

KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD



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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2023

Kings County Behavioral Health
Zoom and In-Person Meeting

Call to Order & Welcome

Board Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Ken Baird

Others Present: Lisa Lewis, Christi Lupkes, Susan Fisher, Sarah Harp, Amanda Verhaege, Danielle McFadden, Kelly Maestas, Renee Roselius, Tony Afonso, Samantha Stack, Samantha Alaniz, Laura Tafolla, Antonio Lopez, Ryan Brunton, Sara Florez, Chief Parker Sever, Jarri Servadio, Annie Yang, Nora Lynn, Rose Moreno, Frank Ruiz, Chris Coffey

Review & Modification to Agenda

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

Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

2023-7-001: Approval of Minutes: January 30, 2023 - Behavioral Health Advisory Board Special Meeting

Continued to the next meeting.

Action Items

2023-7-002: Cancel November, and December 2023

Codi Pennington

Continued to the next meeting.

2023-7-003: New Membership Nomination: Law Enforcement Position

Codi Pennington

Continued to the next meeting.

Informational Agenda Items

EvalCorp PEI Evaluation Presentation

EvalCorp

Ryan Brunton from EvalCorp presented on the PEI Evaluation.

Staff Report

Dr. Lisa Lewis – Director of Behavioral Health

Christi Lupkes – Deputy Director

- Behavioral Health has moved into the new building
- Discussed the EHRS Implementation process
- Discussed CalAIM payment reform
- MHSA – Discussed changes taking place as the Governor has proposed reforms that will be on the March and November 2024 ballots; 2 bills: SB326 (MHSA reform) and AB531 (creates a bond for housing).
- Dr. Lewis is meeting with the Homeless Collaborative as a project lead regarding the need for different levels of housing.
- Discussed the UCSF Study on homelessness in CA.
- At the August BHAB meeting, we will have a presentation and public posting of the 3 year MHSA Plan, which doesn't require quorum. Will need quorum in September for the Public Hearing.
- Discussed shortages and planned hirings in the department.

Advisory Board Member Comments

- Codi discussed how important quorum is for the advisory board meetings.
- Wendy Osikafo from Human Services discussed Project Room Key.
- Debra discussed challenges with clients getting the help they need in a timely way.

Oak Wellness Center Update

Debra said the Oak Wellness Center got a grant which paid for benches and outside tables; expanding services in Corcoran and Avenal; they had 200+ participants in the May Mental Health Awareness Event.

Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting

- Minutes from January 30, 2023, Advisory Board Meeting
- Next Meeting Date: August 28, 2023

Adjourned @ 1:09 p.m.