



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

Monday, November 22, 2021
5:30 p.m.
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (Kern BHRS)
Via Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Collom – Chair	Nancy Solis (Dist. 5)
Sonia Silva (Dist. 1) – 1 st Vice Chair <i>Excused</i>	Richard Hofferder (Dist. 5) <i>Absent</i>
Stephanie Hermeston (Dist. 1) – 2 nd Vice Chair	Dian Schneider (Dist. 2)
David Kessler (Dist. 3) – Parliamentarian <i>Absent</i>	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) <i>Excused</i>
Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3)	Jeff Burdick (Dist. 1)
Traco Matthews (Dist. 4)	Tracy Lynch – BHB Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angel Galvez	Marisa Trebizo
Angela Lopez Romo	Robyn Garcia
Curt Williams	

KERN BHRS STAFF:

Stacy Kuwahara – Director	Jessica Armstrong
Alison Burrowes – Deputy Director	Lynn Corse
Robin Taylor – Deputy Director	Tammy Cates
Courtney Isaac	Beatriz Olaya
Jennie Sill	

- Welcome and Introductions:** Charles Collom welcomed all in attendance. Board members provided self-introductions.
- Establish Quorum:** 10 present/3 absent/2 excused; Quorum Established.
- Approval of Draft October 25, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:** MOTION by Jeff Burdick to approve minutes for October 25, 2021 meeting and seconded by Stephanie Hermeston; APPROVED ALL AYES.
- Presentation by Jennie Sill and Curt Williams, “Supporting Children Together – School Partnerships:”** Overview of the partnerships and services that are currently available at schools and information on the new Mental Health Student Services Act.
- Public Comment:** Angel Galvez: Updates on the successful events for Native American Heritage Month. Surveys were done at the luncheon event and will share feedback with County partners. The Bakersfield



American Indian Health Project closed escrow on a new facility located at 501 40th Street. Appreciative of the collaborative partners who were able to attend the events.

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. New Business:

A. Behavioral Health Board Virtual Meetings: The Behavioral Health Board will not meet in December, next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2022. MOTION by Lorre Webb to remain virtual for the month of January and seconded by Traco Matthews; APPROVED ALL AYES.

B. Election of Officers for 2022 Executive Committee: MOTION by Lorre Webb to accept the Elected Officers for the 2022 Executive Committee and seconded by Traco Matthews; APPROVED ALL AYES.

C. Data Notebook: MOTION by Jeff Burdick to accept the data notebook and seconded by Dian Schneider; APPROVED ALL AYES.

D. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services Committee Chair: Will ask the committee to present chair recommendations to the Executive Committee and will revisit item in January.

New Action Item for: Tracy to add this item to the next meeting agenda.

8. Chair Report – Charles Collom:

A. Recognitions of Richard Hoffer, District 5 for his service on the Board: Richard Hoffer's term has officially ended but has opted to sit in the Behavioral Health Board meetings, until his vacancy is filled. Thank you, Mr. Hoffer.

B. Recognitions of Joseph Brennan, District 1 Board of Supervisors Representative for his services on the Board: Joseph Brennan was appointed to the Behavioral Health Board on January 26, 2021, as the Board of Supervisors liaison. Which is a one-year term and is appointed by the Chief of Staff for the current Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. The Board is appreciative of his time and thank him for his attendance to the Board meetings.

C. Presentation Planning for 2022: If there are any suggestions for presentations or topics to be addressed for the year 2022, please email Charles Collom or Tracy Lynch.

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

- There are no significant changes of services under COVID restrictions over the past month. Looking to expand on site staffing at the end of January 2022.
- The Syringe Services Program was approved by the California Department of Public Health.
- Bakersfield Recovery Station has temporarily moved to the Consumer Family Learning Center location, due to water damage to the building in October.
- Held the first Assisted Outpatient Treatment Stakeholder expanded meeting. If the board is interested in attending, please reach out to the Adult System of Care Administrator, Heather Hornibrook.
- Congratulations to Board Member Traco Matthews, who was appointed to the Homeless Collaborative Executive Board.
- "Engagement Services Presentation" by Contract Division Administrator, Jessica Armstrong: Information on the rebranding of the Risk Reduction Education & Engagement Accelerated Alternative Community Behavioral Health Program to Bakersfield Referral Team and Community Referral Network.

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

- The Completed Cultural Competence Annual Update will be posted on the Kern Behavioral Health & Recovery Services public website soon.
- Meeting with grads for the Residency Fellowship Program in partnership with Kern Medical, for physician recruitment and retention.
- Two new Psychiatric Health Hospitals have been approved by the Board of Supervisors, projected completion in June 2023.
- Mental Health Services Act Coordination working on Triannual Audit with the Department of Health Care Services.

11. Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director:

- County just passed a homeless ordinance. It hasn't been fully enacted yet but it's moving forward.
- County is funding additional outreach workers, which will create four more Mobile Evaluation Team (MET) Units with the Bakersfield Police Department – Impact Team, along with another four more MET Units who will respond to Kern County Sheriff's Office calls.
- Many thanks to Lieutenant Burdick for his outstanding responsiveness to the homelessness issue.
- There will potentially be a Winter Recess break between Christmas and New Years in the department. Still operational and providing services with reduced operations.
- There is a recruitment for a youth member to fill a vacancy on the Behavioral Health Board. Finalized flyer will be sent to the Board for assistance in recruiting a youth member between the ages of 16 – 25. Please contact Stacy Kuwahara or Tracy Lynch for any questions.

12. Board Member Item:

- Jeff Burdick: Many thanks to Stacy Kuwahara. It was a pleasure having her join the ride along. Any members of the board are welcome to ride along when available.

13. Committee Reports:

- A. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services – Richard Hofferdt: Not present. Update presented by Lynn Corse. The Adult System of Care changes regarding the menu of services was well received. Looking forward to having Lorre Webb and Debra Fabos join the committee.
- B. Children's Treatment & Recovery Services – Dian Schneider & Jeff Burdick: Committee meets quarterly, therefore didn't meet this month.
- C. System Quality Improvement Committee – David Kessler: Not Present.

14. Public Announcements:

- Dian Schneider: Her agency is providing two opportunities for Thanksgiving Baskets for families with a special needs family member, whom are in need. Please refer them to Dian Schneider.

15. Adjourn: MOTION by Jeff Burdick and seconded by Dian Schneider to adjourn to the next regular meeting via Zoom on January 24, 2022. APPROVED ALL AYES; adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite

BHB Agenda for November 22, 2021

Meeting Minutes (Draft) from October 25, 2021

BHB Meeting Schedule for Year 2022

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