



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

Monday, May 22, 2023

5:30 p.m.

In Person: 2001 28th Street, 1st Floor Training Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonia Silva (Dist. 1) – Chair	Dian Schneider (Dist. 2) – 2 nd Vice Chair
Stephanie Hermeston (Dist. 1) – 1st Vice Chair:	Flossie White (Dist. 4) - <i>Absent</i>
David Kessler (Dist. 3) – Parliamentarian	Michael Bryant (Dist. 3)
Michael Herrera – Board of Supervisors Appointee	Jeff Burdick (Dist. 1)
Deborah Fabos (Dist. 2) - <i>Excused</i>	LaShawna Lee (Dist. 3)
Bryson Gholston (Dist. 3)	BreAnne Patterson (Dist. 5) - <i>Virtual</i>
Destiny Adams – <i>Absent</i>	Lucille Holt (Dist. 2)

Tracy Lynch – BHB Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marisa Trebizo, Clinica Sierra Vista	Theresa Marinas, MHS dba Turn BHS
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KERNBHRS STAFF:

Stacy Kuwahara	Alison Burrowes	Robin Taylor
Ana Olvera	Juan Ortiz	Christina Rajlal
Cathleen Camacho	Lynn Corse	Estrella Amaro
Candee Del Rio		

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Sonia Silva, Chair, welcomed everyone; each board member introduced themselves.
2. **Establish Quorum:** 10 present, 1 excused, 2 absent, 1 virtual. Quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) for April 24, 2023, Regular Meeting:**
MOTION by Stephanie Hermeston to approve minutes and seconded by David Kessler. Dian Schneider ABSTAINED; Motion Passed.
4. **Presentation(s):**
 - o **“Diversity & Equity” – Estrella Amaro:** Shared a presentation on How we are doing with being inclusive when providing behavioral health and substance use services, Our actions to Increase Equity, Collaborative community listening sessions, Getting unserved and underserved communities into services, Trainings that increase culturally sound practices, and Staff Recruitment & Retention. Time allowed for *Questions and Answers*.



5. **Public Comment:** None.

6. **Unfinished Business:** None

7. **New Business:**

A. Strategic Planning – Stacy: Went over poll results. The majority was for socialization w/discussion and presentation. Group decided on Tuesday, July 18th from 5:30 PM -7:30 PM. An invite will be sent out.

B. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) 3 Year Plan 2023-2026: ACTION ITEM: Christina Rajlal and Candee Del Rio shared a presentation on Kern County 3-Year MHSA Plan and ARER, Agenda and Purpose, MHSA 3-Year Plan 2023-2026, Program Changes and Updates for Community Services & Supports (CSS), Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), Workforce, Education and Training (WET), Innovation (INN), Capital Facilities & Technological Needs (CFTN), Annual Outcome Measurements, Active MHSA Grants, Budget, and MHSA Annual Revenue and Expenditure Plan (ARER). Time allowed for *Questions and Answers*. MOTION by Jeff Burdick to approve MHSA 3 Year Plan 2023-2026 and seconded by Michael Bryant. ALL AYES: Motion passed.

8. **Chair Report – Sonia Silva:** None.

9. **KernBHRS Clinical Services Report – Ana Olvera for Jessica Armstrong, Deputy Director:**

- **Kern Linkage Division:**
 - Completed annual AB109 report for Probation and Community Corrections Partnership (CCP).
 - Haven Cottages Supportive Housing has moved from the Homeless Adult Team (HAT) to the Supportive Housing Treatment Team.
- **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Division:**
 - Completed Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Audit and did well with additional documents to be submitted.
 - Contingency Management services began at the L Street Clinic on April 24th.
 - SUD Early Intervention Services under Prop 47 Grant beginning soon.
- **Adult System of Care:**
 - All teams are working on transition plans for new Electronic Health Record.
 - Shared success story from NE RAWC team.
- **Childrens System of Care:**
 - Meeting with partners in the planning and support of services for foster youth with complex needs.
 - Youth wraparound will continue to provide support this weekend to PEC and Kern Medical.
 - Exploring a grant that will allow for billing of pre-release CalAIM services to our Juvenile Justice youth.
 - Implemented family outreach to families who have youth at Crossroads.

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

- **MHSA:**
 - **May is Mental Health Month Events:** Shoutout to Jeff Burdick who spent the day at CALM. Preliminary CALM numbers: Over 1,566 adults, 900 children (ages

3-12), and 230 infants to age 2. The Prevention Team distributed 180 Narcan kits and trained 125 individuals. Luca movie event had 109 individuals, 65 children.

- **Crisis Services:**
 - **Mary K Shell Renovation Project:** Upgrading fire alarm and sprinkler system. Developing plans for temporary relocation for some of that space for operations while those renovations are being completed.
 - **Mobile Crisis Plan Development:** Continuing to receive information from the State to draft our plan that is to be submitted to Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in October and up and operational by end of this fiscal year.
 - **Crisis Flow:** Large increase of youth in fluctuations. Working closely with community partners, emergency rooms and children's services (youth wraparound).
- **Disaster Operations:**
 - **Snowmelt Flooding Preparation:** Receiving notifications on snowmelt, how the river is going and paying attention to the maps. Keeping internal Administrators and Contract Providers up to date.

11. KernBHRS Administrative Services Report – Alison Burrowes, Deputy Director:

- **EHR Transition:** Transition is July 1st with close to 2,000 people to train. Right now, doing self-paced online training. In June, doing live training.
- **2023/2024 Budget and Contracts:** Submitted 2023/2024 Budget to County Administrative Office in April. Our anticipated revenues are \$351 Million for the next fiscal year. Current fiscal year is \$282 Million. This is the first year we are more than 50% contracted in terms of the funding (\$179 Million). Formal budget approval doesn't happen till August. We have 90 contracts to be executed for July 1st. The Consumer Family Learning Center is open and operational with services on site.
- **Quality Improvement:** Completed the DMC-ODS Audit that Ana talked about earlier. We also have the State visiting us in June for CalAIM.
- **Medical Services:** Nursing line that is up and operational for consumers to call a nurse for any refills or questions about medications. Celebrated Nurses Week.

12. KernBHRS Department Report – Stacy Kuwahara, Director:

- **BHB Resignation:** Nancy Solis has resigned from the BHB.
- **Jeff Burdick:** Congratulations on your promotion to Captain.

13. Board Member Item: None

14. Committee Reports:

- A. Adult Treatment & Recovery Services** (monthly): Bryson Gholston: There was no meeting this month. There has been conversations about combining the Adult and Children's committee into one meeting.
- B. Children's Treatment & Recovery Services** (quarterly): Dian Schneider and Jeff Burdick: Quarterly meeting.
- C. System Quality Improvement Committee** (monthly): David Kessler: Met today with presentations on: Outreach Efforts to the Homeless & Hard to Reach, SUD Audit Review Training and SUD Points in Time Surveys.

15. Announcements to the Public: None

16. Adjourn: MOTION by David Kessler to adjourn to the next regular meeting In Person on June 26, 2023, and seconded by Dian Schneider, ALL AYES; Motion passed. Adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Items Distributed via Meeting Invite

BHB 2023 Schedule

BHB Agenda for May 22, 2023

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