



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

Monday, June 28, 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)
David Kessler – Parliamentarian (Dist 3)
Tracy Lynch (BHB Coordinator)
Bryson D Gholston (Dist 3)
Dian Schneider (Dist 2)

Joseph Brennan (Board of Supervisors appointee) *Absent*
Nancy Solis (Dist 5)
Richard Hofferd (Dist 5) *Excused*
Deborah Fabos (Dist 2) *Absent*
Traco Matthews (Dist 4)
Joshua Finney (Dist 1) *Absent*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robyn Garcia, Clinica Sierra Vista
Sharon Woolfolk

Rachelle Classen
Marisa Trebizo, Clinica Sierra Vista

KernBHRS Staff:

Stacy Kuwahara - Director
Patricia Rodriguez
Shannon Tolar

Gloria Pereyra
Tonya Mann
Lynn Corse

Robin Taylor – Deputy Director
Michelle Culy

1. **Welcome and Introductions** by Charles Collom (Chair), all others self-introduced themselves.
2. **Establish Quorum:** 9 present 3 absent 1 excused; Quorum Established.
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Draft Minutes for May 24, 2021:** MOTION by Traco Matthews to approve minutes with correction to Dian Schneider's name for May 24, 2021 meeting and seconded by David Kessler; ALL AYES: Minutes APPROVED.
4. **Presentation:** Presentation by Michelle Culy and Gloria Pereyra, "Kern Relational Outreach and Engagement Model" and "M Street and Brundage Lane Navigation Centers" allowed time for *Questions and Answers*.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **New Business:** None
8. **Chair Report – Charles Collom:**
 - Resuming in person meetings for the Behavioral Health Board: Goal is to announce the plan at the meeting in August and begin in-person meetings in September.



9. KernBHRS Adult Clinical Services Report –Michelle Culy for Alison Burrowes, Deputy Director:

- This week staff at KernBHRS have returned to the office full-time and have moved to in-person services. Our contract providers will increase in-person services in July.
- No Place Like Home Project was granted \$375,000 that will go towards permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals with mental health illnesses in Delano.
- Quality Improvement: During the months of July and August leadership from KernBHRS will be developing a 2021/2022 Quality of Work Plan that will be submitted to the State. This is a comprehensive document that evaluates our efforts to comply with regulations and improve quality.
- The Consumer Family Learning Center will resume in-person services today (6/28/21).
- Adult System of Care: Individual and Support Placement Project and teams who are currently using this model-based practice is Transitional Age Youth, Homeless Adult Team and Adult Transition Team. We currently have 100 business contacts, and our client census is 30.
- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing: Will continue these services via telehealth. This is a third-party resource that will allow us to utilize the bilateral stimulation without being in person.
- The Center for Sexuality and Gender Diversity: Completed their first year of partnership. A new cohort will start up in August.

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

- Children's System of Care, Crisis Services, and Medical Services are all coming back to work in the clinics, in the field performing face to face services. Mary K Shell has done 100% of their services face to face.
- Children's System of Care will be doing a presentation to the board in October that will focus on providing services for youth, work on our partnerships with the schools and making sure that we are prepared for the incoming school year in the fall.
- Crisis Services: During the pandemic remained 100% face to face. Our Psychiatric hospitals are now doing in person family visitations and meetings.
- Medical Services: Still moving forward with zero suicide initiative. In the past month our zero-suicide team did a training with the public health nurses. Working together and partnering with our community partners to educate on the tools we use in our screening process.
- Training for disaster response took place at KernBHRS last week. We had 17 staff participate in the Critical Incident Stress Management Training, adding to our 48 staff members who are currently certified and trained.
- Training Department: Transitioning back to in-person trainings with the exception of some trainings that will remain virtual.
- This summer we will add additional staff to attend a Train the Trainer to be trained in Mental Health First Aid. More information to come.

New Action Item: Robin to follow-up with Charles on becoming a Trainer.

- In the process of updating our Cultural Competence Plan. Once the plan is completed it will be presented to the Behavioral Health Board then published.
- Mental Health Services Act Annual Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors and by the State.
- KernBHRS Outreach Team will be participating in a Delano Block Party on June 30th.

11. KernBHRS Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director

- We are fully open and all of our direct service sites are in-person with new masking, screening and social distancing protocols.
- We will continue to provide remote options for some staff and services. The plan is to gradually move those clients to in-person.
- State budget passed today with money directed to Healthcare, Mental Health, Homeless, Children's, infrastructure, and the work force; especially for those who are incompetent to stand trial.
- Stacy expects changes in those subgroups in the next coming year, new mandates on how we can provide services and how we may need to expand.

- KernBHRS preliminary budget will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in tomorrow's meeting (6/29/21) and have the final vote in August.
- The Strategic Plan training event will be held on August 14th from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and will be led by Sue Watson. More information to come.

12. Board Member Item: None

13. Committee Reports:

- A. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services: Charles Collom on behalf of Richard Hofferd
 - There are currently 6 members in the committee in good standing.
 - Lynn gave a great presentation on the status of Green Gardens.
 - Richard was invited and spoke on his experiences at the Consumer Family Learning Center (CFLC) and commented on the future of in-person meetings at the CFLC.
 - Richard expressed his concern over CFLC staff and would like to see more compassionate and well-trained staff to interact with the consumers and difficult to treat individuals.
 - Plans have been made for future presentations for the August meeting. Recruiting new members will be a topic on the agenda.
- B. Children's Treatment & Recovery Services: Joshua Finney – *No report available*
- C. System Quality Improvement Committee: David Kessler - The committee met today; major topic of discussion was resuming client in-person meetings to begin in July.

14. Public Announcements: None.

15. Adjourned: Next regular meeting, August 23, 2021 via Zoom: MOTION by Traco Matthews to adjourn and seconded by Dian Schneider. APPROVED; ALL AYES.

Adjourned at 6:40pm

Items Distributed Via Meeting Invite

BHB Agenda for June 28, 2021
Meeting Minutes (Draft) from May 24, 2021

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