

# KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD



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## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 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 (on Zoom)

**Members Absent:** Anthony Gracian

**Others Present:** Lisa Lewis, Alicia Austin-Townsend, Christi Lupkes, Susan Fisher, Sarah Harp, Amanda Verhaege, Danielle McFadden, Desarine Lowe, Nathan Lacle, Kelly Maestas, Renee Roselius, Tony Afonso, Samantha Stack, Jenny, Samantha Alaniz, Laura Tafolla, Antonio Lopez, Ceth Moore, Ryan Campbell, Seng Leang Tang, Todd Barlow, Chris Coffey

#### **Review & Modification to Agenda**

The meeting did not meet quorum requirements because members are now required to be in person (per Susan Fisher @ County Counsel). The meeting continued as a committee meeting only.

#### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

None.

#### **Consent Calendar**

**2023-4-001: Approval of Minutes: January 30, 2023 - Behavioral Health Advisory Board Special Meeting**

Continued to the next meeting.

#### **Action Items**

**2023-4-002: Cancel July, November, and December 2023**

**Codi Pennington**

Continued to the next meeting. The Chairman cancelled the May advisory board meeting due to the Behavioral Health Department's move to a new building.

**2023-4-003: New Membership Nomination: Law Enforcement Position**

**Codi Pennington**

Continued to the next meeting.

#### **Informational Agenda Items**

**Mental Health Awareness Month Presentation**

**Desarine Lowe/Antonio Lopez/Ceth Moore**

Presentation on the nationally recognized observance of Mental Health Awareness Month, including planned outreach events going on in Kings County in May.

## **Staff Report**

Dr. Lisa Lewis – Director of Behavioral Health

Christi Lupkes – Deputy Director

- Behavioral Health has several new employees: Desarine Lowe has been promoted to Community Outreach Specialist, Jarri Servadio has hired on as Contracts Program Specialist and Diane Bernal has been promoted to ASOC Unit Supervisor.
- A community survey is being sent out on the mobile crisis services program and is available on the kcbh.org website and the link is being sent out to providers and other community members.
- The Behavioral Health Department (KCBH) will be moving in May/June to the new building.
- KCBH and providers are transitioning to the new electronic health record system this summer.

## **Advisory Board Member Comments**

- Christi and Codi discussed the BHAB retreat and reminded members to complete the doodle poll that was sent out order to find a date that will work for everyone.
- Ken discussed the CA Assn. of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CalBHB/C) website, including the Brown Act training they have available.
- Wendy suggested sending the Brown Act training from the website to new members.
- Discussed a board member binder for new members.
- Discussed adding a Bylaws revision to require training for new members at orientation.
- Ken noted that Theresa Comstock @ CalBHB/C said quorum did not include vacant positions.
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## **Oak Wellness Center Update**

Debra discussed various events happening at the Oak Wellness Center, including St. Patrick's Day event, event for TAY that happens every month, an Easter event in April, the Patient's Rights Advocate gave a presentation, the Oak Wellness Center received a \$10k grant from Leprino Foods, Mental Health Awareness Month event.

## **Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting**

- Christi noted that the MHSA Plan is being delayed 60 days; the Governor has proposed a MHSA reform.
- Ken requested updates on how MHSA laws are proceeding.
- Minutes from January 30, 2023, Advisory Board Meeting
- Next Meeting Date: June 26, 2023

Adjourned @ 12:55 p.m.