



KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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Regular Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2025 @ 12:00 p.m.

Kings County Behavioral Health

Meeting via Microsoft Teams (invite below) and in person

1222 W. Lacey Blvd, Hope Conference Room

Hanford, CA 93230

Call to Order & Welcome

Chairperson Codi Pennington called the Special Meeting of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) to order, and Mary Jewell, Executive Secretary with Kings County Behavioral Health (KCBH), completed roll call of members.

Board Members Present

Codi Pennington, Ken Baird, Joe Neves, Debra Allen, Michelle Allen, Monica Connor for Wendy Osikafo, Justin Vallin for Stephanie Huddleston. Chairperson Codi Pennington noted that all seven members were present.

Members Absent

N/A

Others Present

Pablo Ramirez, Brenda Fredrick (Grand Jury), Margie Gillum (Grand Jury), Joe Koutny (Grand Jury), Alex Walker, Renee Roselius, Amanda Verhaege, Domingo Cruz, Kathlene Barragan, and Mary Jewell, Christi Lupkes, Polo Ortiz, Brett Woolman

Review & Modification to Agenda

None

Opportunity for Public Comment

Chairperson Codi Pennington read the public comment instructions and opened the floor for any public comments.

None



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Consent Calendar

Approval of Minutes: July 28, 2025, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Regular Meeting. The motion was given first by Ken Baird and second by Michelle Allen.

Ayes: CP/KB/JN/MA/WO

Abstain: DB/SH

Action Items

Kathlene Barragan, Program Specialist, presented the Final Kings County Behavioral Health Board Annual Report. Changes were made as suggested at the last meeting, margins consistent throughout the document. Alex Walker suggested that the font color all be the same color. WE will now send this to the Board of Supervisor if any board members want to be present to present Codi and Ken will come present to

Ken motioned to approve. Debra seconded

Ayes: CP/KB/JN/MA/WO/DB/SH

Informational Agenda Items

Christi Lupkes, Assistant Director, presented the Department's new reporting requirements. the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)'s Comprehensive Quality Strategy (CQS) report. She outlined each of the current measures which include:

AMM: Antidepressant Medication Management-

APP-Use of First line psychosocial Care for children and adolescents on antipsychotics

SAA-Adherence to antipsychotics for 18+ individuals with Schizophrenia

FUM-Follow up after ED visit for Mental Health illness

FUH-Follow up after hospitalization for Mental Illness

She also noted that the Department must meet the DHCS-defined Minimum Performance Level (MPL) and if not, must demonstrate at least a 5% improvement towards the MPL, or will be found out-of-compliance which could result in increased auditing and monetary sanctions.

Brenda Tamayo-Pagan, Program Manager, and Ryan Brunton, EvalCorp, presented on the Statewide Goals defined through the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). They stated the Statewide goals emphasize transparency, accountability, and equity; and that they align with standards similar to HEDIS Measures Christi Lupkes presented earlier. They then presented on the 12 Statewide Priority Goals and the associated additional goals. The goals cover:



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Six mandated priority goals

1. **Access to Care** – Improve availability and timeliness of behavioral health services.
2. **Homelessness** – Reduce housing instability linked to untreated behavioral health conditions.
3. **Institutionalization** – Decrease unnecessary long-term psychiatric or residential placements.
4. **Justice-Involved Individuals** – Reduce contact with the justice system through prevention, treatment, and diversion.
5. **Removal of Children from Home** – Minimize foster care or separation due to behavioral health challenges.
6. **Untreated Behavioral Health Conditions** – Increase early identification, prevention, and treatment.

Additional Statewide goals:

1. **Health Equity**
 - Workbooks & dashboards for tracking progress
2. **Access to Care**
 - Expanding timely and equitable treatment
3. **Homelessness**
 - Reducing behavioral health–related housing instability
4. **Institutions**
 - Improving outcomes for those in psychiatric or residential care
5. **Justice-Involved Individuals**
 - Reducing justice system contact through treatment & diversion
6. **Children & Families**
 - Minimizing removal of children from homes due to untreated BH conditions
7. **Untreated Behavioral Health Conditions**
 - Early identification, prevention, and intervention

Additional Subcategories (County may select)

- **Care Experience**
- **Engagement** in school and work
- **Overdoses** prevention & response
- **Co-occurring Conditions** (physical & behavioral health)



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- **Quality of Life**
- **Social Connection**
- **Suicide Prevention**

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Staff Report-

Christi Lupkes reported to the Board that Kathlene Barrigan will be taking on the role of the BHAB's administrative tasks like the data notebook, bylaws, etc.. MJ will be completing the meeting and communication tasks like the meeting scheduling and setup, minutes, and agendas. Christi asked the BHAB if they would like to create a subcommittee for completion of the recently received 2025 Data Notebook. Michelle Allen and Debra Allen volunteered to assist.

Christi Lupkes also reminded the BHAB that September 17th is the Walk of Hope at the Civic.

Oak Wellness Center Update

Debra Allen reported that Oak wellness had their Hawaiian Lua last week, and that Gracie is looking into applying for another grant.

Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting

- Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2025, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting
- Next Regular Meeting Date: September 22, 2025

Adjourned at 1:17 PM