

KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD



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MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 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, Greg Blevins, Sanja Bugay, Michael Dey, Phil Esbenshade
OBO Keith Fagundes, Codi Hicke, Joe Neves

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

Others Present: Albert Swanson, Carrie Woolley OBO Juliana Gmur (County Counsel), Christi Lupkes, Lisa Rogers, Dr. Lisa Lewis, Tiffany White, Carlos Garcia, Frank Ruiz, Chris Coffey, Cristobal Hernandez, Nathan Lacle, Scott Hollander, Joaquin Ceballos, Danielle McFadden, Kevin Mattos, Alix Carranza, Autumn Lindberg, Katie Arnst, Unchong Parry

Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

2019-8-001 Approval of Minutes: July 22, 2019

Debby made a motion to accept the minutes and Ken seconded. No abstentions.

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

Action Items

None.

Informational Agenda Items

Data Notebook Update

Cristobal Hernandez, Program Manager/Behavioral Health, discussed the subject matter of the 2019 Data Notebook. The Chairman appointed volunteers from the advisory board members and guests to participate on the Data Notebook Committee. Sanja Bugay/Human Services will request someone from foster care to participate. Greg, Debby and Michael also volunteered, with Ken and Joaquin Ceballos as alternates.

MHSA Plan Update

Unchong Parry presented on the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update for 2017-2018, noting that the public comment period for the Annual Update is 8/14/19 – 9/13/19. Public meetings on the update were held in Hanford, Avenal and Corcoran and a survey was sent out, which generated over 100 responses. The public hearing with the final report will take place at this Board meeting on September 23rd. The draft plan is located on the Behavioral Health website and hard copies are available at all county libraries.

Advisory Board Member Comments

Ken

- He will share the MHSA Plan Update at the next Family Support Group.
- The Support Group would like to have a brown bag with law enforcement officials. The group expressed the need for some way to share with Police/Kings View/hospital, etc. about the family history of their loved one experiencing issues. They feel their view of what has been happening over a period of time is being discounted. They have a form that was given to them to fill out and use in these instances. They want to know that these officials will take that information into consideration when they come into contact with their
- loved one.
- He presented before the Rotary Club about the Family Support Group. He had some extensive conversations with four of those members and two of them have attended the support group. He is looking for other opportunities like this to share about the Family Support Group.
- Requested we follow-up on a board member who has missed a number of meetings;
- He recommended taking individual pictures of each board member for the website so that as the membership changes, it will be easier to make those necessary changes on the website.

Sanja – She noted some changes in her leadership and will be appointing a primary and secondary designee for this board.

Phil - The District Attorney's office is working on a pre-filing diversion program through the community corrections partnership. They hope to make a presentation to this board, as they will need partners for this program.

Oak Wellness Center Update

Debby noted that participants are doing well following their group calendar and everyone is participating in at least one to three groups each day. They are using an incentive program, which is helping.

Staff Report

- Cristobal Hernandez will serve as liaison to this board. Two new employees were introduced who are serving as Psychiatric Technician and Peer Support Specialist for the MOST Program (Tele psych Program).
- Discussed state requirements for network adequacy, where the county is required to keep clinical service availability at certain levels or it can be sanctioned. This will be reported to this board quarterly.
- The Department of Health Care Services will send out a team to do our EQRO (External Quality Review Organization) on October 16th.

- Every three years, we have the Medi-Cal Triennial, which is a state review of our charts to look at our Medi-Cal billing. This initially was scheduled in October, but has been rescheduled to February 2020.

Advisory Board Member Comments

- Kings County has been getting more calls on the Warm Line. This is a non-crisis, anonymous, confidential 24/7 call line.
- Senate Bill 428 is still active and has a chance to be voted on. It will provide education to teachers, such as Mental Health First Aid training and other education, to be able to identify signs and symptoms of mental health issues and substance use disorders for kids and youth. If passed, this will effect every county and every school district in CA, including charter and private schools.

Future Agenda Items

- Minutes from August 26, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting
- Mental Health Systems, Inc. Presentation
- Data Notebook Update
- Next meeting: September 23, 2019