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

Monday, April 26, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (KernBHRS)

Via Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Collom - Chair

Sonia Silva – 1st Vice Chair (Dist 1)

Stephanie Hermeston - 2nd Vice Chair (Dist 1) - *Absent*

David Kessler – Parliamentarian (Dist 3) - *Absent*

Tracy Lynch (BHB Coordinator)

Bryson D Gholston (Dist 3) - *Excused*

Joseph Brennan (Board of Supervisors appointee)

Nancy Solis (Dist 5)

Richard Hofferd (Dist 5)

Deborah Fabos (Dist 2)

Traco Matthew (Dist 4)

Joshua Finney (Dist 1)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Mary Sawyer

Angel Galvez

Rachelle Classen

Marisa Trebizo

Sharon Woolfolk

Nicholas Kittleman

Jim Wheeler

Sharon Woolfolk

Robyn Garcia

Tyler Frost

Dian Schneider

KernBHRS Staff:

Stacy Kuwahara - Director

Patricia Rodriguez

Shannon Tolar

Christina Rajlal

Mayra Munoz

Alison Burrowes – Deputy Director

Tonya Mann

Heather Hornibrook

Bernave Garcia

Jessica Armstrong

Ana Olvera

Lynn Corse

- Welcome and Introductions** by Charles Collom (Chair), all others self-introduced themselves.
- Establish Quorum:** 8 present 2 absent 1 excused; Quorum Established.
- Approval of Regular Meeting Draft Minutes for March 22, 2021:** MOTION by Richard Hofferd to approve minutes for March 22, 2021 meeting and seconded by Sonia Silva APPROVED; ALL AYES.
- Presentation:** Ana Olvera, "Narcan and Opioid Response Plan Update" and Christina Rajlal, "May is Mental Health Month Activities", Ana and Christina allowed time for *Questions and Answers*.
- Public Comment:**
Angel Galvez, Chief Executive Officer, Bakersfield American Indian Health Project shared a community assessment event being held on May 14th from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Hodels, Liberty Hall. This is a collaborated event partnering with Owen's Valley Career Development Center, Tejon Indian Tribe, The National Alliance of Mental Illness and KernBHRS. Please contact Abigail Dotson or send an email to the email posted on the flyer.
- Unfinished Business:** None.



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5. New Business:

- Youth By-Laws
 - Copy of revised Youth By-Laws have been received and sent out to all the board members for review. Charles opened the floor for discussion and approval. Charles addressed the board for a motion to approve the Youth By-Laws. Traco Matthews motioned to approve the Youth By-Laws, Deborah Fabos second motion. APPROVED; All Ayes. Motion passed.
- Children's Committee: Co-Chair needed.
 - Charles stated the need for a Co-chair of the Children's Committee; Joshua Finney showed interest in Co-Chairing.
New Action Item for Tracy: Contact Joshua for the co-chair opportunity.
- Strategic Planning Committee
 - Charles addressed the board regarding the creation of a Strategic Planning Committee for our upcoming meeting in July. This committee will be responsible for brainstorming/planning of the Strategic Planning Retreat/Meeting and planning for the BHB 2021/2022 yearly activities/speakers.
 - Both Traco Matthews and Richard Hofferd volunteered to be part of the committee and start the planning process.
New Action Item for Tracy: Contact BHB members not present and see if they would be interested in being part of the committee.
- BHB 2020 Annual Report
 - Copy of the BHB 2020 Annual Report was sent out to all board members. Charles opened the floor for discussion and approval. Charles addressed the board for a motion to approve the BHB 2020 Annual Report. Richard Hofferd motioned to approve BHB 2020 Annual Report and Sonia Silva seconded motion. APPROVED; All AYES. Motion passed.

6. Chair Report – Charles Collom: None

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

- Update on KernBHRS COVID-19 Operations: Reported that we are at 50% capacity at our clinical sites.
- Telehealth and Psychiatry: Next step is to expand group services.
- Seeing clients once a month depending on their treatment and services. Wraparound services are being provided multiple times a week and increasing our service delivery.
- Adult Systems: Working to standardize our service delivery across our internal/contracted service teams.
- Developed guidelines over the last couple of years for clinical practice based on risk factors and the acuity of those we are serving.
- Working on standardizing those practices so if our clients move to a different clinic, they will know what to expect based on the individual's acuity level.
- Working to standardize the accountability for both internal/contracted programs to ensure that we are monitoring them the same way.
- Quality Improvement Division and Substance Use Disorder: Completed the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) Review. KernBHRS is waiting on the final report.
- KernBHRS was awarded \$150,000 in technology grant funding to enhance telehealth capabilities during the pandemic.

8. KernBHRS Specialty Clinical Services Report –Stacy Kuwahara for Robin Taylor, Deputy Director:

- Continue to expand in-person services across children's and medical services.
- Looking forward to everything fully opening in June and planning an increase in return to services between now and then.
 - Christina Rajal presented the Mental Health Services Act 2020/2021 Annual Report and allowed time for *Questions and Answers*.

- Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report 2019/2020, Candee Del Rio, allowed time for *Questions and Answers*.

Charles: Q - The document presented today is the MHSA Annual Report Fiscal Year 2020-2021 final draft 3-31-2021 will this be submitted to the board?

Christina: A – Yes, this is in fact the document that will be presented to the board.

Richard: Q - Christina what is your opinion on the immediate future/outlook of the department?

Christina: A- Been working with Finance Team and all our teams on the reductions in the past, so we have a sustainable budget to work with. Looking at the opportunities of these grants, especially December to January where we saw a lot of movement between the Governor and new leadership and the President talking about funding opportunities.

Deborah: Q- Missed the portion about AOT on the MHSA Report?

Christina: A- No updates to the AOT at this point. AOT is still marching along since last year.

Deborah: Q- No MHSA funds are going to AOT yet?

Christina: A-. No changes in funding and no changes in programing that affect us that needs to be reported.

Deborah: Q- MHSA funds were not being used for AOT in the past, so I was just wondering if they are accessing those funds now and I have a question for Candee. I am understanding correctly that Medi-Cal services are revenue generated?

Candee: A- Yes, they do generate revenue. Medi-Cal is an insurance for our clients, so we only get that money if we do the service.

Deborah: Q- Are they the only source of revenue?

Candee: A- No, we have other sources of revenue. I have a list of revenue sources that I can share. We bill private insurances, and we also get state realignment funds.

- Charles addressed the board for a motion to approve the Mental Health Services Act 2020/2021 final draft dated 3/31/2021. Traco Matthews motioned Joseph Brennan seconded motion to approve the Mental Health Services Act 2020/2021 final draft dated 3/31/2021. Deborah Fabos objects. APPROVED; 7 AYES, 1 NAY. Motion passed.

9. KernBHRS Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director

- Going before the Board of Supervisors tomorrow Tuesday, April 27, 2021 and presenting on the Homelessness Initiative, the agreement with Flood Ministries, May is Mental Health Month proclamation and the two Psychiatric Facilities (PHF's).
- Shared information on the proposal to build two Psychiatric Health Facilities in Kern County. Shared data on the cost, the number of inpatient beds and clients that will be served, allowed time for *Questions and Answers*.
- A presentation on the Relational Outreach and Engagement Model (ROEM) Project and the M St Navigation center is scheduled for May's Behavioral Health Board meeting.

10. Board Member Item:

- Deborah Fabos read a comment posted on her Mental Health Collaborate Facebook page regarding an incident that took place at Green Gardens. Deborah would like someone from KernBHRS to assist this individual with her concern.

Action Item: Stacy addressed Deborah's concern and asked that Deborah forward this individual contact information over to Tracy Lynch, Board Coordinator who will then forward the message to Lynn Corse, Administrator Behavioral Recovery System who oversees Green Gardens.

11. Public Announcements: None.

12. Adjourned: Next regular meeting, May 24, 2021 via Zoom: MOTION by Deborah Fabos to adjourn and seconded by Joe Brennan. APPROVED; ALL AYES.

Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Items Distributed Via Meeting Invite

BHB Agenda for April 26, 2021

Revised By-Laws 2021

Strategic Planning Agenda Outline

Meeting Minutes (Draft) from March 22, 2021

2020 Behavioral Health Board Annual Report

MHSA Annual Report Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report 2019/2020

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