



County of Fresno

ADVISORY BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS

FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
Wednesday, March 15, 2017
 Regular Meeting Minutes

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS –</u>
Joanne Cox Brandy Dickey Carolyn Evans Renee Stilson David Thorne Curtis Thornton Donald Vanderheyden Dr. Marta Obler Anna Allen John Duchscher David Weber	Dawan Utecht Jose Conchas, Jr. Kathy Anderson Susan Holt Kristi Williams	<u>Continued</u> Mitch Collins Robert Baltran Gilberto Rivas Jorge Romero Brenda Kent Deanna Kivett
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u> Sal Quintero	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u> Manny Joaquin Scott Hollander Rosio Laguna Ariana Miranda Mayra Fuentes Carrie Smithson David Eric Lopez Fidel Garibay Brooke Frost	

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair John Duchscher welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda by Board

The agenda was approved with corrections.

III. Approval of Minutes from

A request was made to approve the minutes at the next Behavioral Health Board (BHB) meeting in order to review them electronically. The minutes from Feb. 15th will be carried over to the April 19th meeting.

IV. Update & Program Review – Department of Behavioral Health – Dawan Utecht, Director of Behavioral Health

ACA Repeal / Reform

Dawan summarized the proposal to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). If repealed,

California is estimated to lose 30 – 40 percent in funding. Mental health and substance use disorder remains a focus.

Legislative Update

Funds from AB 727 Mental Health Services Act; it basically allows MHSA funds to be used for housing assistance.

AB 1372 allows crisis stabilization units to hold individuals for a longer time than they currently do.

A brief synopsis of the Coordinated Care Initiative was provided. This pilot program was designed for the work around IHSS. It provides for individuals that provide support in their home to individuals with mental health issues versus their being placed in mental health facilities.

As part of the 1991 Realignment Growth funds are an overall health care account; department's include: Behavioral Health, Social Services and Public Health. There's a provision that allows the county to shift funds from one sub-account to another sub-account. Last year they stopped the shifting; however, it may have to start again to assist Public Health off-set the costs for in-home supportive services. Further, a proposal was made to the state, stating this is not a good practice.

Contracts

A change was made retro to February 1, 2017, to the agreement with Cultural Based Access Navigation and Peer Support Services (CBANS). The change included adding support / services to Syrian refugees. Due to the change, funds were increased. Approximately 200 refugees have settled in Fresno County.

Drug Medi-Cal Redesign

The Proposal for Drug Medi-Cal is anticipated to be completed in spring 2017.

Stepping Up

A convening was held on March 14th on the Stepping Up Initiative. A resolution will be presented at future Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting; work is being done on a structured plan to include the Multi-Agency Access Program (MAP). Departments taking part in the convening included the following: County Administrative Office, Department of Behavioral Health, Probation, District Attorney's office, Public Defender's Office, Public Health, Social Services. There is more work to do and follow-through on work currently being done.

Work continues to be done on Reaching Recovery.

Suicide Prevention

The third meeting was held on March 10th; schools need to address AB 222.

V. Old Business

A. MedMark Methadone Clinic Program Review and Site Visit

The Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) – MedMark was established 2008; they are an outpatient addiction treatment center, that assists individuals physically dependent on opiates and narcotics. Their funding source is based on Drug Medi-Cal reimbursement rates set by the state. The contract with MedMark is set to expire on June, 30, 2018.

The presentation also included:

- Narcotic
- Replacement Therapy
- Maintenance
- Intake
- Detoxification
- Intake
- Assessment
- Counseling
- Patient Education
- Treatment Planning

BHB members that attended the site visit had positive remarks regarding the clinic, staff and program. Of note, the Program Director Bee Vue, indicated to the group that he would like to be able to provide mental health services to their clients.

B. BHB meeting times, dates and schedules

1. Sub-committee meetings
2. Executive meetings

Item will be carried over to the BHB meeting on April 19, 2017.

VI. New Business

A. Future site visits

Future site visits will include Turning Point in Reedley and King of Kings

B. Community Forums

The BHB is scheduling three community forums for 2017. Renee Stillson will schedule the first forum in Prather; second will be scheduled by Anna Allen in Sanger, and the third forum will possibly be held at the Sierra building; forum dates to be announced.

C. Assignment of Mentors

Katie Lynn Rice was newly appointed to the BHB in February 2017 by Supervisor Pacheco's office. A mentor will be assigned to her at the April BHB meeting.

D. SUD Overview (Part 1)

Chair John Duchscher gave a Substance Use Disorder Overview. The presentation covered the definition of addiction and its many phases.

There will be three additional overviews on SUD, during future BHB meetings.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Adult Services

February meeting included presentations from the Rise and Conservatorship Teams. Referrals to conservatorship have increased. The Rise Team work is a high intensity group. They work with conserved clients readying to return to the community. One-third of conserved clients are part of the Rise Team. Clients that leave conservatorship are monitored for a determined period of time, depending on their needs; 64 percent of Rise clients have sustained recovery.

The March meeting speaker was Judy Fletcher, Director of STASIS. She provided an update on the STASIS supportive housing project that began in 2005. They are currently housing only homeless and chronically homeless. They have 28 beds, single male and female residents, and offer 24-hour services. They also offer medication monitoring.

B. Children's Services

In January the committee heard from supervisors of the 2 Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) programs. DBH has a TAY program for youth 17-24 years old with Medical eligible diagnoses, who are at Levels 1,2, and 3 on the Reaching Recovery scale. The FSP TAY program is for more severe clients on Levels of Care 3 and 4. Sixty percent of the FSP clients are former Foster Youth. Many DBH TAY clients live with families, while few FSP clients do. There is no TAY-specific housing, and many clients feel uncomfortable living with the range of ages (18-60) included in most available housing options. All agreed that a TAY-Specific Housing Program is needed for our community, in order to meet the needs of this population of clients.

At the February meeting Deonna Villegas-McPeters, Director of Social Work and Interpreter Services at Valley Children's Healthcare and Hospital, provided a general overview of resources and services provided through the social work and psychology department, along with health care expansions that have taken place. They do not provide mental health treatment, and must work with Madera County Behavioral Health Department.

Dr. Karla Au Yeung: reported on the Valley Children's Pediatric Residency Program. The mission of the program is to train physicians who will advocate for children of the central valley and beyond and will remain in the community. Program will start in July and will have 13 residents per year; and over 200 residents have been trained in every specialty. However, psychiatrists are not included in this program.

C. Justice Services

Dr. Jonathan Hersavoort is Utilization Review Specialist with a clinical background. His role with DBH will be to provide medical / director consultation as options for contracting services are explored. Changes coming to Corizon were also discussed; their contract was renewed for one year though personnel changes were recently made.

D. Substance Use Disorders Service

There was discussion of an upcoming job fair to be held in April (no date given); Update were provided by Angie from WestCare and Joseph Rangel of DBH.

E. Other reports or announcements

VIII. Public Comment

Mr. Beltran addressed the BHB to inquire about services within the community. He was advised someone from DBH would meet with him after the meeting.

Dr. Obler reminded everyone that Kaiser offers funding for mental health programs and services. The information will be provided via email to BHB and members of the public via email.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.

This meeting is open to the general public under the Ralph M. Brown Act.