



KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES

June 25, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debra Allen, Michelle Allen, Ken Baird, Louis Torch OBO Keith Fagundes, Codi Hicke (OBO Scott Holwell), Joe Neves, Robert O'Neill, Gloria Rede, Jean Scanlan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sanja Bugay, Carlos Poblano

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cristobal Hernandez, Michael Dey, Lisa Rogers, Chris Coffey, Kathy Quinn, Dr. Lisa Lewis, Sander Valyocsik, Ahmad Bahrami, Candy Lopez, Greg Blevins, Dixie King, Clarissa Perez, Lorena Herrera, Christopher Williams, Diane Bernal

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 12:01pm.

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 special meeting on April 9, 2018 was presented to the Board for approval. Ken made a motion to accept these minutes and Debra seconded. **All were in favor.**

July Meeting

Debra made a motion to cancel the July meeting and Robert seconded. **All were in favor.**

IV. MENTAL HEALTH/SUD/BH UPDATES

Innovation Plan Completion Update

Dixie King from Transforming Local Communities, along with two youth participants, presented on the Youth Researching Resiliency program entitled "Be the Change."

Innovation Plan Presentation

Ahmad Bahrami from Behavioral Health presented on the Multi-Organization Shared Telepsychiatry (MOST) Program.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was opened for questions and comments regarding the Multi-Organization Shared Telepsychiatry (MOST) Program.

- Comment: The participants in the Family Support Group have been very excited for this program to become available. A new participant had mentioned in the group that she wished this program was available right now because she needs it.
- Comment: The Public Guardian's office has clients from all over the state. To get them in to see a provider in our county is very difficult because of the lack of facilities and providers. The peer support component is vital for their office, as they have the authority to sit in with clients on certain appointments, etc. and they get a lot of push back at times on this point.
- Response: The plan is to have a child psychologist and an adult psychiatrist who have a background in wellness and recovery. The wait time for psychiatric care will be cut down.
- Comment: Having a peer present to support and advocate for those who attend the Oak Wellness Center and are participating in services there is of great value.
- Comment: When seeking services for their child, the experience at the professional level was cold and clinical. No one was talking to them or their son and they felt talked down to. This parent is glad the county is moving to a wellness and more personal model. They value being able to talk with someone with lived experience.
- Question: If you have a mental health challenge and need assistance, what is the process?
- Answer: You would go through your normal providers. If you need an evaluation, you can come through Kings View or Behavioral Health. Appropriate care will be dependent upon where the person is in the system and their current level of need.
- Question: How does this differ from what currently exists?
- Answer: We now have mid and low level providers. There aren't enough psychiatry services to meet the needs of those with the highest level of need. As we add the psychiatry services along with the ACT team, we will be able to meet these needs and fill the gap in services.
- Comment: The team will have access to what is going on with this client and they will be able to work together.

- Comment: These new services will allow Kings View to provide psychiatric services for their clients and Behavioral Health will be able to provide psychiatric services for everyone else.
- Comment: We do not have enough providers in Kings County. Having telepsychiatric services available will provide for the gap in need.
- Comment: Telepsych services can bring some anonymity that clients might appreciate in our small community.
- Question: How does Adventist Health fit into this equation?
- Answer: We have been working with Adventist Health (AH) on the different levels of care. As people move out of the lowest level of care, if they're stable on their medications and don't need a lot of therapy, but mostly need someone to prescribe for them or to see a therapist once in awhile, that's a step down level for AH. AH has a mental health clinic and we're going to work with them to help people move to lower levels of care and be able to use that clinic. We're also going to assist AH in their complex care clinic, which is the clinic where people have a lot of health problems, such as bi-polar and cancer at the same time. AH will be able to reach out to the county for their psychiatric services and we can work collaboratively on that. We will have meetings going forward to build them into our system of care. The emergency department has been included in the ongoing discussion as well.

The public hearing was closed.

VI. KINGS VIEW UPDATE

Tulare-Kings Warm-Line Presentation

Candy Lopez and Kathy Guinn presented on the Tulare-Kings Warm-Line service. The Warm-Line phone number is 1-877-306-2413.

Oak Wellness Center Update

Debra Allen noted there is a new social group at the Center that is doing very well and the participants are engaging in this new group.

VII. KINGS COUNTY COMMUNITY UPDATES

Ken noted the membership committee has interviewed some applicants for board membership with one more interview to complete. The committee will bring their recommendations to the next board meeting.

The Family Support Group is going strong. Three of their participants have been participating in the Friends and Family Program at Kings View.

There will be a church outreach for the homeless in December. More details to come.

Champions will be hosting an event on July 10th pertaining to homelessness at the Hanford Civic Auditorium from 10am-12pm.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:36pm.
The July meeting has been cancelled.
Next Meeting: September 24, 2018