

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

Monday, October 23, 2023

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) – *Absent*

Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3)

BreAnne Patterson (Dist. 5)

Dian Schneider (Dist. 2) – 1st Vice Chair

Michael Herrera – BOS Appointee

Michael Bryant (Dist. 3)

Jeff Burdick (Dist. 1)

LaShawna Lee (Dist. 3) – *Absent*Tracy Lynch – BHB Coordinator: *Excused***OTHERS PRESENT:**

Hannah Garber - KCHC

Chris Reilly - GSH

KERNBHRS STAFF:

Jessica Armstrong

Alison Burrowes

Lynn Corse

Tammy Cates

Lesleigh Davis

Robin Taylor

Tonya Mann

Isabel Cardenas

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Sonia Silva, Chair, welcomed everyone; each board member introduced themselves.
2. **Establish Quorum:** 9 present, 2 absent. Quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for August 28, 2023, and September 25, 2023, Regular Meeting:** MOTION by Dian Schneider to approve minutes for August and seconded by Jeff Burdick. ALL AYES: Motion passed. MOTION by Michael Herrera to approve minutes for September and seconded by Michael Bryant. ALL AYES: Motion passed.
4. **Presentation(s):**
 - o **“Crisis Services” – Tonya Mann, LMFT:** Shared a presentation on Consumer Perspective: A Walk-Through Crisis Services. Time allowed for *Questions and Answers*.
5. **Public Comment:** Chris Reilly, Administrator with Good Samaritan Hospital provided information on adolescent detox program. The referral phone number is 661-490-9919.

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6. Unfinished Business: None.**7. New Business:**

A. BHB Executive Committee 2024: BHB Proposed Executive Committee slate for 2024 announced. Will vote on the proposed slate of officers in the November 27th meeting.

B. Approval of Data Notebook: MOTION by Bryson Gholston to approve Data Notebook and seconded by Jeff Burdick. ALL AYES: Motion passed.

8. Chair Report – Sonia Silva: None.**9. KernBHRS Clinical Services Report –Jessica Armstrong, Deputy Director:**

- **Kern Linkage Division:**
 - **Conditional Release Program (CONREP):** The Kern County Sheriffs Office (KCSO) closed its central receiving facility (CRF) and transferred all inmates to their Lerdo facilities. All arrests and discharges will now be processed at the Justice Facility on Industrial Farm Road. Working on relocating Kern BHRS staff to the Justice Facility and making sure they are comfortable at the new location.
 - **No Place Like Home:** College Heights, the third like home facility, plans on opening November 2023. Supportive housing treatment team with Kern BHRS is working with the Housing Authority to get residents screened and accepted into housing.
- **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Division:**
 - **SUD Administration:**
 - Received an amendment to the DMC-ODS contract with the state that includes new Cal-AIM requirements and will be executed by the end of the year.
 - Partnering with the Kern County Public Health Department in efforts to obtain grant funding to engage individuals after an opioid overdose so they can enter MAT. If awarded these services could begin as early as January 2024.
- **Quality Improvement (QID) Division:**
 - **QID Administration:**
 - Lesleigh Davis and her team will be reporting to Deputy Director Jessica Armstrong during the Interim Director period.
- **Adult System of Care:** No major updates to report.
- **Childrens System of Care:**
 - Working on implementation of the PATH services for justice-involved individuals.
 - Joint project across several divisions on implementing a suicide rapid reporting and response program. This program will partner with Public Health and will add to our ability to provide timely access to youth who are at risk of self-harm/suicide.
 - Foster Care Team, services to early childhood (0-5 years old). Over 20% of foster children in our county are under the age of 5 years old. The team has been working with DHS to encourage increased referrals for 0-5 years old children to KernBHRS.

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

- **Crisis Services:**
 - The fire safety repairs and improvement building project for Mary K Shell is close to being finalized.
 - Finalizing the Mobile Crisis Response Benefit plan that will get submitted to the state by the end of October. On track to get it operationalized by the end of December.
 - Kern BHRS will be providing the Mobile Crisis Response Benefit in much of the greater Bakersfield area and other parts of Kern County. East Kern Mobile Crisis Response RFP is

being reviewed, should be finalized within the next couple of weeks. There will be two Mobile Crisis Response teams in Kern County to ensure that we can meet the mandate.

- 988 text Chat goes live tonight.
- **Department Supports:**
 - MHSA Stakeholder meetings are going forward and continuing with our annual plan. Part of the stakeholder process will continue to work on updates for SB326 as that develops. Will continue to bring stakeholder meetings forward to the Behavioral Health Board as well to participate in that as we continue to work through the analysis.
 - Professional development, we currently have 27 practicum students that are placed with Kern BHRS to support good workforce and retention for the department. In the process of hiring a per diem clinical supervisor to add another 15 additional clinical supervision hours to support our clinical students. In addition, we have department-wide professional growth which has set up 25 staff members with mentors.
 - Drug Free Kern was selected in a competitive process to be accepted for the Overdose Prevention Network Accelerator 5.0 Program.
- **Clinical Plan Services:**
 - Prop 47 grant has been funded and services are in operation.
- **Medical Services:**
 - Psychiatrist Recruitment and Resident Fellow interviews

11. KernBHRS Department Report – Alison Burrowes, Interim Director:

- **Permanent Director Appointment:** Board of Supervisors looking to recruit permanent Director of Kern BHRS. Expecting to have an appointment by the beginning of the year.
- **SB43:** Changes the rules to civil commitment. Grave Disability will be changing to include those with substance use disorder. This brings the need for not only expansion but also new facilities to manage the care that these individuals will need. There is an option to extend the implementation period up to 2 years. Currently working with the CAO's office, County Counsel and Aging and Adult Services who manage the conservatorship piece, to work on a plan and determine what the recommendation to the Board will be.
- **SB326:** Still in the early planning phases. The role Kern BHRS will play is providing housing and payment for housing for individuals in the community. Requires re-envisioning how we provide services so that we can re-direct the funding that is required. Still working on the analysis of fiscal impacts and service impacts. The time frame for that is shorter and based on whether this bill passes through the ballot measure. We are working towards being fully prepared if it does pass.

12. Board Member Item:

- **Dian Schneider:** After reviewing our by-laws, we are not in compliance. Request made for item to be added to the future agenda for review of the Board.
- **Michael Bryant:** Thank you BHRS staff for the Data Notebook and for being present for the meeting held two weeks ago.

13. Committee Reports:

- A. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services** (quarterly): Bryson Gholston: Next meeting is November 8th, will report at November 27th meeting.
- B. Children's Treatment & Recovery Services** (quarterly): Dian Schneider and Jeff Burdick: Met on October 12th. The presentation was provided by Child Guidance Clinic, and it was parents as teachers.
- C. System Quality Improvement Committee** (bi-monthly): David Kessler: Met on October 23rd, meeting will no longer be monthly but every other month now. Will have 5 meetings a year and the next meeting

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will be in January 2024. A few presentations were provided, one was Consumer Satisfaction, currently hold a 93% satisfaction rate.

14. Announcements to the Public:

- **Bryson Gholston:** This week in the Kern High School District and potentially other Schools across the board, it is currently Red Ribbon week. We wear red this week in solidarity with our students and the fight against drugs.

15. Adjourn: MOTION by BreAnne Patterson to adjourn to the next regular meeting In Person on November 27, 2023, and seconded by David Kessler. ALL AYES: Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:30pm.

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