

# KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD



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## MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2021

Kings County Behavioral Health  
Zoom Meeting

### **Call to Order & Welcome**

#### **Board Members Present:**

Ken Baird, Greg Blevins, Monica Connor OBO Sanja Bugay, Michael Dey, Louis Torch OBO Keith Fagundes, Scott Holwell, Joe Neves, Gloria Rede, Amanda Martin

**Members Absent:** Debbie Allen, Jean Scanlan, Michelle Allen, Robert O'Neill

**Others Present:** Frank Ruiz, Katie Arnst, Cristobal Hernandez, Chris Coffey, UnChong Parry, Fil Leanos, Lisa Lewis, Seng Leang Tang, Karen Ormsby, Lupe Arechiga, Lee Burdick, Javier Moreno, Kaile Williams

#### **Review & Modification to Agenda**

None.

#### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

None.

#### **Consent Calendar**

**2021-4-001 Approval of Minutes: March 22, 2021-Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting**

#### **2021-4-002 June Board Meeting: Cancel**

The board discussed and decided to meet for the regularly scheduled June meeting and to cancel the July meeting. Scott made a motion to accept the Consent calendar as amended and Ken seconded. All were in favor. **(KB/GB/MC/MD/LT/SH/JN/GR/AM-Ayes).**

#### **Action Items**

None.

#### **Informational Agenda Items**

#### **Mental Health Awareness Month**

Fil Leanos, Program Manager at Kings County Behavioral Health, made a presentation for Mental Health Awareness month.

## **Staff Report**

Dr. Lisa Lewis, Kings County Behavioral Health Director, noted the following:

- Started a system change about 3 ½ years ago, including adding Therapeutic Behavioral Services, FSP services for children, adult ACT, levels of care, and network adequacy team;
- The covid situation provided the impetus to utilize technology to bring together doctors, providers and others that usually are not able to come together to provide clinical staffing for high risk folks in the jail, kids in child welfare services and others;
- The new Medical Director now provides medical leadership for the team;
- Created urgent condition processes in order to get people connected with psychiatric services when needed;
- Created an acute care coordination twice a week meeting, where partners come together to staff high risk cases, in addition to the regular clinical staffing's taking place;
- In the process of working with the managed care plans to develop CalAIM, along with other department heads and our Quality Assurance manager;
- We have applied for the No Place Like Home Grant and have made it through the first round. This would allow us to bring in a large contribution for permanent and supportive housing.
- Some of our staff have been trained to apply for grants and this is helpful as these grants come up.
- During covid, we experienced a number of unexpected fiscal audits and we've had a large number of contracts to bring up-to-date with a lot of renewals.
- The annual EQRO is on the horizon and the meeting have already begun in preparation for it.
- Dr. Lewis thanked staff and providers and made note of all the challenges everyone has faced this past year working remotely, having health challenges and getting sick with the virus, with small children at home and elderly family members to care for.
- Discussed Laura's Law (AOT – Assisted Outpatient Treatment)
- Ken requested an update in the near future on AB988.

## **Advisory Board Member Comments**

Appreciation was expressed by several board members for the reports as well as community care during this past year.

## **Oak Wellness Center Update**

- There will be a snow cone social at the Oak Wellness Center for Mental Health Awareness Month in May;
- Still waiting for permission to officially open the Oak Wellness Center.

Adjourned @ 12:45 p.m.