



# KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

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## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2018

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Debra Allen, Michelle Allen, Ken Baird, Wendy Osikafo (OBO Sanja Bugay), Keith Fagundes, Codi Hicke (OBO Scott Holwell), Joe Neves, Robert O'Neill, Carlos Poblano, Gloria Rede

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jean Scanlan

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Katie Arnst, Casie Ennis, Cristobal Hernandez, Anthony Gracian, Michael Dey, Joe Nichter, Kelley Lewis, Lisa Rogers, Chris Coffey

## **I. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

### **A. Call Meeting to Order**

The regular meeting of the Kings County Behavioral Health Advisory Board was called to order by the Chairperson at 12:04pm.

### **B. Introductions**

There was a brief introduction of Board members, staff, and guests.

## **II. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

None.

## **III. CHAIRMAN UPDATES**

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting on January 22, 2018 were presented to the Board for approval. Debra made a motion to accept these minutes and Ken seconded. **All were in favor.**

### **Board Member Resignation**

The Chairman read the board resignation from Fred Risard.

### **Bylaws Committee Update**

Ken went over the proposed changes to the Bylaws, most notably being to reduce the membership size to 13 and, at the request of Joe Neves, to include the language that quorum would be 7 of 13 members. Ken made a motion to accept the Bylaws with all proposed changes and Debby seconded. **All were in favor.**

April and May Meetings

Debby made a motion to cancel the regular meeting date for April (April 23<sup>rd</sup>) as well as the May meeting (May 28<sup>th</sup>), which is the Memorial Day holiday. Keith seconded. **All were in favor.**

**IV. MENTAL HEALTH/SUD/BH UPDATES**

MHSA Capital Facilities and Technology Needs Expenditure Extension Plan

Ahmad Bahrami made a presentation regarding the Avenal One-Stop and the extension request being made to use funds for this project by 2020.

**V. PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing was opened for questions and comments regarding the MHSA Capital Facilities and Technology Needs Expenditure Extension Plan.

- Comment: It was noted that the location of this One-Stop in Avenal would be very helpful to students attending West Hills College who also live in Avenal; it will help with stigma because two other county departments will be collocating in the same building.
- Question: What is the likelihood that Behavioral Health will actually get the extension they are requesting?
- Answer: There is no probable reason that the extension will not be accepted because the plan to use the money was previously included in the Mental Health Services Act 3-year plan.
- Comment: This isn't competitive money; it's our money and the plan's already been accepted by the state.
- Comment: A member wanted to recognize Ahmad and Behavioral Health in moving this plan forward as its been a need for a long time.
- Question: Will there be provision for Oak Wellness type services, including teaching coping skills, how to control triggers, peer support positions, etc.?
- Answer: There will be room for groups; the plan is to replicate services received in Hanford; will need letters of support from consumers and community members.
- Comment: This is a great opportunity to actually build to meet specific needs within the community.

The public hearing was closed.

**VI. KINGS COUNTY COMMUNITY UPDATES**

- Debby noted the Oak Wellness Center will have a volunteer awards ceremony on April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10am and all are welcome; they will have a walk for Mental Health Awareness on May 10<sup>th</sup> @ the Oak Wellness

Center; they will be accepting donations for the raffle and to call Gracie Clarke @ 582-4481 ext. 2025; they are having an Art Show on May 18<sup>th</sup> with artwork due in by April 15<sup>th</sup>; they have a trip planned for April 28<sup>th</sup>; Candy Lopez will be explaining the Warm Line @ the Center on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Keith noted that it is National Victim's Rights Week, with a special event at the Civic Auditorium on April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm and an Open House on April 12<sup>th</sup> @ the Kings County Multipurpose Room.
- Ken reminded everyone about the bi-monthly meeting of the Family Support Group and noted that their outreach has resulted in new people attending. He noted that today was the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his family's hope in the face of mental health issues and he wanted to thank everyone for their work in this field.

**VII. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:56pm.

Next Meeting: June 25, 2018