



County of Fresno

ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Fresno County Behavioral Health Board Regular Meeting Minutes March 16, 2016

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS –</u> <u>Continued</u>
Joanne Cox Brandy Dickey John Duchscher Carolyn Evans David Thorne Curtis Thornton Donald Vanderheyden David Weber	Dawan Utecht Susan Holt Janelle Sidney Joseph Rangel Kristi Williams	Brooke Frost Mitch Collins Mike Brady Sharon Ross Daizell Obong Marilyn Bamford Brenda Kent Leon Hoover Jolie Brower Randy Earl Packard Tod Harris Chris Torres Elizabeth Escoto
<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u>	
Rene Stilson	Gilbert Rivas Mark Leanhart Veronica De Alba Jorge Romeo Connie Clendenan Mandi Reed Rachael Ensom Greg Gularte	
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u>		
Absent		

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Joanne Cox welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with appointment of Brandy Dickey to the DBH Cultural Diversity Committee. Brandy accepted the appointment to sit on the Committee. Joanne read a letter she received from Francine Faber regarding her term ending on the Behavioral Health Board. Joanne commented on Francine's dedication in serving on the board and that she will be missed.

II. Approval of Agenda

Joanne announced that there will be no Success Story for this month and the Executive Committee decided to move it as a quarterly agenda item. Joanne stated that anyone from the department and/or community can submit a success story for recognition during a board meeting. Joanne announced the Behavioral Health Board Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Fig Garden Library. She also announced the one year anniversary of the MAP Point at the Poverello House. There will be a celebration held on March 17th for the anniversary.

With no other comments Joanne asked if there were any more additions to the Agenda. Seeing none, the agenda was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

David Weber stated that it should be corrected under Future Meetings for the SUD Committee to say Substance Use Disorder instead of Substance Abuse Disorder. Joanne asked the board if they had any changes or comments on last month's minutes. See no other changes, all approved the minutes as submitted.

IV. Department Update- Dawan

Dawan Utecht expressed her acknowledgement of Francine's dedication to the board and thanked Francine for her participation on the Board. Dawan went into her update starting with the SB82 Projects and the Adult Crisis Residential will be a 16 bed short term inpatient program for people who do not meet inpatient criteria. The building design is continuing; DBH has received a one - year extension for the project due to the time it has taken to secure an architect for the building design.

Sierra Building

Dawan stated that negotiations are still on-going but the department is expected to take an agenda item to the Board of Supervisors in April.

Legislative Update

Dawan state that the Peer Certification Bill turned into a two year bill and lobbying continues for Peer Certification.

MHSA

Dawan stated that MHSA funds are much in demand. Proposed use of funds include college and universities, housing and planning. Dawan also mentioned that the EPSDT funds are being redefined for medical necessity, school-based services, foster youth and congregate care.

Contract Update

Dawan stated that there are many contracts going before the Board of Supervisors in April which include the Crisis Stabilization Unit with Exodus, with an inclusion of an access line to be added. DBH is also taking SUD contract amendments to clean up contract language, the Merced County PHF, the Sierra Building purchase and the Holistic Center. Dawan then stated the next items for the department going forward are the RFP for Primary Care Integration to expand screening in a primary care settings, and to open another Multi Agency Access Point to grow beyond a housing focus and open to a more broader access to services for underserved populations.

Dawan stated that the department is taking a mid-year request for positions to the Board of Supervisors, in two phases. Phase One will include administrative/analytical positions, and phase two for clinical. The clinical positions have been very difficult to fill so these positons will be reviewed further to see what can change to help recruiting efforts in the department.

Outcomes

Dawan stated that outcomes requests have been given a short break from BHB reviews so that realignment based on calendar and fiscal year could be implemented along with added elements to outcomes reporting. The department currently has the full list of updated outcomes and will be sending out to the board in the next few days. Dawan stated that for the long term, the Reaching Recovery tool will be rolled out and used for tracking clients level of care and recovery. Dawan expressed that the design is not for billing purpose but will give the department a way to track client care and if the care is being coordinated correctly and will provide inventory for services. Dawan stated that the department is working on accreditation, which will be used for standards of care, regulatory, evidence practice and provides structure on standards. DBH will also be using an external evaluation, or outside evaluator to see if we are meeting the designated standards or not.

Housing Initiative

Dawan stated that there is a lot of activity around housing for homeless and ensuring that clients are housed in a supportive manner. Ways to address housing are to assess clients level of care and determine the level of housing that is needed and if there is an ample supply of housing available. Dawan mentioned that there will be a stakeholder process and an outside consultant will be present at next month's meeting to give a progress report. Dawan stated that the No Place like Home initiative would earmark MHSA funding specifically for housing.

V. Old Business

- A. Meetings with Board of Supervisors - Joanne stated that the meetings with members of the Board of Supervisors have begun and starting with Supervisor Pacheco and Supervisor Borgeas. Copies of the 2016 BHB recommendation list were given to the Board members. Both Supervisors recommended prioritizing the list. Joanne then commented she would like to set the priority during this meeting. She asked others who attended to comment. Carolyn Evans commented that both Supervisors were very engaged, supportive and gave concrete suggestions on how best to getting the recommendations approved. Curt Thornton responded that he only attended the meeting with Supervisor Borgeas, but mentioned that both Supervisors agreed on the concerns regarding the pay scale for Peer Support Specialists because they are represented by the union which puts limitations on what the BOS can do. Curt also stated that he didn't want to drop this issue. It can create a domino effect when pay is increased. Both Supervisors suggested having BHB members meet with union representatives to discuss their concern. Curt also was concerned about comments made regarding the housing funds, based on Dawan's statement that Senator Steinburg was exploring ways to use MHSA funds to support outside of MHSA's scope which includes the housing funds; Curt does not want to see them disappear if they are not being spent. He also expressed concerns over the No Place Like Home legislation, and the ability to compete for housing funds if it goes to a competitive grant process. John Duchscher mentioned that there are union representatives throughout each department; BHB could get in contact with them. Curt stated that he would like to see it go further and be authorized to follow up. Brandy agreed with Curt and felt the funds will go away if not spent. Carolyn asked if housing could be the number one priority on the recommendation list. Curt stated that he will motion to go with the

three priorities, excluding the Peer Support pay. David Weber seconded the motion. John asked if there actually were two motions. Curt then followed by saying he would first motion to form an ad hoc committee to explore further the pay issue for the Peer Support Specialists. David Weber seconded Curt's motion. Six voted to accept the motion. Carolyn then asked to discuss prioritizing recommendations and make housing number one, Carolyn motioned to make housing number one, Curt seconded. All approved. For the second priority David suggested that Field Crisis Clinicians be number two. Curt motioned to accept priority number two, and John seconded. Susan Holt also stated that the second priority would fall in line with the Department's priorities and is achievable in 2016. With no further comment, Joanne asked for a vote and all approved. Item number three will be for residential/co-occurring (Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder) treatment. Curt then asked to have the ad hoc committee appointed to review Peer Support Specialist pay appointed. Don Vanderheyden and Curt Thornton agreed to sit on the committee, and Brandy Dickey will attend if it works with her schedule. Curt stated he will coordinate.

Joanne mentioned the site visit to the Bridge. She asked for other who attended to comment. Don felt they did an excellent job. Carolyn stated that she felt they had a very good program in Fresno for transitioning. Brandy stated it felt like home at the facility and was helpful in helping clients transition from hospital stay to their own living environment. She also commented that Fresno County should invest in more facilities like this one. Susan added that there is a master agreement in place and the county welcomes providers to apply.

VI. New Business

A. April Site Visit – Central Star PHF

Joanne stated that the site visit for Central Star PHF is a go and will be contacting Kelley to set up the date. Joanne then asked for future agenda items and program evaluations. Carolyn suggested to use the list that Dawan will provide and pick from the list. Carolyn suggested adding program outcome to agenda on a monthly basis. Curt stated that the BHB met with Supervisor Borgeas, Sandy Seely, Assistant to Supervisor Borgeas mentioned she was surprised that family advocate services was not on the priority list. Curt then suggested to have a report on how these services are being utilized.

VII. Committee Reports

Adult Services- Carolyn reported that the committee talked about the Exodus PHF which was previously run by another provider. Problems such as security, phone service, and protocols have been improved. There is new signage up to identify the program. The committee is receiving gradual updates. She also reported that the average stay is seven days and with the opening of the Kingsburg Healing Center, there are fewer long stays at the PHF especially for conservatees. Next month the committee will hear from Crestwood on the Kingsburg Healing Center.

Children's Services - Carolyn reported that the committee meets next week on the 24th. At last month's meeting, the committee received an update on child welfare mental health services. The four providers are now up and running and are working together to serve the children who qualify as Katie A eligible. She reported that the current gap is in aftercare when discharged from Central Star. The committee will begin discussing possible solutions with the Star's staff and DBH to begin dialogue on a solution to aftercare. She reported that at next week's meeting, the committee expects to hear an update on the youth wellness center and the crisis mapping system for children in the community.

Justice Committee - Joanne reported that the committee received an update from Corizon on the Jail services and referrals and medication dispensing seems to be getting better, but advocates are stating that there are still problems. The committee had a roundtable discussion regarding Adult/Adolescent PHF. They received an update on the Court dashboard; the first phase of implementation should be in July. Joanne reported that the next meeting will be on May 9th.

SUD Committee – John reported that a provider fair was held at Blue Sky. The fair was geared for providers to talk to each other and work to reduce gaps in services. John stated that there was very good feedback. John reported that next month's meeting will be at the UC Center, on the first Wednesday of next month and will hear a presentation on the Court's Dashboard.

David asked to have the SUD committee listed correctly under Future Meetings.

Brandy reported that she attended her first Cultural Diversity Committee meeting and met people who read each mind matters and presented on what it means to be green. She stated that you can go to the eachmindmatters.org to get information on suicide prevention and to suicidepreventable.org. She stated that there is information in different languages available and also in closed caption. She also mentioned that tomorrow at Fresno City College is Disability Awareness Day from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and she encouraged everyone to attend. John also mentioned the Cultural Celebration on March 24th at the Family Resource Center from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Curt mentioned the Church and Mental Health event on Thursday April 21st at New Covenant Church; the registration fee has been lowered for this month. Also the NAMI Walks event will take place on Saturday May 21st. John also mentioned that the Calendar of Events in the Fresno Bee lists the NAMI Walk and other events that are happening. Carolyn announced the Sanger Resource fair which will be held from 10:00 to 2:00 pm on May 7th. The BHB has been invited to have a booth there.

VIII. Public Comment

Gerald Cook -, stated he has an ongoing problem on his non-moving violations. Joanne asked for him to stay after the meeting to meet with staff and look into getting help. With no other comments, Joanne adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Minutes have been respectfully recorded and submitted by Kelley Juhrend, Administrative Assistant