

**KERN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**Monday, November 25, 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) – *Excused*
Tiara King (Dist. 2)
Jackeline Cortes (Dist. 5) – *Absent*
Connie Perez-Andreesen (Dist. 5) – *Absent*

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

Shauna Chisholm, Telecare Rochelle Ramirez, Telecare Ruben Alonzo, Telecare Marisa Trebizo, CSV

KERNBHRS STAFF:

Alison Burrowes Robin Taylor Michelle Culy Lesleigh Davis Isabel Cardenas
Jazmin Solorio

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Sonia Silva, Chair, welcomed everyone; each board member introduced themselves.
2. **Establish Quorum:** 10 present, 1 excused, 3 absent. Quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for October 28, 2024 Regular Meeting:** MOTION by David Kessler SECONDED by Tiara King. ALL AYES: MOTION PASSED.
4. **Presentation(s):**
 - **“Telecare Services”** – Shauna Chisholm, LMFT ATR, Rochelle Ramirez, LCSW, and Ruben Alonzo, LCSW. Provided a PowerPoint presentation on Telecare’s programs and services offered at various locations throughout Kern County. *Time allowed for Questions and Answers.*
5. **Public Comment:** None

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6. Unfinished Business:

A) 2025 BHB Executive Committee Proposed Slate of Officers

Motioned: David Kessler **Seconded:** Michael Herrera **ALL AYES: Motion Passed.**

- Chair – Michael Bryant
- 1st Vice Chair – Jeff Burdick
- 2nd Vice Chair – Bryson Gholston

B) Data Notebook – Lesleigh Davis

Motioned: David Kessler **Seconded:** Maria Espinoza **ALL AYES: Motion Passed.****7. New Business:** None**8. Chair Report – Sonia Silva:** Dian Schneider has resigned as a Behavioral Health Board member.**9. KernBHRS Administrative Services – Liz Bailey, KernBHRS Administrator on behalf of Heather Hornibrook, Deputy Director:****• Clinical Plan Services**

- Recovery Station
 - The new intake has shortened the time by 50-75% on average. This will allow us to serve more clients and them faster.
- Training and Compliance
 - The CFLC monthly calendar of events is available on the www.KernBHRS.org website.
- Finance
 - Business as usual.
- QID
 - Business as usual.

• Department Supports

- Cultural Competence Team
 - Completing the annual Cultural Annual plan, to be submitted to DHCS by 12/31/24.
- MHSA
 - The Housing Symposium to be held on 12/9/24 to provide information on HomeKey+ and to obtain feedback on our community permanent supportive housing needs.
 - DHCS audit for MHSA will begin on 12/18/24.
- Behavioral Health Transformation (BHT) update
 - Shifting 30% of MHSA funding to Housing category with emphasis on supportive housing.
- Phased 2-Year Implementation Plan
 - Planning Start:
 - October 2023 – Initial planning began
- Impact on Programming
 - Internal Kern BHRS programs and contractors are affected
 - Impact on our non-mandated programs and services, including some outreach programs during FY 24/25.
 - Informed contract providers about the finding shifts and impacts on their programs.
 - Spring 2025, RFP for our 3 internal adult RAWC outpatient teams.
 - Transition RAWC's from MHSA to Medi-Cal and Realignment funding.
- Key Focus Areas
 - State mandated services as a priority
 - Continue serving the most vulnerable populations
 - Minimize impacts to community and workforce

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10. KernBHRS Clinical Services Report – Michelle Culy, KernBHRS Administrator on behalf of Jessica Armstrong, Deputy Director:**• Adult System of Care:**

- CARE Court has been busy with 15 referrals and 2 active CARE Court clients.
- The ASOC is preparing for Proposition 1 changes:
 - The Bakersfield Referral Team and Volunteer Senior Outreach Programs are sunseting before 6/30/25 due to changes in funding at the State level.
 - The 3 RAWC's teams will be sunseting before 6/30/26.
 - RAWC services will be contracted out to the successful bidder of the RFP process.
- Access & Assessment Center will be de-centralizing, making the 3 RAWC Team Access Points.

• Kern Linkage:

- The mobile clinic is now available.
- Onboarded the new ATT Supervisor Ann Sherwood

• Substance Use Disorder Division:

- La Vida Nueva moved to their new location and continued to provide services as scheduled. The new location will allow them to hold multiple groups at a time in a more comfortable setting.
- SUD Administration has been working with Good Samaritan Hospital and Kern Health Systems to create a new pilot program that will place SUD Case Managers at the Good Samaritan detox unit to ensure that patients receive continued SUD treatment after their short stay. This pilot will launch in January.
- The START Team is now located in Stockdale to ensure better access for clients.

11. KernBHRS Department Report – Alison Burrowes, Director:

- **BHB End of Year:** Thanked the board members for their service and support this year in the Behavioral Health Board. Hope you all have very happy and safe holidays.
- **Employee Wellness:** Introduced Rhonda Barnhard Special Projects Manager, to go over our Employee Wellness program and the work we are doing through the Blue Zone Project.
All 10 facilities at KernBHRS are officially Blue Zone Certified. Planning a celebration for January 24, 2025. Will continue our partnership with Blue Zone.

12. Board Member Item: None**13. Committee Reports:****Adult Treatment & Recovery Services** (quarterly): Bryson Gholston:

- The meeting was cancelled. Will defer back when the meeting is rescheduled.

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

- Next meeting is January 9, 2025. Will report at the January meeting.

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

- Met on November 25th, all teams were able to provide updates on their programs.

14. Announcements to the Public: None.**15. Adjourn:** MOTION by Jeff Burdick to adjourn to the next regular meeting in person on January 27, 2025, and SECONDED by Bryson Gholston. ALL AYES: MOTION PASSED. Adjourned at 6:40 pm.**Items Distributed via Meeting Invite**

BHB 2024 Schedule

<https://www.kernbhers.org/behavioral-health-board>