

# KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD



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## MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2021

Kings County Behavioral Health  
Zoom Meeting

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

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

Greg Blevins, Michael Dey, Phil Esbenshade OBO Keith Fagundes, Codi Pennington OBO Scott Holwell, Joe Neves, Gloria Rede, Amanda Martin, Patricia Shubert OBO Sanja Bugay

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

**Others Present:** Katie Arnst, Cristobal Hernandez, Chris Coffey, UnChong Parry, Fil Leanos, Lisa Lewis, Carrie Woolley, Shayla Wilson, Mary Jewell, Juan Torres, Sara Florez, Gina Muro, John Walters, Dustin Anderson

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

None.

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

None.

#### **Consent Calendar**

##### **2021-5-001 Approval of Minutes: April 26, 2021-Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting**

Michael made a motion to accept the Consent calendar and Gloria seconded. All were in favor. (GB/MD/PE/CP/JN/GR/AM/PS-Ayes). No abstentions.

#### **Action Items**

##### **2021-5-002 MHSA 2019-2020 Annual Update**

Fil Leanos of Behavioral Health introduced Shayla Wilson of Evalcorp Research and Consulting who presented an overview of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), the goals of the needs assessment, the community engagement and data collection activities, the key findings and how they inform the Annual Update.

Fil explained what the Annual Update requirements are, the accomplishments of 2019/2020, and that public comments could be received through the Behavioral Health Website, in addition to the following public hearing.

#### **Public Hearing**

No Comments were received in writing, through the website or during this zoom meeting.

## **2021-5-003 June Board Meeting-Cancel**

Codi made a motion to cancel the June meeting and Greg seconded. All were in favor. (GB/MD/PE/CP/JN/GR/AM/PS-Ayes).

### **Staff Report**

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

- The development of the Kings County Suicide Prevention Plan is underway; and
- The importance of conveying to our communities and helping them understand the newly developed systems of care, how to access it, and understanding the levels of care.

Katie Arnst, Deputy Director, noted the following:

- The Department is working hard to ensure that all of its services and service providers are going through the competitive request for proposal (RFP) process. There is an active RFP open for children and youth recovery oriented team services;
- During the pandemic, there has been an opportunity to bring together multiple partners, including family members, friends and relatives of family members, as well as Human Services, Probation, Office of Education, etc. for case management coordination; this has greatly helped the system of care and the beneficiaries and patients in Kings County. She shared a story highlighting the impact this has had on one of our families.

UnChong Parry, Deputy Director, noted the following:

- Shared some photos from events this month around Mental Health Awareness Month and noted there were radio ads on this subject as well.

### **Advisory Board Member Comments**

Codi – The Veterans Service Office/Public Guardian’s office lobby is open and they are scheduling appointments.

Michael – Appreciated all the hard work that went into creating the Data Notebook report.

Amanda – Congratulations on being able to open in mid-June; she is looking forward to finishing up the current school year; looking forward to meeting in person again with this board.

### **Oak Wellness Center Update**

Gloria noted they are hoping to open the Oak Wellness Center in July; they had a Mental Health Awareness Month Snow Cone event with information provided by 2-1-1, the Warmline, Behavioral Health, with about 70 people attending.

Adjourned @ 1:11 p.m.