

KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD



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MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2022

Kings County Behavioral Health
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order & Welcome

Board Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Debra Allen, Michelle Allen, Greg Blevins, Jean Scanlan,

Others Present: Amanda Verhaege, Katie Arnst, UnChong Parry, Fil Leanos, Lisa Lewis, Cindy Kliever, Ruby Soliz, Sara Florez, Melissa Henson, Rohina Fazil, Daniel Orta, Rose Moreno, Danielle McFadden, Frank Ruiz, Chris Coffey, Barbara Holland, Devondria Sanchez, Susan Fisher, Theresa Marinas, Stephanie Bealer, Jason Williams, Alicia Rodrigues, Monique Hall, Alix Carranza, Chanda Jackson, Javier Moreno, Seng Leang Tang, Laura Tafolla

Review & Modification to Agenda

None.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Cindy Kliever introduced Susan Fisher, who will be replace her as Counsel on this board.

Consent Calendar

2022-2-001 Approval of Minutes: January 24, 2022-Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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

Action Items

2022-2-002 Teleconferencing

AB361 allows this board to continuing teleconferencing as long as it makes a finding every 30 days. Ken Baird made a motion to continue teleconferencing in light of there being imminent risk. Codi Pennington seconded. **All were in favor.**

Informational Agenda Items

Memberships

The Chairman presented Michelle Allen's resignation as a board member.

MHSA Support Group Presentations

Fil Leanos, Program Manager at Behavioral Health, presented an overview of the Mental Health Services Act Support Groups. Chanda Jackson, Behavioral Health, presented on the Sister Speak

Support Group. Alix Carranza, The Source LGBT+, presented on The Source LGBT+ Support Groups. Fil Leanos presented on the Family Support Group. Stephanie Bealer, Behavioral Health, introduced Devondria Sanchez who presented on the Veterans Support Group.

Board Member Materials & Future Presentations 2022

Amanda Verhaege, Behavioral Health, requested board members to notify Behavioral Health if they prefer receiving their monthly advisory board packets by email only versus also receiving hard copies in the mail.

Chanda Jackson requested to make a presentation at the May board meeting

Staff Report

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

- Discussed the North Star Court project
- She will have more information next time regarding some grant funding that Tulare County is applying for regarding psychiatric services/hospital for adults and children.
- Katie Arnst, Deputy Director over Clinical Services:
 - The county was awarded the Mental Health Student Services Act grant that will provide services to students at schools.
 - Discussed the new children's mental health services provider, Mental Health Systems.

Advisory Board Member Comments

- Amanda Martin voiced her thanks for the PEI school based services that Behavioral Health provided in the past and that it was successful and popular and that they had data to back that up; she thanked Alix @ The Source for the training they provided for the school; it was quality and heart-felt information and was really helpful in keeping up to date on the terminology. His outreach was really appreciated.
- Ken Baird welcomed Devondria Sanchez back to Kings County as a great asset and looks forward to running into her soon.
- Michael Dey encouraged board members and guests to look around and notice how stigma is being chipped away and lots of great work is being done in our community. He thanked everyone for the work they do at work and personally to help the community.

Oak Wellness Center Update

Gloria Rede said the Oak Wellness Center is having a wellness walk in May for Mental Health Awareness Month; they are still doing zoom classes; they are still waiting to open the Center.

Adjourned @ 1:30 p.m.