

KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD



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MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2022

Kings County Behavioral Health
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order & Welcome

Board Members Present:

Ken Baird, Greg Blevins, Monica Connor OBO Sanja Bugay, Michael Dey, Joe Neves, Gloria Rede, Keith Fagundes, Scott Holwell, Debra Allen

Members Absent: Michelle Allen, Robert O'Neill, Jean Scanlan, Amanda Martin

Others Present: Katie Arnst, UnChong Parry, Fil Leanos, Lisa Lewis, Cindy Kliever, Ruby Soliz, Sara Florez, Melissa Henson, Katie Alvarez, Rohina Fazil, Daniel Orta, Rose Moreno, Sara Ruffo, Desarine Lowe, Danielle McFadden, Christi Lupkes, Selene Oaks, Alicia Austin-Townsend, Kaile Williams, Amy Brisky, Frank Ruiz, Kim Lamounry, Chris Coffey

Review & Modification to Agenda

None.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Kim Lamounry, who is an intern from the California Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CalBHB/C), shared that the Winter Newsletter 2021 can be viewed at www.calbhbc.org.

Consent Calendar

2022-1-001 Approval of Minutes: December 6, 2021-Behavioral Health Advisory Board

Keith made a motion to accept the Consent calendar and Joe seconded. **All were in favor.**

Action Items

2022-1-002 Data Notebook-Kings County

UnChong Parry (Behavioral Health) presented the final report of the 2021 Kings County Data Notebook for submission to the California Behavioral Health Planning Commission. There were no requests for changes. Scott made a motion to accept this report for submission and Ken seconded. **All were in favor.**

2022-1-003 Teleconferencing

Cindy Kliever (Kings County-County Counsel's Office) explained that AB361 allows this board to continuing teleconferencing as long as it makes a finding every 30 days. When there is a declared state of emergency or if social distancing is recommended, the board needs to put on their agenda they are going to teleconference. If they want to continue meeting through teleconference, and there are findings that meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the attendees, it needs to be put back on the agenda each month. This Board may rely on the Board of Supervisor's proclamation and the

Health Department's recommendation that our county be considered to be in eminent threat because of COVID-19 and to make the finding that we are in a state of emergency. She recommended this be a standing item on the agenda each month. Greg made a motion to continue teleconferencing in light of there being imminent risk. Ken seconded. **All were in favor.**

Informational Agenda Items

Memberships

The Chairman noted that Scott, Gloria, Michael, Sanja and Amanda accepted a renewal of their memberships for another three years and that Robert O'Neill resigned from the board. A vacancy notice has gone out for Robert's position.

Mental Health Systems

Rohina Fazil, Vice President at Mental Health Systems, introduced Alicia Austin-Townsend as the Program Manager over the new KIND Center (Kids in New Direction). Staff discussed the new KIND Center Program that will provide services to youth from 0-17 years of age as well as those up to 21 years of age with county authorization. These services are for those with Medi-Cal or those who have no insurance. Services can be provided at their location in Hanford, at school, at home or wherever they are needing those services.

Staff Report

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

- Welcome to Michael as the new Chairman of this board for the next two years. Thank you to Mental Health Systems on their new KIND Center Clinic;
- All counties are going through a transition of the way services are funded. The transition to CalAIM funding requires that providers be reimbursed according to the services they provide. The KIND Center is our first provider to come under CalAIM;
- We will start offering Laura's Law (assisted outpatient treatment) services this summer. This is where a civil judge, in connection with a treatment team, will help a person receive the mental health treatment they may need instead of receiving the usual prosecution. A full presentation will be brought back to this board at a later date.
- Dr. Lewis noted how, in general, many people have been in distress for quite some time now and many are making many life changes because of this. She encouraged everyone to offer support, care and compassion for each other and others in our communities that are experiencing distress.
- UnChong Parry of Behavioral Health thanked everyone that assisted with the Data Notebook.

Advisory Board Member Comments

Ken noted that the Family Support Group will be meeting virtually for the next few meetings. Michael thanked the staff and providers for all their hard work and he is looking forward to chairing this board in the coming term.

Oak Wellness Center Update

Gloria noted that they don't have any idea when the Oak Wellness Center will open back up. They are having groups through zoom.

Adjourned @ 1:38 p.m.