



BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH & RECOVERY
SERVICES

KERN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 27, 2023

5:30 p.m.

In Person: 2001 28th Street, 1st Floor Training Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonia Silva (Dist. 1) – Chair
Stephanie Hermeston (Dist. 1) – 1st Vice Chair
David Kessler (Dist. 3) – Parliamentarian
Michael Herrera – Board of Supervisors Appointee
Deborah Fabos (Dist. 2): *Excused*
Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3): *Excused*

Nancy Solis (Dist. 5): *Virtual*
Dian Schneider (Dist. 2) - 2nd Vice Chair: *Virtual*
Michael Bryant (Dist. 3)
Flossie White (Dist. 4): *Excused*
Jeff Burdick (Dist. 1): *Excused*
Lashawna Lee (Dist. 3)

Tracy Lynch – BHB Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joselyn Green
Marisa Trebizo
Mary Ellen Ramos
Wally Gaitan
Malori Reyes

Jeferson Hernandez
Willie Ramos
Reagan Bowden
Stacy Hungerford

KERNBHRS STAFF:

Robin Taylor
Christina Rajlal
Jose Marentes
Jeanette Zaragoza
Sherry Bowden
Robert Dues

Jessica Armstrong
Lynn Corse
Belinda Vieyra
Vicky Perez
Jennie Sill
Buddy Downs

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Sonia Silva, welcomed everyone; each board member introduced themselves. New member, Michael Bryant was introduced.
2. **Establish Quorum:** 6 present, 2 virtual, 4 excused. Quorum not established.
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for January 23, 2023:** Quorum not established. Will bring back to next meeting on March 27, 2023.
4. **“Success Stories”.** Four success stories were shared. Time allowed for *Questions and Answers*.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **2022 BHB Annual Report:** Will be ready for review at next meeting.



8. Chair Report – Sonia Silva: Lorre Webb from District 2 has resigned from the BHB.

9. Clinical Services Report –Jessica Armstrong, Deputy Director

- **Division Transitions:** Still in transition with teams under her divisions. Substance Use and Kern Linkage are reporting to me. Within the month all four direct service divisions will be underneath me.
- **Adult System of Care Administrator:** Emily Lyles, previous MET Supervisor.
- **Clinical Plan Services Administrator:** Heather Hornibrook, previous Adult System of Care Administrator will be overseeing Contract Providers.
- **State Opportunities:** Enhancement of ACT services, opportunities to help support older adults, and more to come.

10. Specialty Clinical Services – Robin Taylor, Deputy Director

- **Department Supports Administration:**
 - Dr. Joy Quiton-Buaya is retiring after 26 years of service. Liz Bailey will be replacing her.
 - Investing in Evidenced Based training for staff infusing culturally appropriate care and skills.
- **Crisis Services:**
 - 988 text/chat implementation going live July 2023.
 - Mobile Crisis Response planning for implementation on December 31, 2023.
- **Children's System of Care:**
 - Grant application submitted for funding to implement Parent Child Interactive Therapy.
 - Completed recertification in Transition to Independence Process (TIP) Model.
 - Increase in access in services for youth.
- **Mental Health Services Act:**
 - Stakeholder meeting tomorrow at 11:30 AM.
 - Preparing for May is Mental Health Month.

11. Administrative Services – Lynn Corse for Alison Burrowes, Deputy Director

- **Fiscal:**
 - Moving forward with Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budgeting with the goal of mid-March for County budget kickoff.
 - Moving to a rate based system under Payment Reform instead of cost based system for internal and Contract Providers.
- **Contracts:**
 - Contracting process moving forward for next fiscal year alongside the budgeting process.
- **Quality Improvement:**
 - Preparing for the upcoming Department of Health Care Services Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System and Substance Abuse Block Grant review, May 10th and 11th.
 - Launching new tools required by the State under the CalAIM initiative, Transition of Care and Standardized Screening.
- **Consumer Family Learning Center:**
 - Is open and located in the South Tower.
 - Broadening schedule in March to welcome more consumers and groups back.
- **Adult System of Care:**
 - New Administrator, Emily Lyles.

- **Medical Services:**

- Now reporting under Alison Burrowes.
- Work with The Center for Gender Diversity continues. Two new interns beginning this week. Working on annual training to take place in April to focus on Clinical treatment and Crisis services for the LGBTQ+ community.

12. Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director: No report at this time.

13. Board Member Item:

- None.

14. Committee Reports:

- A. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services – Lynn Corse:** Working on refining their goals for the year ahead with focus on expanding participation.
- B. Children’s Treatment & Recovery Services – Dian Schneider:** We didn’t meet this month; this is a quarterly committee.
- C. System Quality Improvement Committee –David Kessler:** We met today and had presentations on Foster Care Penetration Rates, Cultural Competence Plan and M&M.

15. Public Announcements: None.

16. Adjourn: Adjourned at 6:08 p.m. No motion due to quorum not being established.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite

BHB Agenda for February 27, 2023

Meeting Minutes (Draft) from January 23, 2023

BHB 2023 Schedule

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