

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

Monday, June 24, 2024

5:30 p.m.

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

Sonia Silva (Dist. 1) – Chair

Michael Bryant (Dist. 3) – 2nd Vice Chair

Flossie White (Dist. 4)

Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3) - *Excused*

BreAnne Patterson (Dist. 5)

Tiara King (Dist. 2)

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

David Kessler (Dist. 3) – Parliamentarian

Michael Herrera (Dist. 1)

Jeff Burdick (Dist. 1)

LaShawna Stowe (Dist. 3) - *Absent*

Genora McClanahan (Dist. 5)

Maria Espinoza (Dist. 4) – BOS Appointee

Maria Gonzalez – BHB Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kyle Holmes, Kern County Counsel Kathleen Rivera, Kern County Counsel Nicholas Siewell, Kern Medical

Joshua Pierce, Cornerstone Alex Nunez, Cornerstone Chris Kuapp, Cornerstone John Logan, Cornerstone

CJ Runyon Caleigh

KERNBHRS STAFF:

Alison Burrowes

Heather Hornibrook

Candee Del Rio

Robin Taylor

Amber Lopez

Louis Groce

Jessica Armstrong

Isabel Cardenas

Eileen Mendoza

Jazmin Solorio

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Sonia Silva, Chair, welcomed everyone; each board member introduced themselves.
2. **Establish Quorum:** 11 present, 1 excused, 1 absent. Quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for May 20, 2024, Regular Meeting:** MOTION by Dian Schneider and seconded by David Kessler ALL AYES: Motion passed.
4. **Presentation(s):**
 - **Provider Presentation from Cornerstone “Current and Future Programming”** – Joshua Pierce, President/Pastoral Counselor with Cornerstone Tehachapi: Shared a walkthrough of their current services and the plans of future programming. *Time allowed for Questions and Answers.*
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **New Business:** None

8. Chair Report – Sonia Silva:

- The 2023 Annual Report and the amended Bylaws were approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 18th.
- The Strategic Planning event meeting will be held on July 13th in the Westchester Training room from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

9. KernBHRS Administrative Services – Heather Hornibrook, Deputy Director:

- The newly appointed Deputy Director introduced herself to the Board and the Public.

10. KernBHRS Clinical Services Report – Jessica Armstrong, Deputy Director:

Kern Linkage Division:

- Mobile Clinic w/Street Psychiatry is coordinating with other street medicine/behavioral health organizations to set up at Yokuts Park and San Miguel Grove. Will begin June 24th with clinics alternating at each park.
- Cal-Aim justice involved programing continues to progress. KernBHRS readiness assessment and the implementation plan for the County has been submitted. Pending feedback on these documents.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Division:

- SUD Provider Update- KCHC DBA Name Change to La Vida Nueva
- SUD Provider Update- CCS DBA Name Change to Clarvida

Adult System of Care:

- Mental Health Systems ACT/AB109 services has transitioned now to our internal ACT and Kern Linkage Adult Transition Team (ATT). Services will continue with KernBHRS until Telecare has established their clinic, should be early fall.

Children's System of Care:

- CSOC Presenting
- TFCO has received certification- 2 years in the making

Finance/CFLC/Credentialing/Compliance/Purchasing/Training:

- No updates to provide at this time.

Quality Improvement Division:

- FY 23/24 County Strategic Plan Performance Measures will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors next week
- Partnering with CalMHSA to add 9 additional performance measures to our KernBHRS list of Key Performance Measures.

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

Special Projects:

- BHCIP funded Youth CSY and Family Resource Center in design phase with Architect.

Medical Services:

- New incoming Psychiatrists

Crisis:

- 988 text chat increasing to 24/7 coverage
- Provided update of Mary K Shell emergency remodel project
- New Psychiatric Health Facilities close to opening up for operations

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12. KernBHRS Department Report – Alison Burrowes, Director:

- **Deputy Director:** Heather Hornibrook is the new Administration Deputy Director-in the process of transitioning assignments to each of the departments.
- **Prop 1:** Moving towards the mandates of Prop 1 and SB-43.
- **CalWORKs:** Changes are in progress. Due to the small number of staff, we can transition them into other teams within the department.
- **Blue Zone Project:** Continuing to take initiative on becoming Blue Zone certified.

13. Board Member Item: None

14. Committee Reports:

Adult Treatment & Recovery Services (quarterly): Bryson Gholston:

- Next meeting is August 7th. Will report at August meeting.

Children's Treatment & Recovery Services (quarterly): Dian Schneider and Jeff Burdick:

- Next meeting is July 11th. Will report at August meeting.

System Quality Improvement Committee (bi-monthly): David Kessler:

- Next meeting is September 20th. Will report at September meeting.

15. Announcements to the Public: None.

16. Adjourn: MOTION by Jeff Burdick to adjourn to the next regular meeting in person on August 26, 2024, and seconded by Tiara King. ALL AYES: Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite

BHB 2024 Schedule

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