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Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2019

12:00 p.m.

Kings County Behavioral Health
460 Kings County Dr., Suite 101
Hanford, CA 93230
Hope Conference Room

Call to Order & Welcome

Board Members Present:

Ken Baird, Greg Blevins, Antoinette Gonzales OBO Sanja Bugay, Michael Dey, Phil Esbenshade OBO Keith Fagundes, Codi Hicke OBO Scott Holwell, Joe Neves, Jean Scanlan

Members Absent: Debra Allen, Michelle Allen, Robert O'Neill, Gloria Rede

Others Present: Albert Swanson, Fil Leanos, Chris Coffey, Regina Boerkamp, Lana Frank, Katie Arnst, Lisa D. Lewis, Stephanie Bealer, Nathan Lacle, Lisa Rogers, Irma Rangel Raechel Ensom, Tiffany White, Lupe Wong, Cristobal Hernandez

Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

2019-4-001 Approval of Minutes: March 25, 2019

Ken made a motion to accept the minutes and Michael seconded. Jean abstained.

CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVED AS PRESENTED (KB/GB/AG/MD/PE/CH/JN/JS-Aye)

Action Items

2019-4-002 May Board Meeting Cancellation

Greg made a motion to cancel the May board meeting because of the county closure for the Memorial Day holiday and Codi seconded. **All were in favor. (KB/GB/AG/MD/PE/CH/JN/JS-Aye)**

Informational Agenda Items

Champions Recovery Programs

Regina Boerkamp and Lana Frank from Champions presented on Champions' recovery programs.

CFTN Public Hearing

Fil Leanos and Albert Swanson from Behavioral Health presented an update on plans for the MHSA CFTN fund expenditure. Chairman Neves opened a public hearing, which produced the following discussion/comments:

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Q: Greg: What is different in this update from the last update on this project?

A: The update was presented on March 25th, which started the 30 day public comment period. Today is a public hearing and is the closing of the 30 day public comment period.

A: There is significant additional revisions: We've increased the amount of money to be allocated. Recently, the county conducted an ADA compliance review of the Kings View building (which is a county-owned building). There was some significant findings. Approximately \$200,000 worth. We want to add more monies towards the actual recovery and wellness theme in addition to separating the lobby and entrance areas. It's been revised by adding monies.

Q: Michael: New space is being created at Kings View for the lobby. Any ideas as to the footage that is going to be added?

A: The kids' area at present will be turned into an adult seating area. Square footage is not being added to the building. Space is being reallocated.

Q: Michael: Regarding Plan 1B, is there already a proposed community partner that we're going to be renting the office space from?

A: Nothing formal at this point: still behind-the-scenes talks and negotiations. The community has voiced their concern that they want services to be out there. We need community partners to bring some resources and then we'll collaborate.

Q: Michael: I'm guessing then that the amount of rent that we'll be paying to this community partner would ideally be less than the \$50,000 that we're allocating towards it?

A: Yes, that's what we're hoping for.

Q: Michael: Does that seem like a feasible expectation?

A: At this point, it does. We want to have access and linkage in Avenal.

A: The services are there. They're just not all coordinated in one place. We have Human Services, Health and Behavioral Health. The goal is to bring them all under one roof. That's why, at first, we wanted to build a building, but didn't have the budget. It turns out we have other partners in the community who are building and may have enough space for us to rent, so we can help bring departments together. We like people to only have to go to one place to get a lot of the services.

Q: Greg: You're planning on telepsych services at that location?

A: At some point, yes.

Q: Greg: Are there other people within the community that have an interest in the telepsych services that you're working with? If that's beyond the scope of this, that's fine. Just tell me that's for another day.

A: It's for another day.

Q: Greg: Ok, my other question, then, would be about the funding, the source of funding. That comes from?

A: Capital Facilities and Technological Needs and there isn't any more funding for that specifically coming, that I'm aware of, from MHSA dollars. We're using the 07/08 funds. We actually had to get an extension to make this happen, to spend it all.

Q: Greg: And that comes from the state to the county?

A: Mental Health Services Act money; from Proposition 63.

Q: Greg: Right, but does it go through the Board of Supervisors?

A: Yes. We take our plans to them.

Q: Greg: And then they approve this amount of money?

A: Yes.

A: Yes, this is actually going to go to them, as well. The advisory board is part of the chronological chain of events.

A: And the tele-medicine has always been a high priority. Because there's a lot of dermatology or some other medical needs, if we can go ahead and tie that to mental health services, that's the intent.

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Q: Greg: If we're back on telepsych, then, it was my understanding that Adventist Health is doing something psych?

A: Yes. This would basically be our psychiatrist who's providing telepsych here, just switching over to that office to see a patient over there. That's all.

A: But, we do have some cloud based problems. We can piggy back on the school education system because they're tied in together, but they don't have Comcast over there. They're on a different provider. We're going to have to go through a different system, to be able to deliver that. And the bandwidth is somewhat short right now. So, we have some infrastructure issues that we're having to deal with. It's not just as easy as flipping a switch. There's going to be some infrastructure and capital investment needs in order to get the bandwidth. But, even West Hills has that problem even with the online classes. We really need to try to work on the digital divide across that mountain range and Pleasant Valley. Because they're technically not part of the San Joaquin Valley.

All funds for the Kings View remodel have to be expended by June 2020 and we're expediting it to make it work.

We have not received any written comments.
Closed Public Hearing @ 12:22 p.m.

Staff Report

Dr. Lisa D. Lewis, Director of Behavioral Health, presented the staff report for March 2019.

Advisory Board Member Comments

- Ken reminded the board and guests that the Family Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 5:30 p.m. at Behavioral Health.
- Ken requested a flyer regarding the Dialogue Therapy training that will be taking place in May to share with the Family Support Group.
- Ken shared that April is the seven year anniversary of his son receiving the help he needed and he thanked the participants and providers for the work they do.
- Antoinette discussed some of the changes taking place concerning eligibility for the Cal Fresh program.
- Phil Esbenshade stated Central California Legal Services is providing services at the District Attorney's office once a week (Tuesday mornings) in the Victim Witness building.
- Dr. Rogers from Kings View said the Mental Health Awareness Walk will take place on May 17th @ 9am.

Oak Wellness Center Update

None.

Future Agenda Items

- Minutes from April 22, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting
- Next Meeting Date: June 24, 2019