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

**Draft for Approval**

Monday, October 25, 2021  
5:30 p.m.  
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (KernBHRS)  
Via Zoom

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

|                                                                           |                               |
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| Charles Collom – Chair                                                    | Nancy Solis (Dist. 5)         |
| Sonia Silva (Dist. 1) – 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair                        | Richard Hofferd (Dist. 5)     |
| Stephanie Hermeston (Dist. 1) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair <i>Excused</i> | Dian Schneider (Dist. 2)      |
| David Kessler (Dist. 3) – Parliamentarian                                 | Lorre Webb (Dist. 2)          |
| Joseph Brennan – Board of Supervisors Appointee <i>Absent</i>             | Flossie White (Dist. 4)       |
| Deborah Fabos (Dist. 2)                                                   | Rachelle Classen (Dist. 5)    |
| Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3)                                                 | Jeff Burdick (Dist. 1)        |
| Traco Matthews (Dist. 4)                                                  | Tracy Lynch – BHB Coordinator |

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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| Josh Dhanens   | Robyn Garcia |
| Marisa Trebizo |              |

**KERNBHRS STAFF:**

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| Alison Burrowes – Deputy Director | Lesleigh Davis |
| Robin Taylor – Deputy Director    | Lynn Corse     |
| Courtney Isaac                    | Beatriz Olaya  |

- Welcome and Introductions:** Charles Collom welcomed all in attendance. Board members provided self-introductions.
- Establish Quorum:** 13 present / 1 absent / 1 excused; Quorum Established.
- Approval of Draft September 27, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:** MOTION by Sonia Silva to approve minutes for September 27, 2021 meeting and seconded by Traco Matthews; APPROVED ALL AYES.
- Presentation by Joshua Dhanens, “Veterans Presentation:”** Information on veteran services and how to connect local veterans and their families to federal, state, or local benefits.
- Presentation by Lesleigh Davis, “Data Notebook:”** Annual survey prepared for County Behavioral Health Boards by the California Behavioral Health Clinic Counsel and the California Associations of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions.



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**6. Public Comment:** None

**7. Unfinished Business:** None

**8. New Business:**

- A. Behavioral Health Board Virtual Meetings:** Need to revisit virtual meeting policy periodically, item will be brought to the board for a vote.

**Question:** Charles Collom: Is there any discussion to whether we should not remain virtual for the month of November?

**Replies:** Traco Matthews and Richard Hoffer, if possible, would like to have in-person meetings in the future.

MOTION by Lorre Webb to remain virtual for the month of November and seconded by Dian Schneider; APPROVED ALL AYES.

- B. Proposed Slate of Officers for 2022 Executive Committee:** No nominations from the floor. A formal vote will be held in the next Behavioral Health Board meeting in November.

**9. Chair Report – Charles Collom:** None

**10. Adult Clinical Services Deputy Director's Report – Alison Burrowes:**

- Challenges in the crisis flow area have caused the need to pull from other systems of care, to fulfill those needs.
- Positive results of in-person services with restriction of staffing on site.
- Review with the Department of Health Care services for ODS waiver services.
- Bakersfield Recovery Station is looking to expand capacity.
- Contacted by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, to assist on transitioning people coming out from correctional institutions.
- Staff being trained on Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, to focus on expanding utilization on this service.
- Eating Disorder Consultant available for staff and can reach out for a consultation.
- Fidelity review for Independent Placement Support Vocational Program rated 4 out of 5.
- City is looking to expand bed capacity for the Brundage Lane Navigation Center.
- Next month is the graduation of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> participants of the Felony Incompetence to Stand Trial Program, otherwise known as Supportive Pathways Opportunities Program.

**11. Specialty Clinical Services Deputy Director's Report – Robin Taylor:**

- Many thanks to Flossie White and Nancy Solis for joining the Cultural Competence Resource Committee meeting. More meetings available to join and working on a plan to see what actions to take towards next year.
- Presented the Mental Health Services Act Quarterly Report from July through September 2021.
- Working with an outside evaluation company – EvalCorp to ensure to get standardized and outcomes measurements for Mental Health Services Act Programs.
- Great increase in Outreach and Education requests.

- Looking into different grant funds to enhance services.
- Working on annual report to give updates on all programs. Will be presented to the BHB when complete.

**12. Department Report – Alison Burrowes Deputy Director, on behalf of Director Stacy Kuwahara:**

- The CAO's office proposed a Homeless Initiative at the October 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting. Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is having a huge role in this initiative.
- There are staffing shortages within the department and contractors. A Career Fair will be held on the second week of November which will include contractors. Career Fair information will be sent out to the Behavioral Health Board by Tracy Lynch.

**13. Board Member Item:**

- Richard Hofferdt: There was a two-part Fentanyl presentation on a network affiliate, with a panel comprised of different entities; including Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director – Stacy Kuwahara.
- Flossie White: Attended the Multi County Suicide Prevention Summit which provided excellent resources. If anyone is interested, this information will be sent to Tracy Lynch.
- Jeff Burdick: Will be attending the Children's Treatment & Recovery Services Committee. Tracy Lynch to contact Jennie Sill (Children's System of Care) for next year's calendar.
- Dian Schneider: Attended the Children's Treatment & Recovery Services Committee and is interested in the Co-Chair position.

**14. Committee Reports:**

- A.** Adult Treatment and Recovery Services – Richard Hofferdt: Unable to attend. Will share meeting minutes at next BHB meeting.
- B.** Children's Treatment & Recovery Services – Dian Schneider: Transitional Age Youth have about 20 housing units and have a Sober Living Program available. The Juvenile Justice Program was a state program and now counties are required to offer treatment.
- C.** System Quality Improvement Committee – David Kessler: Unable to attend. Will share meeting minutes at next BHB meeting. Lesleigh Davis provided a meeting recap on the Data Notebook and a presentation regarding Morbidity and Mortality Committee, as well as performance improvement projects.

**15. Public Announcements:** None

- 16. MOTION** by Traco Matthews and seconded by Dian Schneider to adjourn to the next regular meeting via Zoom on November 22, 2021.  
APPROVED ALL AYES; adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite

BHB Agenda for October 25, 2021

Meeting Minutes (Draft) from September 27, 2021

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