



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

Monday, September 27, 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	Richard Hofferd (Dist. 5)
Stephanie Hermeston (Dist. 1) – 2 nd Vice Chair	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) <i>Absent</i>	Tracy Lynch – BHB Coordinator
Traco Matthews (Dist. 4) <i>Excused</i>	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angel Galvez	Marisa Trebizo
Autumn Lindbergh	Sharon Woolfolk

KERN BHRS STAFF:

Stacy Kuwahara – Director	Cassaundra Thompson	Lynn Corse
Alison Burrowes – Deputy Director	Jessica Armstrong	Tonya Mann
Robin Taylor – Deputy Director	Lesleigh Davis	Beatriz Olaya

- Welcome and Introductions:** Charles Collom welcomed all in attendance. Board members provided self- introductions.
- Establish Quorum:** 11 present / 2 absent / 1 excused; Quorum Established.
- Approval of Draft August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes:** MOTION by Dian Schneider to approve minutes for August 23, 2021 meeting and seconded by Deborah Fabos; APPROVED ALL AYES.
- Presentation by Stacy Kuwahara, “Access to Care: Client Perspective:”** Information on how clients generally access care for mental health services.
- Public Comment:** None
- Unfinished Business:** None



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7. New Business:

- A. Behavioral Health Board Virtual Meetings:** For the foreseeable future, meetings will be virtual. If there are suggestions to bring back meetings in person, it will be brought to the BHB board for a vote.

8. Chair Report – Charles Collom: Elections for Board Member Executive positions coming up. If interested in serving on the BHB Executive Committee, please reach out to Tracy Lynch.

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

- Services under COVID are staying consistent with the level of face to face services. Partial staff working on sites and working in bubbles.
- Consumer Family Learning Center is closed for in person services. However, virtual groups are being offered.
- Gateway launched Co-Triage, a software screening tool which determines the level of care and matches clients to the appropriate American Society of Addiction Medicine level of treatment.
- New Substance Use Navigators Program to link people to outpatient services. Working with Adventist Health in Delano, Tehachapi, and Bakersfield Hospitals.
- Locked facility needs anticipating changes at the state level.
- Data Notebook Information presented by Lesleigh Davis, Quality Improvement Division Administrator.

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

- Significant impact on Crisis Services operations due to COVID.
- Increase Capacity at Bakersfield Crisis Stabilization Unit and expansion of Mobile Evaluation Team.
- 988 legislative changes to suicide prevention hotlines.
- Cultural Competence Resource Committee Meeting schedule will be sent out to who? _____.
- In November, Jennie Sill, Children's System of Care Administrator will report on new initiatives and changes in the children's system.

11. Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director:

- CAO is going to hold the Board of Supervisors meeting in October to discuss some focal initiatives. Kern Behavioral Health & Recovery Services is having a big part in these initiatives.
- Starting leadership training for Administrator Group.
- MHSA and Creative Crossings partnered for the Evergreen Mural Project to create four murals around town.
- Thursday, September 30th at 9:30 a.m. was the deadline to fully vaccinate all staff or apply for a declination form.
- Annual Audit (internal) coming up. If interested in joining the opening session, as an observer only, please contact Stacy Kuwahara.

12. Board Member Item: None

13. Committee Reports:

- A. Adult Treatment and Recovery Services – Richard Hoffer: Presentation given by Jennifer Catlett regarding Adult Transition Team. Informative and uplifting presentation on applied improvements.
- B. Children’s Treatment & Recovery Services: No report available. Next meeting is October 14, 2021.
- C. System Quality Improvement Committee – David Kessler: Lesleigh Davis provided information on the Data Notebook and a presentation regarding Privacy and Compliance was given.

14. Public Announcements: None

- 15.** Motion by Dian Schneider and seconded by David Kessler to adjourn to the next regular meeting via Zoom on October 25, 2021.

APPROVED ALL AYES; adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite

BHB Agenda for September 27, 2021

Meeting Minutes (Draft) from August 23, 2021

BHB Virtual Meeting Schedule for 2021

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