

KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD



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MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2023

Kings County Behavioral Health
Zoom and In-Person Meeting

Call to Order & Welcome

Board Members Present:

Debra Allen, Michelle Allen, Ken Baird, Scott Holwell, Joe Neves, Wendy Osikafo, Gloria Rede

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Katie Arnst, Christi Lupkes, Diane Freeman, Renee Roselius, Tony Afonso, Jessica Cervantez, Annie Yang, Todd Barlow, Desarine Lowe, Laura Tafolla, Danielle McFadden, Sarah Harp, Chris Coffey, Kelly Maestas

Review & Modification to Agenda

None.

Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

2023-8-001 Approval of Minutes: January 30, 2023 - Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting
Debra Allen made a motion to approve the consent calendar and Wendy Osikafo seconded. **All were in favor.** (Ayes: DA/MA/KB/JN/WO/SH/GR)

Action Items

2023-8-002: Cancel November and December 2023

Michelle Allen made a motion to cancel the November and December 2023 meetings and Debra Allen seconded. **All were in favor.** (Ayes: DA/MA/KB/JN/WO/SH/GR)

2023-8-003: New Member Nomination: Law Enforcement Position

Debra Allen made a motion to accept Chief Parker Sever of the Hanford Police Department as the law enforcement representative member on this board and Gloria Rede seconded. **All were in favor.** (Ayes: DA/MA/KB/JN/WO/SH/GR)

Informational Agenda Items

MHSA Program and Expenditure Plan Presentation & 30-Day Public Notice

Christi Lupkes gave a presentation on the Mental Health Services Act Three-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2023-2026 and the 2021-2022 Prevention and Early Intervention Report, beginning the 30-Day Public Notice and Comment Period.

Staff Report

Christi Lupkes, Deputy Director – Administrative Services

- Homelessness Collaborative – Two work groups have been created: Public Information (Wendy Osikafo at Human Services Agency is spearheading) and Community Solutions (Behavioral Health is spearheading) both of which are to address homelessness in Kings County in an evidence-based way. There is a lived-experience workgroup who are participating.

Katie Arnst – Deputy Director – Clinical Services

- Received a Grant award from the California Health Facilities Financing Authority to create mobile crisis services for children and youth in schools and Child Welfare Services. The agreement with Aspiranet has been amended to enhance their response to schools (Grades K-12 as well as private schools), eventually county-wide. They are working on piloting the program in a couple of schools in the county. The hope is to begin these services in January 2024.
- Katie shared that this will be her last advisory board meeting in Kings County, as she is moving. Joe Neves presented a couple of special items to Katie to memorialize her 10 years with Kings County.

Advisory Board Member Comments

- Debra discussed the need to update the Bylaws in relation to quorum issues.
- Ken discussed the Governor's possible changes related to advisory board membership.
- Ken discussed the Family Support Group and requested an interpreter.

Oak Wellness Center Update

Debra noted the following events which took place:

- Luau
- Ice Cream Social

Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting

- Minutes from August 28, 2023, Advisory Board Meeting
- Next Meeting Date: September 25, 2023

Adjourned @ 1:30 p.m.