

KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD



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MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2023

Kings County Behavioral Health
Zoom and In-Person Meeting

Call to Order & Welcome

Board Members Present:

Debra Allen, Michelle Allen, Ken Baird, Joe Neves, Wendy Osikafo, Codi Pennington, Gloria Rede

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Christi Lupkes, Diane Freeman, Renee Roselius, Annie Yang, Todd Barlow, Danielle McFadden, Sarah Harp, Chris Coffey, Amanda Verhaege, Antonio Lopez, Nora Lynn, Christee Rivas, Melinda Ashford-Leonardo, Regina Boercamp, Maria Sanchez, Ryan Brunton, Stephanie Huddleston, Samantha Stack, Frank Ruiz, Aliyah Ortiz, Lisa Lewis

Review & Modification to Agenda

None.

Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

2023-9-001 Approval of Minutes: August 28, 2023 - Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting

Debra Allen made a motion to approve the consent calendar and Ken Baird seconded. **All were in favor.** (Ayes: DA/MA/KB/JN/VO/CP/GR)

Action Items

2023-9-002: Revised Bylaws

Ken Baird made a motion to change the verbiage in Section 5 of the Bylaws to "A quorum for meetings of the Advisory Board shall be one person more than one-half of the present members." This was seconded by Debra Allen. **All were in favor.** (Ayes: DA/MA/KB/JN/VO/CP/GR)

2023-9-003: MHSA 3-Year Plan & PEI Evaluation Public Hearing

Christi Lupkes, Deputy Director at Behavioral Health, opened the public hearing for comments on the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three Year Program and Expenditure Plan for 2023-2026 and the 2021-2022 Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Evaluation. No comments were made. Debra Allen made a motion to accept the 3-Year Plan and PEI Evaluation and Michelle Allen seconded. **All were in favor.** (Ayes: DA/MA/KB/JN/VO/CP/GR)

Informational Agenda Items

Data Notebook

The Chairman appointed a Data Notebook Committee to include Amanda Verhaege as Chair, Debra Allen, and Michelle Allen. She will contact providers for assistance as needed.

SB326 & Related Ballot Initiative

Christi Lupkes, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health, explained this ballot initiative. The board members requested ongoing updates.

Staff Report

Dr. Lisa Lewis, Director of Behavioral Health

- Behavioral Health has four manager positions open and has made conditional offers to three people.
- The Clinical Deputy Director's position is vacant, and the county will be opening that position soon.
- The External Quality Review (EQRO) is scheduled for next week.
- Staff will be attending compliance training in October for a week.

Christi Lupkes, Deputy Director – Administrative Services

- Received an additional \$1.5m from the Mobile Crisis Planning Grant to go towards infrastructure.
- There will be a Community Solutions Group meeting addressing homelessness in our communities in the Wellness Conference Room at Behavioral Health on September 26th @ 1:30-3:00.
- Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Grant – Received a conditional award.

Advisory Board Member Comments

- Codi Pennington
 - Hanford Police Chief appointment will be going to the Board of Supervisors tomorrow. The Police Chief will be appointing a designee. County Counsel noted the appointment will extend to the new Police Chief.
 - Because the regular meeting in December has been cancelled, there will be a special meeting on December 4th to vote on the Data Notebook.
- Ken Baird
 - He participated in a Kings View training for Hanford Police Department officers (HPD), which he felt was very productive. HPD agreed to take the Family Support Group cards to have on hand for those that might need them.
 - The Family Support Group are still having new people join the support group.

Oak Wellness Center Update

Debra noted the following:

- The Center is open 5 days a week, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 3:00pm;
- In September they had a Labor Day BBQ;
- Some of the grant money was used to get internet in the Center.

Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting

- Minutes from September 25, 2023, Advisory Board Meeting
- Next Meeting Date: October 23, 2023

Adjourned @ 1:35 p.m.