BEHAVIORAL HEALTH&RECOVERY SERVICES

KERN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 26, 2022
5:30 p.m.
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)
Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3): *Absent*
Traco Matthews (Dist. 4): *Absent*
Nancy Solis (Dist. 5):
Dian Schneider (Dist. 2):
Lorre Webb (Dist. 2): *Absent*
Flossie White (Dist. 4)
Jeff Burdick (Dist. 1)

Tracy Lynch – BHB Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marisa Trebizo
Patti Kasper

KERNBHRS STAFF:

Stacy Kuwahara – Director
Alison Burrowes
Lesleigh Davis
Ashley Jones
Jessica Armstrong
Heather Hornibrook
Robin Taylor
Lynn Corse
Jennie Sill
Mark Kimmel
Michelle Culy
Lesleigh Davis

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Sonia Silva welcomed all in attendance.

2. **Establish Quorum:** 9 present, 1 excused, 3 absent; Quorum established.

3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for June 27, 2022:** MOTION by Jeff Burdick to approve minutes and seconded by Dian Schneider; ALL AYES: Motion passed.

4. **Presentation(s) "Office of Patients' Rights and Family Advocacy by Ashley Jones and Mark Kimmel"**. Shared a Presentation via PowerPoint on Patients' Rights Advocacy, Family Advocacy and Grievance and Appeal System. Time allowed for *Questions and Answers.*

5. **Public Comment:** None

6. **Unfinished Business:** None

7. **New Business:**
   A. **BHB October 24th, 2022, Meeting**: In Person or Virtual. The October 24th, 2022, BHB meeting will be held in person.
   B. **Data Notebook**: MOTION by Dian Schneider to submit the Data Notebook to the Behavioral Health Planning Council and seconded by Jeff Burdick. ALL AYES: Motion passed.

8. Chair Report:

A. Election of Officers for Chair, First Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair: If anyone is interested in putting their name forward or nominating another person you can send to Tracy and Stacy to be discussed in the Executive Committee. In November, we will be voting for proposed slate of officers.

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

- **Recovery Station**: Our Recovery Stations are an Innovation Project, and we are looking at the sustainability when funding ends in December 2024. Managed Care Plans (MCPs) have come forward and will be able to bill for services provided through the MCPs.
- **Substance Use Access 24/7 Line**: Previously worked with Hotline staff for 24/7 coverage. The Substance Use Division is now able to cover on their own.
- **Naloxone Training**: Prevention Team is working with libraries to provide Naloxone training and kits. Also working with the Bakersfield City School District to provide training and kits.
- **Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR):** Collaborated with contract provider to get 49 staff trained.
- **Consumer Family Learning Center (CFLC):** In person groups (limited) at Westchester Training Room.
- **Community Care Expansion Grant:** We received $3.2 million to establish and maintain adult residential facilities, so they are able to cover operating expenses and repairs. Currently putting a program together to oversee construction work and operating costs.
- **No Place Like Home (NPLH):** Pioneer Cottages is first facility to open, and individuals are occupying. Services are being provided through our treatment system.
- **Story of Recovery:** Shared story from Kern Linkage Division Relation Outreach and Engagement Model (ROEM) Team.

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

- **Finance:** Started budget planning for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- **Medical Services:** In final stages of onboarding a Board Certified Addiction Psychiatrist that was trained in our Residency Program. Zero Suicide teams are excelling in using our screenings and continuing our Zero Suicide Model.
- **PHF Project:** Provided updated and shared pictures of construction site.
- **Department Supports:** September and October are busy months with Suicide Prevention, Recovery and Hispanic Heritage Month. We are also enhancing our partnership and collaboration with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to increase outreach and education, reduce behavioral health stigma and increase access and penetration to the community for the Hispanic and Latin X population.
- **Crisis Hotline 988:** Will be moving to Commonwealth location (3300 Truxtun Avenue) for expansion of new space for Crisis Hotline and Children's service. Tentative move in date of November and hope to have an open house prior to the move.
- **Grants:** Waiting to hear on the BHCIP Round 4 that we applied for the Youth CSU and Family Resource Center and waiting for release of Round 5. Awarded Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) $1.6 million to expand on the existing grant in partnership with Kern County Superintendent of Schools.

11. Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director

- **Strategic Planning Training**: Thank you to everyone who was able to join. Received feedback about presentations in 2023.
- **Budget:** Robin reported earlier but expect to hear more.

- **Naloxone Training:** Reaching out to the Superintendent of the High School District to make sure they understand where they can go for Naloxone training and resources.

12. Board Member Item:

- None

13. Committee Reports:

A. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services – Lorre Webb, not available to give report.
B. Children's Treatment & Recovery Services –Jeff Burdick: Next quarterly meeting is October 13, 2022.
C. System Quality Improvement Committee –David Kessler, not available to give report.

14. Public Announcements: None.

15. Adjourn: MOTION by Jeff Burdick to adjourn to the next regular meeting in person on October 24, 2022 and seconded by Dian Schneider. ALL AYES. Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:08 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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