BEHAVIORAL HEALTH&RECOVERY SERVICES

KERN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 24, 2022
5:30 p.m.
In Person: 2001 28th Street, 1st Floor Training Room

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

Tracy Lynch – BHB Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:
Deborah Johnson

KERNBHRS STAFF:
Stacy Kuwahara – Director
Alison Burrowes
Michelle Culy
Heather Hornibrook
Robin Taylor
Lynn Corse
Christina Rajlal

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

2. **Establish Quorum:** 8 present, 4 excused, 1 absent; Quorum established.

3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for September 26, 2022:** MOTION by Dian Schneider to approve minutes and seconded by Lorre Webb; ALL AYES: Motion passed.

4. **Presentation(s) "Veterans Services in Kern by Deborah Johnson from California Veterans Assistance Foundation"**. Shared a Presentation via PowerPoint on California Veterans Assistance Foundation (CVAF), CVAF Mission Statement, What We Do, Gaps in Veterans Services, Medical, Behavioral Health, Veteran Cultural Competency, CVAF Housing – Grant & Per Diem, Transition in Place (TIP), Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), Housing Core Concepts, Kern County Veterans Stand Down – 10/13/2022, Suicide Prevention Month, Other CVAF Programs, and How to Access Services. Time allowed for *Questions and Answers.*

5. **Public Comment:** None

6. **Unfinished Business:** None

7. **New Business:**
   A. **BHB November 28th, 2022, Meeting**: In Person or Virtual. The November 28th, 2022, BHB meeting will be held in person.

B. Brown Act Updates: Stacy went over handout on Brown Act Guide Open Meeting Rules for CA Local Behavioral Health Boards – Revised September 2022 with Information on Basic Requirements for Agencies Operating under Brown Act Rules, Emergency Allowances for Members when not operating in a Public Emergency, Allowances during Public Emergencies and Veteran Requirements.

C. Election of Officers Recommendations: *If anyone is interested in serving, please let Tracy or Stacy know. We will be voting at the next meeting on November 28th.*

- Chair: Sonia Silva
- First Vice-Chair: Stephanie Hermeston
- Second Vice-Chair: Dian Schneider

8. Chair Report: *No report at this time.*

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

- **Naloxone Training and Distribution:** Stacy will be part of a news brief tomorrow with Public Health Department. Partnering with several of our Providers for Naloxone training and distribution events.
- **Recovery Station and Consumer Family Learning Center (CFLC) Space:** The Recovery Station was relocated to Westchester due to repairs at Kentucky Street location. We are looking at reopening the Kentucky Street location mid-December. The CFLC will be able to do more in person services once the Recovery Station is back at Kentucky Street.
- **Proposition 47 Update:** Completed contract with the State for $6 million dollars over 3 years. We will be issuing Request for Proposals (RFPs) for mentoring and forensic specialty wraparound services.
- **Contingency Management:** We have been provided an opportunity with the State to pilot an incentivized program for Substance Use treatment. Hoping to start in January.
- **Electronic Health Record (EHR) Transition:** Working with California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) for new EHR transition on July 1st, 2023.

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

- **Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 5 Grant Application:** Came out this week and I will be starting the grant application process due January 17th, 2023. Round 4 was submitted last month for Minor Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and Family Resource Center. Round 5 will be for an Adult CSU and Adult Crisis Walk In Clinic (CWIC). These are infrastructure grants to expand our capacity and build up crisis services to add more beds on the CSUs. Round 4 awardees will be announced around December 30th.
- **Crisis Services:** Seeing an intensive amount of flow coming into our services especially the emergency department at Kern Medical. Working with community partners to manage crisis flow.
- **Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget:** Budget kickoff planning right now and applying for grant opportunities.

11. Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director

- **Fentanyl Awareness:** I had the opportunity to sit at a round table organized by Congressman McCarthy that included every type of law enforcement that our County has. They spoke about what they're seeing with Fentanyl coming through Bakersfield. Brynn Carrigan and I are doing a press conference tomorrow to talk about Fentanyl. I have also been invited to do a news round table on Fentanyl next month and will take every opportunity to advocate and push Narcan distribution. **ACTION STEP**: Stacy will reach out to the Prevention Team to see if Naloxone training can be done on November 28th BHB meeting.

12. Board Member Item:

- None

13. Committee Reports:

A. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services – Lorre Webb: Meeting held on October 12th and presentation by Tishawna Mims on No Place Like Home.

B. Children's Treatment & Recovery Services –Jeff Burdick: Meeting held on October 13th and presentation on Juvenile Hall now called Youth Detention Center and Crossroads now being operated by KernBHRS.

C. System Quality Improvement Committee –David Kessler: Meeting held today and presentation on SUD Annual Report and CalAIM documentation changes.

14. Public Announcements: None.

15. Adjourn: MOTION by Stephanie Hermeston to adjourn to the next regular meeting in person on November 28th, 2022 and seconded by Jeff Burdick. ALL AYES. Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite
BHB Meeting Schedule 2022
BHB Agenda for October 24, 2022
Meeting Minutes (Draft) from September 26, 2022
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