor put out. These funds are to address specific gaps in communities specific to infrastructures, to enhance or build new buildings. Currently we are on Round 4 focused on children and youth services. Currently, writing the grant for a new Youth CSU and Family Resource Center. Grant application which is due August 31st. Round 5 and 6 will be released this year by DHCS. Round 5 will be focused on crisis services. Round 6 has not been identified.
    - **Crisis Services**:
      - **Mobile Evaluation Team (MET) Expansion Update**: Seven active street MET and 2 more units being added in September and October. Four active BPD co-response MET units. Two active KCSO co-response MET units, 1 dedicated KCSO street MET unit. One BPD Communication Center MET and adding 2 new Communication Center MET staff, 79% of the calls that she received have been diverted away from law enforcement response. Total of 15 active MET units, 4 new staff starting next few months and 5 vacancies to be filled.
      - **PEC:** Actively recruiting for PEC/CSU Nurses.
    - **Department Supports Division:**
      - **Cultural Competence Plan:** Working on update that is done yearly.

- **Upcoming Trainings:** Mental Health First Aid and ASIST trainings in the community and BCSD and working with community and youth.
- **Psychology Internship Program Update:** Onboarded 4 new Psychology Interns. Continuing to recruit for Psychologist's.

12. Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director

- Transition to new Electronic Health Record (EHR), by partnering with State level organizations. CalMHSA has put together a plan for a multi-county EHR. CalMHSA is going with a product called Streamline and they are building an EHR for county behavioral health programs.
- Alison Burrowes, Deputy Director is back.
- Shifts and moves for our leadership and moving some teams around. Returning to 3rd Deputy model of leadership.

13. Board Member Item:

- None

14. Committee Reports:

A. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services – Lorre Webb: Not present.

B. Children's Treatment & Recovery Services –Jeff Burdick: CSV provided a presentation on Adolescent Family Services with differential response.

C. System Quality Improvement Committee – Lesleigh Davis for David Kessler: Met today and had presentations on What's an Information Notice (IN) and what do we do with it? and State Fair Hearings.

15. Public Announcements: None.

16. Adjourn: MOTION by Sonia Silva to adjourn to the next regular meeting via Zoom on September 26, 2022 and seconded by Bryson Gholston. ALL AYES. Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite
BHB Meeting Schedule 2022
BHB Agenda for August 22, 2022
Meeting Minutes (Draft) from June 27, 2022
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