

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

Monday, May 20, 2024

5:30 p.m.

In Person: 3300 Truxtun Ave.- 1st Floor, East Training Room**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sonia Silva (Dist. 1) – Chair

Michael Bryant (Dist. 3) – 2nd Vice ChairFlossie White (Dist. 4) -*Absent*

Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3)

BreAnne Patterson (Dist. 5) – *Virtual*Tiara King (Dist. 2) – *Virtual*Dian Schneider (Dist. 2) – 1st Vice Chair

David Kessler (Dist. 3) – Parliamentarian

Michael Herrera (Dist. 1)

Jeff Burdick (Dist. 1) -*Excused*LaShawna Stowe (Dist. 3) -*Absent*

Genora McClanahan (Dist. 5)

Maria Espinoza (Dist. 4) – BOS Appointee

Maria Gonzalez – BHB Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:Marisa Trebizo, CSV Nicholas Siewell, Kern Medical Joshua Pierce, Cornerstone Tehachapi Alex Nunez,
Cornerstone Tehachapi Chris Kuapp, Cornerstone Tehachapi Patrick Bowers, Cornerstone Tehachapi**KERNBHRS STAFF:**

Alison Burrowes Heather Hornibrook Karen Friedman Jason Giffard Michelle Timmerman

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Sonia Silva, Chair, welcomed everyone; each board member introduced themselves.
2. **Establish Quorum:** 8 present, 2 virtual, 3 absent, excused. Quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for March 25, 2024, Regular Meeting:** MOTION by Dian Schneider and seconded by Bryson Gholston ALL AYES: Motion passed.
Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for April 22, 2024, Regular Meeting: MOTION by Maria Espinoza and seconded by Genora McClanahan ALL AYES: Motion passed.
4. **Presentation(s):**
 - **“Children’s Outpatient Outreach” – Karen Friedman and Jason Giffard:** Shared a presentation on the walkthrough of children’s outreach services. *Time allowed for Questions and Answers.*

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5. Public Comment:

- A. Joshua Pierce, Cornerstone Tehachapi:** Request for consideration to get an in-network contract with the county starting the next fiscal year. The goal is to help the youth with early intervention and prevention. Board members are requesting a presentation at the next regular meeting.

6. Unfinished Business:

- A. Behavioral Health Board Annual Report Draft:** MOTION by David Kessler and seconded by Michael Herrera ALL AYES: Motion passed.

7. New Business: Announcements

- A. BHB Strategic Planning Day:** Will be held on Saturday, July 13th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

- 8. Chair Report – Sonia Silva:** Will send out an email to all board members on attendance and tardiness, please be on the lookout for this email.

9. KernBHRS Clinical Services Report –Michelle Timmerman, Special Projects Manager on behalf of Jessica Armstrong, Deputy Director:

- **Kern Linkage Division:**
 - Tuesday April 23, 2024, Kern Linkage hired a new Supervisor, Rachel Johnson.
 - Working with Crisis Services on training for new Psychiatric Housing Facility.
 - Hope on Hart is now open. KLD HAT and SUD team will be helping coordinate services.
- **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Division:**
 - The Alcohol and Other Drug program (AOD) certifications received for Blanton, L Street and CalWORKS.
- **Adult System of Care:**
 - No updates to provide at this time.
- **Children's System of Care:**
 - Organizing contracts for the upcoming fiscal year.
- **Finance/CFLC/Credentialing/Compliance/Purchasing/Training:**
 - No updates to provide at this time.
- **Quality Improvement Division:**
 - No updates to provide at this time.

10. KernBHRS Specialty Clinical Services Report – Heather Hornibrook Clinical Plan Services Administrator on behalf of Robin Taylor, Deputy Director:

- **Special Projects:**
 - Psychiatric Health Facilities Grand Opening took place on May 15th.
 - BHCIP funded Youth CSY and Family Resource Center in design phase with Architect.
- **Crisis:**
 - 90% of calls are answered within 15 seconds on the Hotline.
 - Working with PIO to increase community awareness for Mobile Response.
 - Mary K Shell construction is entering the third phase this week. Hoping to complete it by early to late Fall.
- **Department Supports:**
 - May is Mental Health Month continues.
 - May 4th hosted Free Family Day at Calm. Over 3,000 people attended.
 - May 22nd Food and Fan distribution.
 - May 24th Narcan training at Westchester courtyard.

- Hired a new MHSA coordinator supervisor, Mark Kimmel.
- **Clinical Plan Services:**
 - Contracts hired new staff and all positions are filled.
 - DHCS Children and Youth Behavioral Health received a grant for Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT). The process of hiring a trainer and training will be in August.

11. KernBHRS Department Report – Alison Burrowes, Director:

- **New PHFs Tours:** If interested in a tour of the Psychiatric Housing Facility message Maria Gonzalez.
- **Deputy Director:** In the process of interviewing for the third Deputy Director hoping to fill position by June.
- **Prop 1:** Prop 1 and SB43 now referred to as Behavioral Health Transition. Gavin Newsom moved up the timeline for the bond measure. Round 1 is now happening in the summer instead of fall.
- **CalWORKs:** Working with DHS to see what we can provide through the new program and possible reductions. More information to come once we get closer to the revise of the new budget on July 1st.
- **Inspiration Awards:** On May 10th inspiration awards were hosted in the Westchester Courtyard. 10 people were nominated.
- **Care court:** Set to implement in October instead of December.
- **Fentanyl Funding Opportunity:** Working with the CAOs office and Assemblywomen Dr. Bains, to look over opportunities over the fentanyl task force funding.

12. Board Member Item: None

13. Committee Reports:

- A. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services** (quarterly): Bryson Gholston: Met on May 8th, discussed re-configuration of what Adult Recovery Services should look like. Trying to grow community involvement and bring in resources that the community will be interested in seeing.
- B. Children's Treatment & Recovery Services** (quarterly): Dian Schneider and Jeff Burdick: Next meeting is on July 11th. Will report at August meeting.
- C. System Quality Improvement Committee** (bi-monthly): David Kessler: Next meeting is on September 23rd. Will report at September meeting.

14. Announcements to the Public: None.

15. Adjourn: Next regular meeting in person on June 24, 2024, at Westchester 2001 28th Street, Training Room.
Adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite

BHB 2024 Schedule

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