

KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD



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MEETING MINUTES

July 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:

Debra Allen, Michelle Allen, Ken Baird, Philip Esbenshade OBO Keith Fagundes, Greg Blevins, Wendy Osikafo OBO Sanjay Bugay, Michael Dey, Scott Holwell, Joe Neves

Members Absent: Robert O'Neill, Gloria Rede, Jean Scanlan

Others Present: Albert Swanson, Juliana Gmur, Christi Lupkes, Lisa Rogers, Dr. Lisa Lewis, Erinn Reinbolt, Tiffany White, Carlos Garcia, Melissa Abeyta, Regina Boerkamp, Unchong Parry, Frank Ruiz, Lupe Wong, Sara Florez, Alicia Acevedo, Chris Coffey

Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

2019-7-001 Approval of Minutes: April 22, 2019

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

CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DA/MA/KB/GB/WO/MD/PE/SH/JN-Aye)

Action Items

None.

Informational Agenda Items

Introduction of Frank Ruiz, Director, Champions Recovery Programs

Dr. Lisa Lewis introduced the new Director of Champions Recovery Programs, Frank Ruiz.

Statewide Summary of 2017 Data Notebooks

Erinn Reinbolt, Behavioral Health, provided a brief review of the statewide findings from the 2017 Data Notebook compilation, which can be accessed on the internet at <https://www.calbhbc.com/data-notebooks.html> or by googling Cal bhbc 2017 Data Notebook.

WestCare

Sara Florez presented on the operations and updates for the WestCare youth programs.

Staff Report

Dr. Lisa Lewis' report:

- Dr. Whisenhunt has started at the telepsych program and has already seen clients in the office and out in the field. He is able to prescribe for clients who are still using.
- Today is Erinn Reinbolt's last day. Dr. Cristobal Hernandez will take over as liaison to this advisory board.
- The Department of Health Care Services will be reviewing the Kings County Mental Health Services Act program on August 6th & 7th.
- We have requested an extension for the Triennial Medi-Cal Review but have not received a response as of yet.
- A new meeting is starting which will take place twice a week at Behavioral Health, the Acute Care Coordination meeting. This will include managers and leads of all of the programs, such as the FSP program, ACT, crisis workers, people who work with those with the highest level of care. They will coordinate who's in the Emergency Room (ED), who's been hospitalized, who's missing, if they show up in the ED, this is what we need to do, etc. Outside visitors may attend at times, such as police officers and others who will come in and let us know if somebody is on their radar so we can work together as a team. Decisions will be made as a team, which will help with high risk situations. See Yadira Amial-Cota or Stephanie Bealer from Behavioral Health if you are interested in participating in that meeting.

Advisory Board Member Comments

Ken - The Family Support Group has been growing. He shared challenges that family members face when loved ones have experiences with the police, both negative and positive. The suggestion was made to set up a brown bag meeting with families and police officers to work on rapport and understanding.

Michael – August 6th is the National Night Out law enforcement event.

Scott – There are members of the legislature who have reached out to the State Department of Auditors in response to requests by the LPS Conservator community/Public Guardians to increase funding. They are interested in finding out exactly what we do and how we do it. In response, three counties will be audited including LA as well as a medium and small size county. There is the potential that Kings County may be selected. Behavioral Health as well as the CA Association of Public Guardians have offered assistance, should Kings County be selected for this audit.

County blood drive takes place on 7/25/19.

Discussed having regular updates from the Kings County Suicide Prevention Taskforce.

Oak Wellness Center Update

Debby said they have a new employee, Bernie, who has been a great help. They are averaging 40-45 during the week and 20-25 on Saturday and 15-20 on Sundays.

Future Agenda Items

- Minutes from July 22, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting
- Data Notebook Update
- MHSA Plan Update
- Next meeting: August 26, 2019

Adjourned @ 1:10pm