

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

Monday, August 26, 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)

BreAnne Patterson (Dist. 5)

Tiara King (Dist. 2) - *Absent*Dian Schneider (Dist. 2) – 1st Vice Chair – *Excused*David Kessler (Dist. 3) – Parliamentarian – *Excused*

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 – *Excused***OTHERS PRESENT:**

CJ Runyon, Lightfully

Ruben Alonzo, Telecare

Nick Siewell, Kern Medical

KERNBHRS STAFF:

Alison Burrowes

Heather Hornibrook

Jessica Armstrong

Tammy Cates

Allissa Lopez

Lynn Corse

Isabel Cardenas

Eileen Mendoza

Jazmin Solorio

Ana Olvera

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Sonia Silva, Chair, welcomed everyone; each board member introduced themselves.
2. **Establish Quorum:** 9 present, 4 excused, 2 absent. Quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for June 24, 2024, Regular Meeting:** MOTION by BreAnne Patterson, SECONDED by Michael Herrera. ALL AYES: Motion passed.
4. **Presentation(s):**
 - **"Substance Use Disorder Services"** – Ana Olvera, KernBHRS Administrator. *Time allowed for Questions and Answers.*
 - **"Recovery Month Success Stories"** – *Played video presented at the Board of Supervisors for the proclamation of September is Recovery Month.*
5. **Public Comment:** None

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

- New Appointed Behavioral Health Board Members:
 - Jackeline Cortes, District 5
 - Connie Perez-Andreesen, District 5

8. Chair Report – Sonia Silva:

- Visited the New Psychiatric Health Facility back in June and was very impressed with the layout of the facility and what it has to offer the clients. Waiting on State licensing to open the facility, more to come.
- Prop1 Guidelines and Requirements for New BHB Members – The Welfare and Institution Code for Local Mental or Behavioral Health Board Commission. Effective January 1st membership rosters and by-laws need to be updated to reflect the requirements needed to become a BHB Member, more to come.

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

- **Clinical Plan Services**
 - New Administrator coming soon.
 - Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) Program at East Bakersfield Children (Oswell)
- **Department Supports**
 - September is Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month!
 - Stakeholder's meeting:
 - English speaking held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm at Westchester
 - Spanish speaking held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm at Westchester
 - Narcan distribution continuing to go very strong: provided over 2,000 kits to the community since 4/11/24
 - New cohort of 3 Psych Interns began in early August
 - Bakersfield Consumer Family Learning Center (CFLC) RFP: closing on September 9

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

- **Kern Linkage Division:**
 - The mobile unit for Street Psychiatry will be delivered on August 29, 2024, and staff will be trained on its use. The mobile unit should be on the streets sometime in September.
 - A Behavioral Health Consultant has been hired for our Lerdo jail facilities to review current programming and provide suggestions for new programming to best suit the needs of individuals incarcerated with serious mental illness.
- **Substance Use Disorder Division:**
 - Preparing for Recovery Month in September with several events in our community calendar
 - Recovery Resource fair (Saturday September 28th from 10am to 1 pm), where we will have vendors, games, stories of recovery to recognize our clients' and staff's efforts.
- **Finance/CFLC/Credentialing/Fiscal Compliance/Purchasing/Training:**
 - Business as Usual
- **Adults System of Care:**
 - Telecare will begin providing services for ACT, AB 109 and our CARE Court Program in the next few months.
- **Children's System of Care:**
 - CCRP Continue to work on the contracting process with vendor
 - AB1051 Placement of youth out of county STRTPs- coordination continues with Kern placing agencies, out of county STRTPs and other county MHP to establish contracts for provision of SMHS

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- Partnership with open door to house CSEC youth when they need to be in a safer private living environment
- Tay working with third tradition for supportive house
- Organized and provided training to DHS and Probation regarding the QI process. The training also involved state rep.
- First week of school led to an influx of youth at Kern Medical. Approximately 18 Youth Bridge worked to triage and step-down youth.
- **Quality Improvement Division:**
 - Business as Usual

11. KernBHRS Specialty Clinical Services Report – Allissa Lopez, KernBHRS Administrator on behalf of Robin Taylor, Deputy Director:

- **Finance:**
 - KernBHRS recommended Budget goes to the Board of Supervisors for approval on 8/27.
- **Technology and Facility Services**
 - Continued work on Health Information Data exchange.
 - Preparing State reports for mandated reporting: CANS/PSC, HCAI, CalOMS, and CSI.
 - Working on implementing tracking protocols within the EHR to ensure completion of all required documentation.
 - Westchester HVAC project is nearing completion, finishing up on South Tower this month.
- **Crisis Services**
 - MKS remodel update; minor PEC/CSU unit renovation is underway with anticipated completion next week. Then moving on to the Adult PEC/CSU unit renovation.
 - Planning for a grand re-opening when the renovation work is completed.
 - Crisis Intervention Team is at the International CIT Conference presenting on the power of collaboration between law enforcement and behavioral health.
 - SB43 is under implementation no later than January of 2026.

12. KernBHRS Department Report – Alison Burrowes, Director:

- **PHFs** – Congressman Valadao visited the facility and was impressed with the hospitals
- **Budget Hearings** – Meeting is being held August 27th. Budget will be approved after hearings.
- **Recovery Month** – The purpose of the video shared earlier at today's meeting is to bring awareness and inform board members and the public on recovery stories and work happening in the department. We are looking forward to doing more of this in the future.
- **Strategic Planning** – Thank you to Board members who were able to make the BHB strategic planning July event. Topics included: Prop1, Board Engagement, Orientation/Onboarding for new members.
- **Board Mentor** – If any Board members are interested in acting as a mentor for our new BHB members: Jackie Cortez or Connie Perez-Andreesen reach out to Maria Gonzalez magonzalez@kernbhhs.org Isabel Cardenas icardenas@kernbhhs.org and/or Alison Burrowes aburrooves@kernbhhs.org

13. Board Member Item: Flossie White reported her attendance at the NAMI Multicultural Symposium earlier this month and expressed her appreciation to the BH Director for the speech she gave at the event.

14. Committee Reports:

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

- Next meeting is November 6th. Will report at November meeting.

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

- Next meeting is October 11th. Will report at October meeting.

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

- Next meeting is September 23rd. Will report at September meeting.

15. Announcements to the Public: None.

16. Adjourn: MOTION by Michael Bryant to adjourn to the next regular meeting in person on September 23, 2024, and SECONDED by Michael Herrera. ALL AYES: Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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BHB 2024 Schedule

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