

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

Monday, February 26, 2024

5:30 p.m.

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

Sonia Silva (Dist. 1) – Chair - *Excused*
Michael Bryant (Dist. 3) – 2nd Vice Chair
Flossie White (Dist. 4) - *Absent*
Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3) – *Excused*
BreAnne Patterson (Dist. 5) - *Virtual*
Tiara King (Dist. 2) – *Absent*

Dian Schneider (Dist. 2) – 1st Vice Chair - *Excused*
David Kessler (Dist. 3) - Parliamentarian
Michael Herrera (Dist. 1)
Jeff Burdick (Dist. 1)
LaShawna Stowe (Dist. 3)
Genora McClanahan (Dist. 5)
Maria Espinoza (Dist. 4) – BOS Appointee

Maria Gonzalez – BHB Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marisa Trebizo, CSV Adriana Fimbres, CSUB Ashlie Whitaker, CSUB Nicholas Siewell, Kern Medical

KERNBHRS STAFF:

Alison Burrowes Jessica Armstrong Robin Taylor Isabel Cardenas

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** David Kessler, Parliamentarian, welcomed everyone; each board member introduced themselves.
2. **Establish Quorum:** 7 present, 1 virtual, 2 absent, 3 excused. Quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for November 27, 2023, and January 22, 2024, Regular Meeting:** MOTION by LaShawna Stowe and seconded by Michael Herrera. ALL AYES: Motion passed.
4. **Public Comment:** None.

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5. Unfinished Business:

- A. Executive BHB Meetings – Review language changes in Bylaws:** MOTION by Jeff Burdick and seconded by Michael Bryant. ALL AYES: Motion passed.

6. New Business:

- A. Behavioral Health Board Annual Report:** Preparation for the BHB Annual Report has begun.

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

- **Kern Linkage Division:**
 - Attended the Kern PATH Collaborative Group meeting on January 23, 2024, to build relationships and connections among Enhanced Care Management Teams and Community Support providers to transform health care in Kern County.
 - No Place Like Home housing development opened today, and KernBHRS will be on site assist with move in and offer Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder services.
 - Ribbon Cutting for 6th Street apartments was today, estimated move in time is mid-March.
 - Working with Churches Without Walls, Flood, Hope the Mission, and CAO office on the opening of the Hope on Hart tiny home village in the Oildale area.
- **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Division:**
 - Working closely with Medical Services to see clients in the KernBHRS Outpatient Medication Assisted Treatment clinic at L St. Requirements have been expanded to be able to bring in more referrals.
- **Quality Improvement (QID) Division:** No major updates to report.
- **Adult System of Care:**
 - Currently starting the project of our outpatient teams becoming access points.
 - The Adult Treatment and Recovery Services Sub-Committee needs more attendees. At the last meeting there was a presentation from the Mobile Evaluation Team informing us of the recent and future changes.
- **Childrens System of Care:**
 - A provider has been identified for the Children's Crisis Residential Program and will continue to work on implementation.
- **Finance:** No major updates to report.

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

- **Information Technology:**
 - Finished with the archive solution for our Electronic Health Record, and validating and testing that all our old records are available in SmartCare.
 - The Software Development Team is working on new reports, currently focusing on data reporting.
 - Working on our rebranding and signage, the new Kern County signage is transitioning into all our buildings and locations.
- **Crisis Services:**
 - The Referral for Provider for the East Kern Mobile Crisis Response, we did not get anyone to respond, will continue to work on this.
 - The Mary K Shell building construction and Psychiatric Evaluation Center refresh to start in April.

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- **Finance Department:**
 - Working on Budget planning for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
- **Department Supports:**
 - Focused on Proposition 1 planning and implementation if it passes next week.
 - Prevention, Syringe Services Program funded through the California Department of Public Health soft launch starting in March.

10. KernBHRS Department Report – Robin Taylor, Deputy Director on behalf of Alison Burrowes, Director:

- **Senate Bill 43:** Held our first committee planning workgroup meeting on Friday, February 23rd. Great turnout with many attendees from different areas of expertise to help with the planning.
- **Proposition 1:** Includes language that defines changes to the Behavioral Health Board. Will bring this forward soon, possibly at the next regular meeting. Depending on the outcome of the election next week, we will know exactly what it is. There is a transition time when it comes to implementation.

11. Board Member Item: None

12. Committee Reports:

- A. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services** (quarterly): Bryson Gholston: Next meeting is May 8th. Will report on the May 27th meeting.
- B. Children's Treatment & Recovery Services** (quarterly): Dian Schneider and Jeff Burdick: Next meeting is April 11th. Will report on the April 22nd meeting.
- C. System Quality Improvement Committee** (bi-monthly): David Kessler: Next meeting is March 25th. Will report on the March 25th meeting.

13. Announcements to the Public:

- A. Adriana Fimbres and Ashlie Whitaker with CSUB:** Attending meeting as part of an assignment for Public Affair Reporting class at CSUB which involves attending a local public meeting relating to Mental Health.

14. Adjourn: MOTION by Jeff Burdick to adjourn to the next regular meeting In Person on March 25, 2024, and seconded by Maria Espinoza. ALL AYES: Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite

BHB 2024 Schedule

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