

KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD



Joe Neves, Chair
Debbie Allen, Board Member
Sanja Bugay, Board Member
Jean Scanlan, Board Member
Greg Blevins, Board Member

Scott Holwell, Vice Chair
Michael Dey, Board Member
Michelle Allen, Board Member
Keith Fagundes, Board Member

Ken Baird, Board Member
Gloria Rede, Board Member
Robert O'Neill, Board Member
Amanda Martin, Board Member

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require a modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, including the availability of assistive listening devices or agendas in alternative formats, please contact the Kings County Behavioral Health Office at (559) 852-2444 at least 48 hours prior to the start of this meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2021

Kings County Behavioral Health
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order & Welcome

Board Members Present:

Ken Baird, Phil Esbenshade OBO Keith Fagundes, Codi Pennington OBO Scott Holwell, Joe Neves, Gloria Rede, Amanda Martin, Monica Connor OBO Sanja Bugay

Members Absent: Debbie Allen, Michelle Allen, Greg Blevins, Michael Dey, Robert O'Neill, Jean Scanlan

Others Present: Katie Arnst, UnChong Parry, Fil Leanos, Lisa Lewis, Diane Freeman, Juan Torres, John Walters, Ruby Soliz, Amanda Verhaege, Karen Ormsby, Lisa Zepeda, Erick Rangel, Seng Leang Tang, Christi Lupkes, Desarine Lowe, Ashley Bennett, Amy Brisky, Chris Coffey

Review & Modification to Agenda

None.

Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

2021-9-001 Approval of Minutes: May 24, 2021-Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting

Phil Esbenshade made a motion to accept the Consent calendar and Gloria seconded. **All were in favor. (KB/PE/CP/JN/GR/AM/MC-Ayes). Ken abstained.**

Action Items

2021-9-002 Fall Board Meetings

Ken made a motion to cancel the October board meeting and reschedule November and December's meeting and combine them on December 6th and Codi seconded. **All were in favor. (KB/PE/CP/JN/GR/AM/MC-Ayes).**

Informational Agenda Items

Appointment of Nomination Committee for Chairman/Vice-Chairman

Joe requested volunteers for the nomination committee to appoint new officers for term 2022-2023. The following board members will tentatively be on the committee, per their acceptance: Codi, Ken, Michael and Greg.

Suicide Prevention Awareness Presentation

Fil Leanos, Kings County Behavioral Health, provided a presentation in honor of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, September 2021.

Substance Use Disorder Program Presentation

Juan Torres, Kings County Behavioral Health, provided a presentation of Kings County Substance Use Disorder Programs.

Data Notebook 2021 Report

UnChong Parry, Kings County Behavioral Health, provided an overview of the subject matter of this year's Data Notebook, stating the due date for the report has been extended to January 30th. Chairman Neves requested volunteers for this committee. The following board members will tentatively be on the committee, per their acceptance: Amanda, Monica OBO Sanja Bugay, Gloria, Michael.

Staff Report

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

- Welcomed new employees, Amanda Verhaege, Alicia Rodrigues and Selene Oaks, who join eight program managers who oversee all of the departmental programs.
- Kings County will apply for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding released for mental health programs, with potential for new services to county students as well as crisis services.
- This board meeting will continue to meet virtually.

Advisory Board Member Comments

Ken noted that the Family Support Group has been meeting in person, with the ten-person limit;

Amanda noted she was looking forward to participating on the Data Notebook Committee and congratulated Selene Oaks on her new position with Behavioral Health;

Oak Wellness Center Update

Gloria noted that they don't have any idea when the Oak Wellness Center will open back up.

Adjourned