

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

Monday, January 22, 2024

5:30 p.m.

In Person: 2001 28th Street, 1st Floor Training Room**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sonia Silva (Dist. 1) – Chair

David Kessler (Dist. 3) – Parliamentarian

Flossie White (Dist. 4)

Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3) – *Virtual*

BreAnne Patterson (Dist. 5)

Tiara King (Dist. 2) – *Virtual*Dian Schneider (Dist. 2) – 1st Vice Chair - *Virtual*

Michael Herrera (Dist. 1)

Michael Bryant (Dist. 3) – 2nd Vice ChairJeff Burdick (Dist. 1) - *Excused*LaShawna Stowe (Dist. 3) - *Absent*Genora McClanahan (Dist. 5) – *Virtual*

Maria Espinoza (Dist. 4) – BOS Appointee

Maria Gonzalez – BHB Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

KERNBHRS STAFF:

Alison Burrowes

Jessica Armstrong

Robin Taylor

Heather Hornibrook

Liz Bailey

Estela P. Stewart

Lynn Corse

Gail Eckels

Isabel Cardenas

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Sonia Silva, Chair, welcomed everyone; each board member introduced themselves.
- 2. Establish Quorum:** 7 present, 4 virtual, 1 absent, 1 excused. Quorum was established.
- 3. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for November 27, 2023, Regular Meeting:** Deferred to February 26, 2024, meeting due to no motion called by the members of the board.

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4. Presentation(s):

- **“Annual Plan and ARER (Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report)” – Liz Bailey, Department Supports Administrator and Acting MHSA Coordinator, and Candee Del Rio, MPA, Finance Director:** Shared a presentation on MHSA Annual Update Plan Review FY 2024-2025 and MHSA Annual Revenue and Expenditure Plan. Time allowed for *Questions and Answers*.
- **Approval of the Annual Plan and Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report presentation and content:** MOTION by David Kessler and seconded by Breanne Patterson. ALL AYES: Motion passed.

5. Public Comment: None.**6. Unfinished Business:**

- A. Executive Behavioral Health Board Meetings – Process of coordination of future meetings:** MOTION by David Kessler and seconded by Michael Bryant. ALL AYES: Motion passed.
- B. Amend By-Laws to reflect the changes to the Executive Behavioral Health Board Meetings:** MOTION by Michael Herrera and seconded by Maria Espinoza. ALL AYES: Motion passed.

7. New Business:**A. Approval of Reappointment to Behavioral Health Board 2024:**

- District 1: Jeffrey Burdick
- District 1: Michael Herrera
- District 2: Dian Schneider
- District 3: LaShawna Stowe
- District 4: David Kessler
- BHB Coordinator: Maria Gonzalez

MOTION by David Kessler and seconded by Michael Bryant. ALL AYES: Motion passed.

8. Chair Report – Sonia Silva: Presentations for the BHB Meetings – If anyone has any ideas for presentations they can be presented during this meeting or contact Alison Burrowes at aburrowes@kernbhhs.org. Time allowed for comments or questions.**9. KernBHRS Clinical Services Report –Jessica Armstrong, Deputy Director:**

- **Kern Linkage Division:**
 - Attending the Kern PATH Collaborative Group meeting scheduled for January 23, 2024, to build relationships and connections among Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Teams and Community Support providers to transform health care in Kern County; and set aside time to create a Community of Care that implements CalAim to better serve and improve the overall health and wellness outcomes for Medi-CAL members for our justice-involved individuals post incarcerations.
 - Point in Time (PIT) count is scheduled for January 24, 2024, several Kern Linkage Division staff will be participating in hopes of providing resources for the individuals in need.
- **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Division:**
 - The Annual DHCS DMC-ODS and SABG reviews were completed on January 4, 2024. There were only a few questions from the reviewer, and the final report is expected within the next month.
- **Quality Improvement (QID) Division:** No major updates to report.
- **Adult System of Care:**
 - Care court is moving from a committee to workgroup format and utilizing pilot 1 county information to develop current process.

- **Childrens System of Care:**
 - In search of a provider for the Children's Crisis Residential Program.
- **Finance:**
 - With the two Deputy Director model, Lynn Corse, MBA, Finance Administrator, and her team will now be reporting to Jessica Armstrong.

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

- **Information Technology:**
 - Health Information Exchange, working on a new contract with CalMHSA for the data and archive solution and interoperability.
 - EHR Patient Access is part of the Health Information Exchange plan and working towards changing our systems to also include a Patient Portal.
 - New Public Website, slated to go live by end of March or early April.
- **Clinical Plan Services:**
 - The Contracts Team has moved over to Plan Services.
 - Prop 47 is our current transition program, this was a \$6 million grant that was received for forensic supportive services, early intervention and education, and peer mentors. As of today, we have a total of 48 referrals, 31 have met the criteria for the program, 18 are currently enrolled and 13 pending. The program is up and running and moving forward.
 - Children's Outpatient services received a new grant for Parent Child Interaction Therapy training, we are moving forward and getting the agreements signed to get our staff trained and get the phase practice going with our outpatient youth services.
- **Crisis Services:**
 - 988 text and chat has over 500 text chat services provided. It continues to grow, currently it is only 8 hours a day, by July 1st it will be available 24 hours a day. The Board of Supervisors has approved 13 new positions to help support our 988 hotline.
 - Mobile Crisis Response went live on December 31, 2023. So far, we have had 31 Mobile Crisis Response dispatched. We expect that this will expand as more people gain access and knowledge about our Mobile Crisis Response and 988 hotline.
 - Currently looking for a provider out of a second Referral for Proposal that was submitted so that East Kern may have their own Mobile Crisis Response team.
 - Mary K Shell building construction plan update, we should have the schedule for the fire safety remodel from the General Services department this week. We are anticipating the construction to start next month; it is about a 3-month process, and we are looking forward to having it all completed with as little impact on our services as possible.
- **Medical Services:**
 - KernBHRS matched with three Child/Adolescent Fellows for the academic year of 24-25. We did not match for an Addiction Fellow, and we are still waiting for the Residency Program matches.
- **Department Supports:**
 - Liz Bailey is the acting interim MHSA Coordinator.
 - MHSA continues evaluation and planning process for Proposition 1. This proposition goes in the ballot in March, and our planning team continues to work and review all the changes outlined in the legislation ballot measure and the impacts on the operations of our department. Will continue to bring updates to the board as we receive them.

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11. KernBHRS Department Report – Alison Burrowes, Director:

- **Permanent Appointment:** Received permanent appointment by the Board of Supervisors last week on Tuesday. Thanked everyone for their support during the interim period.
- **Two Deputy Model:** The department will work with a two-deputy model for now until the changes that will come with Proposition 1 and the fiscal impact are clear. If the department can move to a three-deputy model, it will.
- **Employment Satisfaction:** As the Director, will really focus on employment satisfaction. As a department we can provide better services when our staff feels valued in the workplace. Will work to continue to strengthen the culture internally, employee wellness and engagement.
- **Financial Health of the organization:** Moved to a rate-based system six months ago, something that is new to this department and the state. The transition to the new Electronic Health Record has made it incredibly challenging, we do not have as much access as we would like. The former Electronic Health Record could not support the new payment system. There will be more updates as we move forward and continue to focus on this.
- **Behavioral Health needs of the community:** One of the ways to be better responsive to our communities' needs is by strengthening our partnership with other organizations in the community. As our department changes, we are really going to need to work with partner agencies to fill gaps. We have a lot of great partnerships with the community, and we will continue to have these conversations to see how we can meet the needs of our current beneficiaries and those that are in the cusps of coming into our system so that we can be prepared to serve all of them.
- **SB43:** Went before the Board of Supervisors on December 19, 2023, to postpone our implementation to January 1, 2026, and it passed without any public comment. If there is an opportunity to implement it sooner, we will. This is probably one of the biggest transformations since MHSA and there will be many more updates on this.

12. Board Member Item:

- **Flossie White:** Black History Awareness Month, there are plenty of activities and would like to encourage all the board members to participate. A flyer will be emailed out to all the members.

13. Committee Reports:

- A. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services** (quarterly): Bryson Gholston: Next meeting is February 7th. Will report on the February 26th meeting.
- B. Children's Treatment & Recovery Services** (quarterly): Dian Schneider and Jeff Burdick: Not available to report. Next meeting is April 11th. Will report on the April 22nd meeting.
- C. System Quality Improvement Committee** (bi-monthly): David Kessler: Met on January 22nd. There were three presentations provided, 24/7 Hotline Test Calls, Access to After-hours, and Fair Hearing. All divisions of the department also provided updates. Next meeting is March 25th.

14. Announcements to the Public: None.**15. Adjourn:** MOTION by Breanne Patterson to adjourn to the next regular meeting In Person on February 26, 2024, and seconded by David Kessler. ALL AYES: Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:30 pm.**Items Distributed via Meeting Invite**

BHB 2024 Schedule

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