

KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD



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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2023

Kings County Behavioral Health
Zoom and In-Person Meeting

Call to Order & Welcome

Board Members Present:

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

Members Absent: James Green-Hill

Others Present: Lisa Lewis, Katie Arnst, Alicia Austin-Townsend, Christi Lupkes, Susan Fisher, Nanette Villarreal, Seng Leang Tang, Ryan Brunton, Breena Li, Sarah Harp, Michelle Allen, Bernadette Garcia, Gracie Pomaville, Quita Dawson, Amanda Verhaege, Jeanette Montes, Leana Cantrell, Aliyah Ortiz, Anthony Gracian, Sara Flores, Danielle McFadden, Chris Coffey

Review & Modification to Agenda

The meeting did not meet quorum requirements and continued as a committee meeting only.

Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

2023-2-001: Approval of Minutes: January 30, 2023 - Behavioral Health Advisory Board Special Meeting

Continued to the next meeting.

2023-2-002: Reappointment of Board Member: Michelle Allen

Continued to the next meeting.

Action Items

2023-2-003: Cancel July, November, and December 2023

Codi Pennington

Continued to the next meeting.

2023-2-004: Membership Committee

Codi Pennington/Ken Baird/Debra Allen

Continued to the next meeting.

Informational Agenda Items

Mental Health Services Act Community Planning Process

Presentation on the draft of the Mental Health Services Act Three-year Plan for fiscal years 2023-2026.

Advisory Board Retreat

Christi Lupkes, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health, discussed scheduling a retreat for this board to include updates regarding the Brown Act, Roberts Rules of Order, and other pertinent information.

Staff Report

Dr. Lisa Lewis – Director of Behavioral Health

Christi Lupkes – Deputy Director

Katie Arnst – Deputy Director

- Discussed several RFP's that will be going out this year.
- Behavioral Health will be moving to the new building in May.
- New Electronic Health Record will be transitioning and will go live July 1st.
- Discussed a federal government earmark request with Public Health for some integrated services.
- Behavioral Health attended Avenal Community Night where fliers were distributed regarding accessing children and adult behavioral health services.
- There will be a digital sign in Avenal to advertise services.
- A meeting took place with Cohens Veterans Network to discuss providing services to post-911 Veterans and active-duty personnel in Kings County.
- There will be a new access line that will relate to the Mobile Crisis unit.

Advisory Board Member Comments

- Codi thanked board members for their attendance today and requested their attendance as being very important as the membership committee works on getting new applicants.
- Ken Baird said the Family Support Group has had several new attendees and positive changes have been shared by the participants.
- Wendy noted that reductions in CalFresh, Medi-Cal redeterminations and changes to housing options are on the horizon.

Oak Wellness Center Update

Debra discussed the new young adult program taking place at the Center.

Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting

- Minutes from February 27, 2023, Advisory Board Meeting
- Next Meeting Date: March 27, 2023

Adjourned @ 1:40 p.m.