



KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES-RETREAT

March 6, 2024 @ 9am to 2pm

Kings County Behavioral Health

Meeting via zoom (invite below) and in-person

Call to Order & Welcome

Chairperson Codi Pennington called the Special Meeting of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Retreat to order, and Sarah Harp, Program Specialist Kings County Behavioral Health (KCBH), completed roll call of members: Roll Call: Codi, Joe, Debra, Michelle, Wendy, Gloria

Board Members Present

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

Members Absent

Ken Baird, Stephanie Huddleston

Chairperson Codi Pennington noted there was not a quorum as six (6) members were present and seven (7) are needed for quorum, per bylaws based on thirteen (13) member Board. Any action needed will be tabled until next meeting.

Others Present

County Counsel Willie Barrera, Sarah Harp, Monique Florez, Kathleen Barragan, Mary Jewell, Christi Lupkes, Laura Tafolla.

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.

Review & Modification to Agenda

Christi Lupkes, Deputy Director KCBH, requested to move the Brown Act and Roberts Rules of Order presentation to top of the informational agenda items on the agenda, and add DHCS Performance Contract presentation with the requirements presentation.

Consent Calendar

There were no consent items scheduled.

Action Items

There were no action items scheduled.

Informational Agenda Items

- Willie Barrera from County Counsel presented on the Robert Rules of Order and the Brown Act.
- Christi Lupkes presented on the Welfare & Institutions Code requirements of the BHAB.
 - Wendy Osikafo, Director Human Services Agency, suggested updating Human Resources Department on the requirement of the BHAB to be a part of the approval of any new Behavioral Health Director position appointment, and add it to Job flyer. (WIC code 5604.2)
- Christi Lupkes presented on the KCBH programs and services.
- Laura Tafolla, Fiscal Analyst III KCBH, presented on KCBH's funding.
- Christi Lupkes presented data pertaining to the Mental Health Plan of KCBH including but not limited to the number and demographic of client served and volume and type of services.
- Amanda Verhaege, Program Manager KCBH, presented proposed revisions to the BHAB bylaws based on prior work completed by the BHAB Bylaws Workgroup.
 - This item was stopped at section "Qualifications of Members" and tabled due to time constraints until June after election for status update on Prop. 1 due to impact Prop. 1 will have on BHAB requirements.
 - Willie Barrera was asked to follow up if BHAB members need to fill out FPPC Form 700

Advisory Board Member Comments

- Chairperson Codi Pennington discussed the possibility of future meeting locations and asked to table the idea until next calendar year to revisit.
 - Amanda Verhaege suggested hosting online meetings at local libraries in Kettleman, Avenal, Lemoore, etc. Have Staff Support assist in hosting for members of the public to attend.
- Members discussed focus of meetings for 2024, and Chairperson Codi Pennington proposed focus on getting bylaws revised, annual report designed and completed, and department presentations on new initiatives impacting KCBH.
 - Christi Lupkes stated new initiatives would be MHSSA, Mobile Crisis, recent RFP's, as well as possible presentation related to EQRO, and recruitment related to BHAB membership.

Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting

- Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) Presentation by the KIND Center for March 26, 2024 BHAB meeting
- Add BHAB Packet items to Website when uploading minutes/agendas
- Mental Health Services Act Community Planning Process (CPP) Findings Presentation for March 26, 2024 BHAB Meeting
- BHAB to create an Annual Report workgroup
- April BHAB meeting-Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan Presentation by KCBH MHSA Team, and Mental Health Awareness Month Activities Plan document dissemination by MHSA Team
- May BHAB-Public Hearing for the MHSA Plan
- June BHAB-ByLaws revisit

Adjourned @1:52pm