

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

Monday, October 28, 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) - *Excused*
Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3)
BreAnne Patterson (Dist. 5) – *Absent*
Tiara King (Dist. 2)
Jackeline Cortes (Dist. 5)
Connie Perez-Andreesen (Dist. 5)

Dian Schneider (Dist. 2) – 1st Vice Chair
David Kessler (Dist. 3) – Parliamentarian
Michael Herrera (Dist. 1) – *Absent*
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:

Nicholas Siewell, Kern Medical

Marisa Trebizo, CSV

Barbara Paradise, Clarvida

KERNBHRS STAFF:

Alison Burrowes	Heather Hornibrook	Heather Williams	Jennie Sill	Michelle Culy	Emily Lyles
Jonathan Decena	Candee Del Rio	Liz Bailey	Isabel Cardenas	Eileen Mendoza	

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Sonia Silva, Chair, welcomed everyone; each board member introduced themselves.
2. **Establish Quorum:** 11 present, 1 excused, 3 absent. Quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for September 23, 2024, Regular Meeting:** MOTION by Jeff Burdick SECONDED by Dian Schnieder. ALL AYES: MOTION PASSED.
4. **Presentation(s):**
 - **“Clarvida Kern County”** – Barbara Paradise, LMFT, Regional Director. Provided a PowerPoint presentation on Clarvida’s programs and services offered at their various locations throughout Kern County. *Time allowed for Questions and Answers.*
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Unfinished Business:**

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- **BHB Executive Committee 2025:** Please email Maria Gonzalez MaGonzalez@kernbhhs.org or Isabel Cardenas ICardenas@kernbhhs.org if you are interested in any of the executive positions. The board will vote on the proposed slate of officers on November 25th regular meeting.
- **2024 Data Notebook:** Heather Williams on behalf of Lesleigh Davis, did a walkthrough of the proposed responses by the subject experts for the board to review. The board will vote to submit the final draft to the Planning Council on the November 25th regular meeting.

7. New Business: None

8. Chair Report – Sonia Silva: None

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

- **Clinical Plan Services**
 - **Telecare Recovery Station** – We have revised intake process to expedite the process for visitors and serve more people.
 - **PCIT** – We have at least 2 families that have been receiving PCIT for 6+ weeks now.
- **Department Supports**
 - **Cultural Competence Team** – Completing the annual Cultural Annual plan, to be submitted to DHCS by 12/31/24.
 - **MHSA:**
 - Housing survey to go out to community partners (and to BHB members) in the next two weeks.
 - 1901 Narcan Kits were distributed since July 1, 2024, in the community.
 - **QID** – Business as Usual
 - **Training and Compliance** – The CFLC facility reopened as planned on Oct 1, following renovations. The CFLC monthly calendar of events is available on the www.KernBHRS.org website.
 - **Finance Updates - "CalAIM Payment Reform & Budget"** - Candee Del Rio, Finance Director. Provided a PowerPoint Presentation on KernBHRS Approved Budget and Medi-Cal Revenues. *Time allowed for Questions and Answers.*

10. KernBHRS Clinical Services Report – Emily Lyles, KernBHRS Administrator on behalf of Jessica Armstrong, Deputy Director:

- **Adult System of Care:**
 - All clients have been transitioned from our internal teams (ACT and ATT) to Telecare's Intensive Outpatient Program.
 - CARE Court launched October 1st and has received 5 referrals, and the court has received 2 petitions.
- **Kern Linkage:**
 - Michelle Culy and Sarah Jimenez- Puente attended the National Conference on Correctional Health Care, working with a Behavioral Health consultant to strategize and review potential programming into the facilities.
 - Mobile Unit with Street Psychiatry attended outreach with Churches without walls, Flood, and the city.
 - Kern Linkage participated in the Annual Veteran's Standdown along with our outreach and prevention teams.
 - Adult Transition Team Supervisor interviews being conducted Nov 1st.
- **Substance Use Disorder Division:**
 - The Recovery Resource fair on 9/28 was a success. 50 vendors and 400 community members in attendance.

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- Two new Recovery Incentives programs were approved to start offering contingency management services: Clinca Sierra Visa, Lamont, and Delano began offering services in late September.
- La Vida Nueva (formerly Kern County Hispanic Commission) is moving into a new, larger location at 5080 California Ave as of 10/25/24.
- Behavioral Health services for CalWORKs eligible parents once again being offered through KernBHRS and contracted providers. Outlying areas began receiving referrals in mid-September and Bakersfield recently launched on 10/14/24.

11. KernBHRS Department Report – Alison Burrowes, Director:

- **CARE Court:** Emily and Jessica, big Kudos for implementing CARE Court ahead of the state mandate and for all the hard work that went into implementation.
- **Provider Presentations:** We would like to include more providers in future meetings so you can see the services offered throughout.
- **Prop 1:** There are many changes that are coming in with this. We are reviewing how we can be as financially responsible as possible. Still working through planning and how we can provide services in the most cost-effective way. MHSA Stakeholder meetings are where you can receive more information on the changes that will take place. We want to encourage the board members to attend and see what the public input is.
- **Housing Symposium:** BHCIP Infrastructure Grant with the city, looking at areas where we have identified gaps. The symposium is coming in December, and we will be working with the Housing Authority on this.
- **Blue Zone:** We have been Blue Zone certified; Maria Gonzalez was an integral part of this project. We have been able to identify wellness spaces for employees with minimal spending. We will have a celebration in December and will invite all the board members to celebrate with us.

12. Board Member Item: None

13. Committee Reports:

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

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

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

- Met on October 10th. Presentation provided by Stuart on, "Youth Rapid Suicide Prevention".

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

- Next meeting is November 25th. Will report at the November meeting.

14. Announcements to the Public: None.

15. Adjourn: MOTION by Jeff Burdick to adjourn to the next regular meeting in person on November 25, 2024, and SECONDED by David Kessler. ALL AYES: MOTION PASSED. Adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite

BHB 2024 Schedule

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