BEHAVIORAL HEALTH&RECOVERY SERVICES

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

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charles Collom – Chair:
Sonia Silva (Dist. 1) – 1st Vice Chair: *Excused*
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): *Excused*
Nancy Solis (Dist. 5):
Dian Schneider (Dist. 2):
Lorre Webb (Dist. 2):
Flossie White (Dist. 4):
Jeff Burdick (Dist. 1)

Tracy Lynch – BHB Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Aubrey Alvarado
Marisa Trebizo

**KERNBHRS STAFF:**

Stacy Kuwahara – Director
Alison Burrowes
Dr. Garth Olango
Allissa Lopez
Robin Taylor
Lynn Corse
Dr. Mohammed Molla

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

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

3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for October 24, 2022:** MOTION by Jeff Burdick to approve minutes and seconded by Dian Schneider; ALL AYES: Motion passed.

4. **Presentation(s) "UCLA-Kern Psychiatry Residency and Fellowship Programs by Dr. Mohammed Molla, Chair, Dr. Garth Olango, KernBHRS Medical Director, C&A Program Director, and Allissa Lopez, LPCC, Medical Services Administrator"**. Shared a Presentation via PowerPoint on Why a Residency and Fellowship training program in Kern?, About the Programs, Steps to Becoming a Doctor, General Residency Program, Rotations Overview, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Program, Addiction Fellowship Program and Focus on DEI. Time allowed for *Questions and Answers.*

   **"Naloxone Distribution Program by Ana Olvera, Substance Use Division Administrator".** Shared a presentation on What is Naloxone?, History of Opioids, Opioids and Fentanyl, Overdose Rates – California and Kern County, Opioid Overdose Risk Factors, Signs of an Opioid Overdose, Six Point Overdoses Checklist, Best Practices, Tracking Doses: Demographic Forms, Good Samaritan Law and Treatment Referrals. Time allowed for *Questions and Answers.*

5. **Public Comment:** None

6. **Unfinished Business:** None

7. **New Business:**
   A. **BHB January 23rd, 2023, Meeting**: In Person or Virtual. MOTION by Stephanie Hermeston to hold the January 23rd, 2023, BHB meeting in person and seconded by Nancy Solis. ALL AYES: Motion passed.
   B. **Election of Officers Recommendations:** MOTION by Lorre Webb to accept recommended slate of officers and seconded by Jeff Burdick. ALL AYES: Motion passed.
      - Chair: Sonia Silva
      - First Vice-Chair: Stephanie Hermeston
      - Second Vice-Chair: Dian Schneider

8. **Chair Report:** Charles announced that this is his last meeting.

9. **Adult Clinical Services Report –Alison Burrowes, Deputy Director**
   - **Proposition 47 Update:** We have a local advisory council that includes peers, other organizations, law enforcement and probation for use of the $6 million in funding received. The council met before Thanksgiving and issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) for forensic support services program to begin Spring of 2023.
   - **Electronic Health Record (EHR) Transition:** Further preparations underway to be implemented in July 2023.
   - **Housing and Homeless Services Transition:** The Homeless collaborative, Housing services team and special projects have been under Rhonda Barnhardt who will be retiring. Lynn Corse will be taking over for Rhonda.
   - **Peer Certification Update:** We opted in under SB803 for reimbursement for Medi-Cal for peer services.

10. **Specialty Clinical Services Report – Robin Taylor, Deputy Director**
    - **KernBHRS Psychology Internship Program:** Received full APA Accreditation.
    - **Upcoming Trainings:** Understanding LGBTQ+ People, An Overview on December 2, 2022, from 8 AM – 12:30 PM via Zoom (flier distributed). New cultural trainings coming in 2023. There will be a MHSA Stakeholder meeting on December 6, focused on housing programs and December 21, focused on Innovation programs.
    - **Crisis Services:**
      - **Collaboration in process between KernBHRS and Department of Human Services (DHS):** Created a new process for referral system for adults connected with Child Protective Services (CPS) and DHS for the parents.
      - **Increased KernBHRS staff presence in Kern Medical (KM) Emergency Department (ED):** Intensive amount of flow into our crisis system and KM ED. We now have 3 staff in ED working in partnership with KM.
      - **Request for Proposal (RFP) for Ridgecrest CSU:** The date for closing of the RFP is soon. Telecare is the current Provider for Ridgecrest CSU.
    - **Fiscal Changes to Rate Base Systems in Fiscal Year 2023/2024:** We have received outpatient rates from the State. We are currently analyzing the rates and determining the fiscal impact to our budget. Still waiting on inpatient and crisis stabilization unit rates.
    - **Prepare U:** MHSA has invested in Prepare U, a social and emotional wellness educational program that we have invested and provided to many schools. Bakersfield City School District has now implemented and piloting as a 4th grade curriculum.

**11. Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director**

- Traco Matthews has resigned as a BHB member.
- Thanked Charles Collom for leading us as Chair during past 2 years.
- We have submitted new appointments for BHB members and waiting for Supervisors to submit nomination to Clerk of the Board to be placed on Board of Supervisors Agenda.
- Starting an incentive for Retention of staff in 2023. I have 2 Human Resource staff that will focus on campaigns for employee wellness.
- 3rd Deputy Director is being brought back and offered to Jessica Armstrong who is a current KernBHRS Administrator.

**12. Board Member Item:**

- Dian Schneider asked if all BHB committees are dark in December: Yes.

**13. Committee Reports:**

**A.** Adult Treatment & Recovery Services – Lynn Corse: Meeting held on November 9th and presentation on WISE and VSOP.

**B.** Children's Treatment & Recovery Services –Dian Schneider: Next meeting is January 12th, 2023.

**C.** System Quality Improvement Committee –David Kessler: Meeting held today and presentation on SUD Outcome Measures.

**14. Public Announcements:** None.

**15. Adjourn:** MOTION by Nancy Solis to adjourn to the next regular meeting in person on January 23rd, 2023 and seconded by David Kessler. ALL AYES. Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite
BHB Meeting Schedule 2023
BHB Agenda for November 28, 2022
Meeting Minutes (Draft) from October 24, 2022
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