



KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m.

Kings County Behavioral Health

Meeting via zoom (invite below) and in person

Call to Order & Welcome

Chairperson Codi Pennington called the Meeting of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) to order, and Sarah Harp, Program Specialist Kings County Behavioral Health (KCBH), completed roll call of members:

Board Members Present

Codi Pennington, Wendy Osikafo, Michelle Allen, Joe Neves, Debra Allen, Gloria Rede, Stephanie Huddleston

Members Absent

Ken Baird

Chairperson Codi Pennington noted there was a quorum as seven (7) members were present.

Others Present

County Counsel Willie Barrera, Sarah Harp, Monique Florez, Brenda Tamayo-Pagan, Kathleen Barragan, Sara Ruffo, Dustin Anderson, Mary Jewell

Review & Modification to Agenda

No modifications of the agenda were requested.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Chairperson Codi Pennington read the public comment instructions and opened the floor for any public comment. No public comments were made online nor in person.

Consent Calendar

Chairperson Codi Pennington requested approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2023 BHAB meeting. Debra Allen made the motion to approve the minutes, Michelle Allen seconded. All were in favor. (Ayes:WO/CP/JN/GR/SH)

Action Items

No action items were scheduled.

Informational Agenda Items

- Christi Lupkes reviewed the draft BHAB Retreat Agenda with the members.
 - A discussion on the order of the items on the agenda ensued. Christi Lupkes will adjust the agenda based on discussion.
 - Christi Lupkes will send out a link to members for Brown Act Training.
 - A discussion ensued on who was available to attend the retreat: Michelle yes, Gloria yes, Debra can only stay until noon, Stephanie not available but can be in the afternoon, Wendy yes, Codi yes, Joe yes but has to leave at 10.
 - Title the retreat items as “Staff Direction” instead of Action items as no items on the retreat will be for vote.
 - Food order went around during meeting for retreat lunch and was collected by Mary Jewell for ordering.

- Dustin Anderson from EvalCorp and Sara Ruffo, Unit Supervisor for KCBH MOST Program, presented on the Final Evaluation of the MOST Innovation Project, which was submitted to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission in accordance with Mental Health Services Act Innovation Requirements.

Staff Report

Lisa D. Lewis, Ph.D.

Dr. Lewis reported:

- Expressed thanks to the MOST team: Sara, Danielle, Dr. Byrant, Dr. Whisenhunt, Dr. Truta, Judith, and Cynthia, for their efforts and success in connecting and building relationships with the clients.
- KCBH Medi-Cal billing was approximately \$2 million in prior fiscal years and currently is estimated at \$6 million for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 projections stand at \$12 million. This speaks to the increases seen in the number served and services provided as well as increased focus on capturing billable services provided.
- Christi and Dr. Lewis went to Avenal City Counsel Meeting along with contracted providers, Kings View and KIND Center to give an update on activities over the last year. One of the challenges experienced was conveying that while KCBH contracts much of it's services, the administrative work of the Department is understood. KCBH invited Counsel members and meeting attendees from Avenal to join the BHAB.
- During a recent lunch with Dr. Bagga, from the residency program in Tulare County, BHCIP Round 6 funding was discussed. Good Samaritan Hospital from Kern County is interested in applying for the Round 6 funding if Kings County would be a County sponsor for the purpose of Good Samaritan opening a Crisis Stabilization Unit, Crisis Residential Facility, and Psychiatric Health Facility in Kings County. The County met with Good Samaritan to better understand the grant and explored possible sites such as the County Public Health campus.
- KCBH currently has filled three (3) of the vacant Program Manager positions and is still recruiting for the Substance Use Disorder Quality Assurance and the Psychiatric Services Program Manager positions, as well as continuing the recruitment for the 2nd Deputy Director. The Department is working with Human Resources and Administration on salaries.
- Expressed thanks to Staff and EvalCorp for all their hard work.

Advisory Board Member Comments

None

Oak Wellness Center Update

Debra Allen reported on the Oak Wellness Center Valentine Card Exchange and Candy event, March's easter egg decoration contest, and that the Center was thinking of getting a pool tournament started.

Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting

- Approve Minutes from February 26th meeting.
- BHAB Retreat March 6th, 9-2
- Next Regular Meeting Date: March 25th

Adjourned @1:16pm