



County of Fresno

ADVISORY BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS

FRESNO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 2:30 PM
Blue Sky Wellness Center
1617 E Saginaw Way - Fresno, CA 93704

Regular Meeting Minutes

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</u>	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS – Continued</u>
Carolyn Evans Francine Farber Marta Obler Katie Rice Curt Thornton David Thorne Donald Vanderheyden Jerry Wengerd	Dawan Utecht Susan Holt	Krystal Rios Debbie Xiong Deanna Kivett Candis Crawley Maritza Vindell Rigo Robles Ana Monreal Mary Jean D. Andrew S. Zia Xiong
<u>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</u> Sal Quintero (absent)	<u>PUBLIC MEMBERS</u> Mary Lou Brauti-Minkler Stan Lum Virginia Sparks Elizabeth Escoto Anna Allen Ryan Banks Carrie Smithsom Marilyn Bamford	

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 PM.

Chair Carolyn Evans welcomed the newest appointee to the Behavioral Health Board (BHB), Jerry Wengerd. Jerry shared his background in behavioral health. He served as a Director for the Department of Behavioral Health in Fresno County for nine years, then Riverside County and has been retired almost three years. He applied to the Behavioral Health Board as a way to serve the community.

II. Approval of Agenda by Board

Carolyn announced that Item B under Old Business will be carried over to next month.

Agenda was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes from

Minutes were approved with changes.

IV. Update & Program Review – Department of Behavioral Health – Director Dawan Utecht Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update Progress

The department requested all partnering programs to facilitate focus groups with consumers and staff, including one LGBTQ Focus Group. Further, the department is gathering input from collaborative meetings and discussions with other departments and agencies. An individual survey is available online and distributed through email. There will be six public meetings, one

specifically dedicated to Innovations (INN) Funding. The department has also invested in advertising on the radio, newspaper and social media.

The goal for posting the draft plan is September 17, 2018 and the Public Hearing on October 17, 2018. The department will update the BHB with a revised timeline if unable to meet the deadline stated, due to the volume of work.

AB 114 Reversion Plan

Reversion requires that MHSA funds must be spent within the timelines established by the state, if not they must be returned.

AB 114 allowed a one-time reallocation of funds that requires a plan for spending the funds and approval by the government. Fresno County's plan was posted on June 28th, noting the plan included spending on items referenced in the previous MHSA plan. The reversion plan is scheduled for the Board of Supervisor (BOS) agenda on September 25th.

Adult Services

The collaborative work that is being done between the City of Fresno and Fresno County on Homelessness was presented to the BOS on August 7th. The presentation discussed the change in homelessness over the past seven years. Though there is a reduction, there is still lots of work to be done.

Recommendations include Four Pillars to build on the foundation of success; within those four pillars are ten launch priorities.

- 1) Leadership, alignment & community engagement
 - i. Adopt Collective Impact Approach
 - ii. Establish Street2Home Fresno County Joint Powers Authority

- 2) Reduce inflow to homelessness
 - iii. Scale Up Diversion Training
 - iv. Establish a Diversion Fund

- 3) Improve crisis response - Three crisis Housing options:
 - v. Triage Center
 - vi. Navigation Center
 - vii. Expand Bridge Housing

- 4) Increase permanent housing exits
 - viii. Landlord engagement team
 - ix. Establish mitigation fund
 - x. Increase permanent supportive housing

The Street2Home Fresno County Joint Powers Authority and Stakeholders may include represented entities such as cities within Fresno County, the faith community, philanthropists, etc. The next steps will be at the end of September; they include establishing Street2Home Fresno County Joint Powers Authority and present the Street2Home Plan to key partners for approval.

Children's Services

DBH-FCSS Partnership

The partnership between Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health and Fresno County Superintendent of Schools is a strategy to significantly expand behavioral health services for youth. It is a five-year rollout plan with a Hub model. The Hub will serve an assigned region that will be the central station for clinical care. From the Hub, clinicians will be assigned to various

satellite stations in the surrounding area. Over the five-year course, there will be at least 10 Hubs.

The partnership is truly an integration of services. Individuals ages 0 – 22 can receive services. Specialty Mental Health Treatment will include Infant Mental Health, individual therapy, case management, and psychiatry services. Services can take place in schools, in the home, or in the community. Additionally, as part of the Prevention and Early Intervention, clinicians are able to screen youth despite their funding stream to ensure they receive the appropriate linkages as determined.

The partnership is in the six-month ramp up period. During this period, they will continue with the hiring process, which has already begun, as well as site certifications, training, and developing plans. A key number of positions have been filled such as an Administrator, Director, Intervention Specialist, Accountant, and Licensed Clinician.

The first Hub located at 2440 Tulare Street, Fresno, is going through Managed Care Site Certification and second Hub located in Firebaugh, must complete their Fire Marshall walk-thru and they are pending the Managed Care Site Certification. It is anticipated that the Hub in Firebaugh will transition over to Mendota in fall 2019; it will be located at AMOR Clinic. The volume and data will determine if both locations will have Hub sites.

Lastly, there is a concept for a Hub that focuses on population, rather than region. It is geared towards early childhood years, ages 0 to 6, to ensure early screenings and linkages.

Sharing of information will be done strategically; clinicians with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) are considered health care service providers as such they can utilize the DBH electronic health record. They will have full access to treatment history; however, they are bound by HIPPA and FIRPA, thus cannot share student's medical information with teachers. FCSS contracted an attorney that specializes in HIPPA and FIRPA, to ensure ethics are maintained and following the law when it is necessary and appropriate to share information. Donald Vanderheyden asked about the inclusion of home schooled students. Most home schools are affiliated with a school district, but it may require a deeper look. Services do not have to be school based.

Program Review: Adult Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)

The dates of operation are January 10, 2011 to present. In January 2016, services transitioned from Crestwood Behavioral Health to Exodus Recovery, Inc., through the county's Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

During the reporting period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, Exodus PHF served 321 unique individuals, rendered services for 6,802 and the cost per individual was \$11,037.21. The length of stay during the reported period reflects a decline in days from 18.6 to 15.4. Between 2015 / 16 to 2016 / 17, the number of clients conserved increased; however, in 2017 /18 it has leveled off. Further, the number of admissions increased; however, with the length of stay down, it results in the higher number of individuals that are seen.

In terms of referrals or linkages, a large percentage are sent to DBH programs, community providers and other community resources. A very small percentage are sent to inpatient medical hospitalization due to developing a medical problem.

From July 2016 to December 2016, there were 12 readmissions; in the second half of the reporting period - January 2017 to June 2017, there were only two. The denial rate is significantly low, of 5,194 days there were only 25 days denied due to not meeting the criteria.

The facility is currently going through a remodel project that includes a number of improvements to exterior and interior as well as accessibility and safety for clients and staff.

An impending contract amendment will give them access to Avatar to use as their electronic health record. The contract end date is June 30, 2021.

Lastly, the PHF is included in the space-planning project that DBH is currently undertaking.

V. Old Business

A. Action Item: Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Review and Revision of Bylaws and Meeting Regulations. Vote on revisions.

Curt Thornton referred to training with Susan Wilson; based on her recommendations updates were made to the BHB Meeting Regulations. Changes were made to paragraphs number 1 and 3. The regulations may be acted on by the BHB without approval from the BOS.

Public comment held; none received.

Donald Vanderheyden motioned to approve revised BHB Meeting Regulations; seconded by Katie Rice.

Ayes: Curt Thornton, Francine Farber, Donald Vanderheyden, Katie Rice, Jerry Wengerd, David Thorne, and Marta Obler.

Abstain: Carolyn Evans

Any changes to the Bylaws made by the BHB must go to the BOS for final approval.

Article II discusses the various authorities under which the BHB operates, as well as the Welfare and Institution Code and Health and Safety Code, and BOS Administrative Policies. At the recommendation of Susan Wilson, the California Brown Act was added, as it is key in governing the BHB.

Article V Membership – Section 2 Conflicts of Interest

At one time, a consumer receiving services could not serve on the BHB if they worked for DBH or for a contracted agency. However, the policies changed allowing consumers to serve so long as they did not have a position with their employer with any interest or influence over authority in financial or contractual matters. The revisions reference the changes, but does not specifically recite the law.

(a) Discusses members recusing themselves during discussion and when voting is occurring on any issue in which the BHB member may have financial interest.

Article VIII Committees – Section 3 Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

There are two types of committees under the BHB, standing and temporary / Ad Hoc Committees. For a temporary / Ad Hoc, there cannot be a quorum of the BHB, they must have specific purpose and kept to a limited time. Once their work is accomplished, the Ad Hoc is complete. Chair can solicit volunteers for Ad Hoc committees, not appoint.

Standing committees are fully subject to the Brown Act in terms of notice and public forum; however, ad hoc committees are not subject to the Brown Act.

Lastly, the amendment of the bylaws approved by the BHB shall be noted and dated.

Public comment held; none received.

Curt Thornton motioned to approve, seconded by Francine Farber.

Ayes: Donald Vanderheyden, Marta Obler, Katie Rice, Curt Thornton, David Thorne, Jerry Wengerd, Francine Farber.

Abstain: Carolyn Evans.

B. Discussion of Final Report from Corporation for Supportive Housing re: DBH Permanent Supportive Housing.

Item will be carried over to September meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Propose and vote to reschedule September and November Behavioral Health Board Meeting

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the BHB Executive meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4th. Additionally, in honor of Yom Kippur, the September BHB meeting will be moved from the 19th to the 12th.

Public comment held; none received.

Motioned by Donald Vanderheyden, seconded by Marta Obler,

Ayes: Donald Vanderheyden, Marta Obler, Curt Thornton, David Thorne, Jerry Wengerd, Francine Farber.

Nay: Katie Rice

Abstain: Carolyn Evans.

The November BHB meeting is scheduled during the week of Thanksgiving. Due to the holiday, the options were to move it to November 14th or November 28th.

Public comment held; none received.

Curt Thornton motioned to move the meeting to November 14th, seconded by Francine Farber.

Ayes: Donald Vanderheyden, Marta Obler, Katie Rice, Curt Thornton, David Thorne, Jerry Wengerd, Francine Farber.

Abstain: Carolyn Evans.

B. Future Site Visits—Renaissance at Santa Clara

The BHB will visit Santa Clara in September, date to be determined.

C. Community Forums – October

The BHB will begin preparations to hold a forum in a rural town in October, Selma was recommended. The suggested begin times are 5:30 or 6:00 PM. A date will be selected upon determining availability of a facility.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Adult Services

Guest speakers from the Central California Legal Services (CCLS) attended. CCLS provides legal services for U.S. citizens and legal residents with low incomes who are not incarcerated by the criminal justice system. Individuals may access services by calling the Advice Line for an appointment or by walking into the office located on Kern Street, Fresno. Departments include Health, Housing, Immigration, Family, Seniors, and Public Services.

There will not be a meeting in September. The next meeting will be October 1, 2018.

B. Children's Services

Meeting scheduled for August 23, 2018 at Uplift Services.

C. Justice Services

Next meeting scheduled for September 10, 2018.

D. Ad Hoc Committee on BHB Evaluation

Donald and Carolyn are working on gathering the information.

E. Cultural Competency

Meetings were changed to the 1st Thursday of every month. There were 27 staffers and one member of the community in attendance. There were issues with the location, in that some attendees had problems finding the meeting space. Staff will work on improving signage, attracting community members, and provide transportation as needed.

F. Other reports or announcements

Mary Lou Braunti-Minkler announced the NAMI Dinner Dance / Silent Auction on October 26th. There will be a notice going out soon. NAMI will honor Ken Katz with American Ambulance for Crisis Intervention Training of the Fresno Police Department.

Deanna Kivett announced that next month is Recovery Happens Month; the Sober Stock event will be held on September 28th and 29th. The committee is looking for providers interested in setting up informational booths. The committee meets every Tuesday at noon between now and the event at the Hispanic Commission.

Friday, September 7th, the Fresno Suicide Collaborative is hosting Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) at the Clovis Veteran's Hall. The meeting will run from 9:00 Am to noon. MHSOAC is advertising.

VIII. Public Comment

Held; none received

IX. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

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