



KINGS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES

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

Kings County Behavioral Health

Meeting via zoom (invite below) and in person

1222 Lacey Blvd, Hope Conference Room

Hanford, CA 93230

Call to Order & Welcome

Chairperson Codi Pennington called the Meeting of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) to order, and Kathleen Barragan, Program Specialist with Kings County Behavioral Health (KCBH), completed roll call of members:

Board Members Present

Codi Pennington, Ken Baird, Michelle Allen, Joe Neves, Debra Allen, Gloria Rede, Stephanie Huddleston, Wendy Osikafo

Members Absent

Chairperson, Codi Pennington noted there was a quorum as eight (8) members were present.

Others Present

Monique Florez, Kathleen Barragan, Brenda Tamayo-Pagan, Domingo Cruz, Mary Jewell, Christi Lupkes, Ceth Moore, Antonio Lopez

Review & Modification to Agenda

No modifications to the agenda were requested.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Chairperson Codi Pennington read the public comment instructions and opened the floor for any public comment. No public comments were made online nor in person.

Consent Calendar

Chairperson Codi Pennington requested approval of the minutes from the March 25, 2024, BHAB Regular Meeting. Debra Allen made the motion to approve the minutes, Ken Baird seconded. Consent calendar approved; seven in favor, one abstention. (Ayes: CP/JN/GR/SH/MA) (Abstain: WO)

Action Items

No action items were scheduled.

Informational Agenda Items

- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update was presented by Brenda Tamayo-Pagan, Program Manager with Kings County Behavioral Health.
 - MHSA presentation involved five components: Community Services & Supports (CSS), Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI), Innovation (INN), Workforce Education & Training (WET), Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN).
 - Provided an overview of each program with number of people served and expenditure for FY 22/23.
 - Key successes for FY 22/23 and program additions, deletes, and modifications for FY 24/25 were presented.
 - Current draft of Annual Plan has been posted for Public Comment online at <http://www.kcbh.org/public-notice.html> and a hard copy is available at the front reception of Kings County Behavioral Health for 30 days (May 19, 2024).
 - Will go into public comment at next BHAB meeting on May 20, 2024, for additional opportunity for comments.
 - Next, the annual plan will be finalized and submitted for approval by the Kings County Board of Supervisors.
 - Once approved by the Board of Supervisors, the Annual Plan will be submitted to the State.
 - Brenda gave one of the two hard copies during the meeting to Debra Allen and will share the electronic copy to share with all Board Members.
 - Wendy expressed concerns for all Full-Service Partnership (FSP) programs due to the reduction of 51% to 35%.
 - Requested data for FSP and ACT clients experiencing housing issues.
 - Dr. Lewis commented on how to count people who are currently housed opposed to people who need housing and potential challenges.
- May Mental Health Awareness Month presented by Ceth Moore, Prevention Coordinator with Kings County Behavioral Health.
 - State of California proclaimed May as Mental Health Awareness Month since 2013.
 - May Activities in Kings County:
 - Presentation to Kings County Board of Supervisors to proclaim May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month.
 - Resource Booths at various schools throughout the month during lunch hours.
 - Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 – Mental Health Community Walk with Oak Wellness Center.
 - Athletics Go Lime Green partnership with schools' athletes to wear green wrist sweatbands.
 - Community Pop-Up Resource Booths held at Kings County Commission on Aging, Hanford Mall, Stratford Library, Avenal Adult School, Kettleman City Family Resource Center, Lemoore Christian Aid, and Corcoran Senior Center.
 - Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 – Coffee with a Clinician at Hola Cafecito from 9am-11am to provide the community a space to talk with a clinician and learn more about services.
 - KCBH Booth at the Hanford Farmer's Market every Thursday in May.
 - Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 – Military Services, Coffee & Camaraderie at Lemoore College Student Union from 10am-11:30am for Kings County resources and Mental Health Awareness.
 - Upcoming Trainings – Presented by Antonio Lopez, Prevention Coordinator with Kings County Behavioral Health.
 - Mental Health First Aid – All day training
 - May 4, 2024 – Spanish In-person (Training Full).
 - First Spanish Mental Health First Aid Training offered by KCBH in collaboration with KCAO.
 - May 7, 2024 – English In-person Session (Training Full).

- May 10, 2024 – English Virtual Session (Registration Open).
- May 22, 2024 – English Virtual Session (Registration Open).
- Safe TALK – Suicide Awareness Training
 - May 20th – 1:00pm-4:30pm – In-person Session (Registration Open).
- To register for open training sessions, please email Antonio Lopez at, Antonio.Lopez@co.kings.ca.us for Mental Health First Aid or Safe TALK.
- Debra commented about the booth of KCBH at Roosevelt School and spoke of good comments and experience with booth.

Staff Report

Dr Lewis Reported:

- Two new hires within Kings County Behavioral Health:
 - Maria Guterrez – Substance Use Disorder Business Application Specialist. Has many years of experience within County electronic records and has joined the Substance Use Disorder Quality Assurance Team.
 - Susie Nava – Substance Use Disorder Quality Assurance Specialist. Susie will be working alongside the current Substance Use Disorder Quality Assurance Specialist, Jeanette Barajas, to assist with the transition of the Drug Medi-Cal system to the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (ODS or DMC-ODS).
- Dr. Lewis shared the benefits of the county being a DMC-ODS provider which adds Medi-Cal reimbursements for case management and residential services, both are not currently reimbursable, and require additional Quality Assurance activities.
 - The Department is working on developing a full Substance Use Disorder Quality Assurance team.
- No significant update for Prop 1 since the last presentation.
- Dr. Lewis shared updates regarding CARE Court:
 - KCBH has released and closed the Adult ACT and FSP Request for Proposals (RFP).
 - The proposals were submitted to and are currently under review with the RFP Review Committee.
 - The RFP had CARE Court provision included.
 - MHSA evaluator, EvalCorp, is expanding services for evaluation of ACT and FSP programs to include CARE Court elements.
 - Finalizing contact with Grantor and KCAO for implementation of Behavioral Health Bridge House (BHBH) grant.
 - Funding requires priority for CARE Court individuals.
 - Bridge Housing is anticipated to go live by Spring 2025.
 - CARE Court is required to begin by December 1, 2024, per the State.

Advisory Board Member Comments

- Ken Baird – Attendance has been low for Family Support Group meetings recently.
 - Asked BHAB members to share the group with others.
- Joe Neves – Reminded Department that the Board of Supervisors is not hosting a regular Board meeting on May 7th due to County Employee Appreciation Luncheon and recommended items such as the MHSA FY 24/25 Plan Update going to the board for May 7th be planned for April 30th or May 14th.
- Wendy Osikafo – HSA has been going through lobby and booth information and is requesting updated materials such as flyers and pamphlets with KCBH information.
 - Requested Mental Health Awareness month materials that can be shared with community in lobby in Hanford and Avenal.

Oak Wellness Center Update

- Debra shared the Oak Wellness Center is preparing for the Mental Health Awareness Walk on May 15, 2024. Expressed there will be many activities such as crafts and many informational booths. Leprino's will be donating food for the event.
 - Requesting others for donation baskets. Christi confirmed that KCBH can provide a donation basket for the event.

Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting

- Minutes from March 25, 2024, Advisory Board Meeting
- Next Meeting Date: Meeting on April 22, 2024
- April BHAB meeting - Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Plan Update and Mental Health Awareness Month Activities document dissemination
- May BHAB - MHSA Plan Public Hearing
- June - Bylaws revisit

Adjourned at 12:53pm

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