



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

Monday, August 23, 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	Joshua Finney (Dist. 1) <i>Absent</i>
Stephanie Hermeston (Dist. 1) – 2 nd Vice Chair <i>Excused</i>	Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3)
David Kessler (Dist. 3) – Parliamentarian	Dian Schneider (Dist. 2)
Joseph Brennan – Board of Supervisors Appointee	Lorre Webb (Dist. 2)
Deborah Fabos (Dist. 2)	Flossie White (Dist. 4)
Traco Matthews (Dist. 4)	Tracy Lynch – BHB Coordinator
Richard Hofferder (Dist. 5)	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angel Galvez	Rachelle Classen
Lara Batchelder	Robyn Garcia
Marisa Trebizo	Taya Power

KERN BHRS STAFF:

Stacy Kuwahara – Director	Christina Rajlal	Mitchall Patel
Alison Burrowes – Deputy Director	Heather Hornibrook	Rhonda Barnhard
Robin Taylor – Deputy Director	Lorena Boykins	Tonya Mann
Candee Del Rio	Lynn Corse	Beatriz Olaya

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Charles Collom welcomed all in attendance. Board members provided self- introductions.
- 2. Establish Quorum:** 13 present / 1 absent / 1 excused; Quorum Established.
- 3. Approval of Draft June 28, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes:** MOTION by Sonia Silva to approve minutes with correction to Traco Matthews name for June 28, 2021, meeting and seconded by Joseph Brennan; APPROVED ALL AYES.
- 4. Presentation by Candee Del Rio, “Budget Presentation:”** Brief overview of the budget process and the budget that is being submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval.



5. Presentation by Tonya Mann, Lorena Boykins – on behalf of Ana Olvera, and Christina Rajlal, “Recovery and Suicide Prevention Month:” Information on the importance of September being Suicide Awareness and Prevention month. Celebrating the successes of individuals in recovery from addiction and mental illness. Brief description of events that are scheduled for the month of September.

6. Public Comment:

- Lara Batchelder – Provided required documentation for housing application. Investigation was made and was ruled against, which lost opportunity for housing. **HEARD**
- Angel Galvez – Kudos to Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services department for collaborative efforts with Native American servicing agency. A brief description of events can be found on their website. **HEARD**

7. Unfinished Business: None.

8. New Business: None.

9. Chair Report – Charles Collom: Nominations for Board Member executive positions are in September.

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

- Information was given in Strategic Plan Meeting.

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

- French Fire in East Kern is being monitored. Disaster Response team is on standby and ready to respond if requested.
- Grant proposal submitted to the Department of Health Care Services for Crisis Care Mobile Unit.

12. Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director:

- Appreciated and enjoyed participation in Strategic Plan Meeting.
- General operations in pandemic environment fall under the current state mandate, including contractors. Fifty percent of staff working onsite and rotating each week, with no changes to face to face services. Staff are required to test weekly if unvaccinated. Mandated vaccination deadline for staff is September 30th.
- Resources for schools will be sent out after the first week of school.

13. Board Member Item:

- Flossie White: Wished to ask Angel Galvez a question. Angel left the meeting, but Tracy will reach out to Angel and get a list of their events and email to the group.
- Deborah Fabos: Is there a board item that can form a peer group that can assist individuals who are having difficulty applying for housing or at risk of losing housing? Stacy responded to Deborah’s question.
- Dian Schneider: Enjoyed meeting everyone at the Strategic Board meeting.

14. Committee Reports:

- A. Adult Treatment and Recovery Services – Richard Hoffer: Tammy Cates gave presentation on Wellness, Prevention and Recovery. Meeting has a quorum and could use new members. Drug Free Kern quarterly meeting had discussions on school presentations and how to appeal to students.
- B. Children’s Treatment & Recovery Services – Joshua Finney: Not at meeting.
- C. System Quality Improvement Committee – David Kessler: Was unable to attend earlier meeting today.

15. Public Announcements: None.

- 16.** Motion by Dian Schneider and seconded by David Kessler to adjourn to the next regular meeting via Zoom on September 27, 2021.

APPROVED ALL AYES; adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite

BHB Agenda for August 23, 2021

Meeting Minutes (Draft) from June 28, 2021

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