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Meeting Agenda(Committee Meeting, no quorum)

January 22, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m.

Kings County Behavioral Health

Meeting via zoom (invite below) and in person

Call to Order & Welcome

Board Members Present

Codi Pennington, Wendy Osikafo, Michelle Allen, Jose Neves, Debra Allen, Gloria Rede (online)

Members Absent

Ken Baird, Stephanie Huddleston

Others Present

County Counsel Willie Barrera, Christi Lupkes, Dr. Lisa Lewis, Sarah Harp, Monique Florez, Ana Lopez, Brett Woolman, Dom Cruz, Brenda Tamayo-Pagan

Review & Modification to Agenda

None.

Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

Consent Calendar

None, no quorum.

Action Items

BHAB Retreat-Christy to send out Poll for dates and times for March to set up Retreat meeting.

LC to do presentation 15-20 on Brown Act

Informational Agenda Items

EHR Innovation Project Presentation

Christi Lupkes

Discussion on retreat topics-Draft of Retreat Agenda

Christi Lupkes

Retreat to discuss the rules of BHAB:

Who is the department? Setting a date for Retreat, Discuss the direction of the BHAB for upcoming year, make it more accessible to the community, Christi talked about having a topic for the year.

Discussed having the retreat in March.

County Counsel would be available to go over Brown Act. Brief overview. 15-20 mins.

Discuss at BHAB meetings having Annual updates for the department.

Discussed having 2 dates in March, one for retreat, the other for regular scheduled BHAB meeting to address action items.

Action item: Do a poll to find out dates and times that works best for BHAB.

Staff Report

Lisa D. Lewis, Ph.D.

Brett Woolman from Aspiranet presented/shared the success of the Mobile Crisis for youth, services include response to schools, Inspiring Pathways, HSA and Mental Health Providers. Discussed that there was some confusion on who could call the Mobile Crisis Support Team, but had success with the calls that were valid, and was able to get the youth services the very next day the referral was sent.

Dr. Lewis reported:

- 6 new staff joining BH-Brenda Tamayo-Pagan MHSA PM
- Stephanie Bealer is now our CSOC PM, welcome back Stephanie.
- Ana Lopez-Program Specialist for CSOC, Ana has her bachelor's degree in social work and is working on her master's in public administration.
- Dom Cruz-Joins us from Admin, he is the new PM over Tech/Facilities/Motor Pool/Lease Agreements. Dom has his Master's in National Security and Strategic Studies and in Public Administration/Public Management.
- Monique Florez-Program Specialist to support the Deputy Director with grants, projects and administrative duties, she has her master's in public health, and comes from Kings County Health Department.
- Kathlene Barragan-Program Specialist, working with the Deputy Directors in support of the Management Team with department wide initiative, grants and department wide projects. She has her master's in health administration and comes from Tulare County Public Health.
- 2.9 million bridge housing funds to help fund KCAO Holiday Lodge Project
- We have DD position going out for the 2nd time around
- Letter of intent, RFP for Mobile Crisis to work with Tulare Co. Kings Co and Tulare negotiating
- Adult SUD RFP closed; letter of intent went out.
- EQRO Report received, you can see the transition of the department.
- Path Grant-Sherif also received funds from this grant.

Advisory Board Member Comments

Joe-None

Wendy-raise awareness cuts in Governors Budget, MH-FURS eliminated-might see some advocacy, it shows as an underspent program, they are pushing for support letters, wait and see if anything comes of it.

(Brett from Aspiranet said-Kings Co. has been in the top of using the FURS program, he said there might be some confusion as to who can call.)

Codi-no cuts to Veteran Services, that's a good thing, Public Guardian still continues to be unfunded, working on getting funding.

Oak Wellness Center Update

Open from 8-4

More people coming in, it's working out.

Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting

- Need to approve Minutes from December 4th special meeting
- Next Meeting Date: Meeting on February 26 , 2024

Adjourned @1:04pm