

MINUTES
San Bernardino County
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
June 2, 2022 - 12:00-2:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Monica Caffey, Mark Graham, Jennifer Silvestri, Catherine Inscore, Victoria Ogunrinu, Akin Merino, Veatrice Jews, Gil Navarro, Lynn Summers, Samuel Shoup on behalf of Supervisor Col. Cook.

Excused Absence: May Farr, Lorrie Denson, Michael Grabhorn, Jennifer Spence.

Absent:

Guests: Dr. Georgina Yoshioka, Michael Knight, Raquel Ramos, Karina Urena, Andre Bossieux, Angela Chavez, Toni Harris, Ashley Patterson, Dr. Ashley Steves, Bethanne Fishell, Brian Hermosillo, Charrisse Jones- Bruny, Claire Karp, Cristi Guerra, Derrick Cannon, Enas Joseph, Erica Ochoa, Fabiola Robles, Fabiola Yanez, Favielle Garibaldi, Gregory Nyx, Dr. Gwen Rodgers, Jennifer Esparza, Jessica Montecinos, Julie Hale, Jill Smith, Jonathan Ortiz, Dr. Joshua Taylor, Kimberly Morrow, Kristen Mungcal, Lileana Lopez, Linda Marie Griffey, La Keisha Mosley, Lauretta Ross, Maribel Gutierrez, Matthew Wong, Michelle Dusick, Melanie Porges, Melinda Miller, Metra Jaber, Michelle McDonald, Miriam Clark, Nicole Rice, Nicole Woodward, Nathan Trujillo, Oneta Wilson, Paola Daloia-Pascuzzo, Paul Cumming, Dr. Rene Keres, Robyn Gantsweg, Sir Duplechan, Sheena Felix, Sonia Rubio, Steven Jackson, Steve McNally, Susan Achuff, Tristin Alfred, Tammi Phillips, Teresa Frausto, Tacita Hargrove, Vivian Bermudez, Amazing Place, Zoe Taylor-Ploog, Zakiya Otis.

Minutes recorded by Raquel Ramos, Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC).

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLE CALL

Chair Monica Caffey called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and roll call followed. Chair Monica Caffey led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Tab 8: Review Minutes of May 5, 2022.

APPROVED

Motion/Second: Akin Merino/ Mark Graham

AYES: Jennifer Silvestri, Catherine Inscore, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Veatrice Jews, Lynn Summers.

ASBSTAIN: Gil Navarro, Monica Caffey

ABSENT: May Farr, Lorrie Denson, Michael Grabhorn, Jennifer Spence.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Monica Caffey shared the success with District Four Advisory Council (DAC) meetings and thanked Andre Bossieux and all staff for all presentations given to inform the community about programs and resources available in the Department of Behavioral Health and throughout the County of San Bernardino (CSB) . Chair Monica Caffey gave a moment of silence for the loss of all the family members in the recent shootings in America. Chair Monica Caffey shared an opportunity for the public to attend a statewide conference in Mission Inn Riverside on June 17-20 where information will be given regarding all mental health programs provided throughout the state. Lastly, Chair Monica Caffey shared on a collaboration with the African American Subcommittee where she will be strategizing and expanding mental health services throughout the county to improve statistical data provided by the CSB DBH.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

First District:

First District Commissioner Pastor Mark Graham shared he attended the victims of crime recognition ceremony with Supervisor Col. Cook and the District Attorney Office. Commissioner Pastor Mark Graham had a meeting with local judges and District Attorney regarding advocacy programs for first time offenders and non-violent offenders to enter a diversion program focusing on mental health, substance abuse, and anger management to reduce the reoffending rate. Commissioner Pastor Mark Graham shared having a conversation on May 22 with his church to bring awareness and share resources regarding mental health. Lastly, Commissioner Pastor Mark Graham shared the group is ending their Grief Share Program for the summer and restarting in August.

Second District:

Second District Commissioner Jennifer Silvestri provided a statement regarding the necessity for behavioral health departments to collaborate with law enforcement, FBI, social media leadership, educators, and firearms retailers/sellers to identify and address troubled youth in relation to the recent shootings in America.

Third District:

Third District Commissioner Catherine Inscore shared she attended the Third District Advisory Committee meeting where information was presented on the Peer Support Certification Program. Lastly, Commissioner Catherine Inscore shared she is taking some time off this month for self-care.

Third District Commissioner Victoria Ogunrinu shared she had two sessions with her church regarding mental health awareness for both youth and adults. Commissioner Victoria Ogunrinu shared on the third district DAC meeting with Christine who presented on the Peer Support Certification Program. Commissioner Victoria Ogunrinu shared meeting with the Mayor of Loma Linda who spoke on recent issues regarding shootings in America and shared resources and trainings the city is currently providing. Lastly, Commissioner Victoria Ogunrinu shared her church continues to provide the Grief Share program and it is open for the public.

Fourth District:

Fourth District Commissioner Akin Merino shared her thoughts and expressed condolences to all the families and victims of trauma around America. Commissioner Akin Merino shared participated in three trauma awareness walks for gender, race and children support. Lastly, Commissioner Akin Merino recognized and highlighted the great work and services both crisis centers in Fontana and San Bernardino have been providing to the community.

Fifth District:

Fifth District Commissioner Veatrice Jews shared attended the District Five DAC meeting with presenter Andre Bossieux. Commissioner Veatrice Jews shared information on churches that are part of the Ministerial Pilot Program have been providing trainings and presentations regarding mental health within the African American Community. Lastly, Commissioner Veatrice Jews shared she will be attending several upcoming workshops focusing on trauma, outreach, and engagement and will also be attending the Student Wellness Conference in Palm Desert.

Fifth District Commissioner Gil Navarro shared he attended three graduations from past students he advocated for. Commissioner Gil Navarro made a recommendation for the Department of Behavioral Health to create one Advisory Committee that will represent all school districts within the County of San Bernardino and one representative from the Board of Supervisors to meet periodically and discuss Mental Health education and awareness for the families and school systems.

No report provided from Fifth District Commissioner Lynn Summers.

SUBJECT MATTER PRESENTATION:

Tab 9: Homeless Service Update- Presenters: Dr. Rene Keres, Program Manager II and Andre Bossieux MS, Program Manager II

- Interagency Council on Homelessness include Board of Supervisors, Elected City Officials, Law Enforcement and Justice, Director of Community Development and Housing Agency, Director of Human Services, Director of the Department of Behavioral Health, Director of the Housing Authority of San Bernardino County, Elected Homeless Provider Network Representatives, and Homeless/Formerly Homeless Representative.

- Homeless Provider Network include public, private, and non-profit service providers, community and faith-based organizations, and housing organizations serving County of San Bernardino residents.
- DBH Homeless and Supportive Services for adults are InnROADs, Homeless Outreach and Support Team (HOST), and Supportive Services.
- Innovative Remote Onsite Assistance Delivery (InnROADs) – MHSa Innovation Project
 - The engagement teams include Clinician – DBH, Drug and Alcohol Counselor – DBH, Peer and Family Advocate – DBH, Social Service Practitioner– DAAS, Nurse – DPH, Sheriff Deputy – Sheriff’s Department, Mobile Treatment Team – DPH, Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Vocational Nurse,
 - InnROADs cover four regions: East Valley and Western Mountains, West Valley, High Desert, and Morongo Basin and Eastern Mountains.
 - InnROADs goal is to provide at least one treatment service (mental health, substance use disorder or medical) to 400 unduplicated homeless individuals.
 - InnROADs strengths are providing treatment for mental health, substance use disorder and medical all on the same team. InnROADs meets the client in the field and provide services there. Some clients are unable to leave their possessions or pets to obtain treatment. InnROADs is starting to partner with outreach teams.
 - InnROADs challenges are only having one team per region making it difficult to see clients more often if the team is needed to be in all the cities in a region throughout the month.
- Homeless Outreach and Support Team – HOST
 - The goal for HOST is 300 clients engaged in Outreach and Engagement and received Housing Navigation services. HOST served 301 year to date and clients served were obtained via self-referral and from the Coordinated Entry System.
 - HOST other accomplishments are 178 clients enrolled in Emergency Housing Voucher. 21 Housed thus far. Housed 42 clients in Permanent Supportive Housing with Housing Authority Voucher. Housed 15 clients in Mental Health Services Act (MHSa) Permanent Supportive Housing.
 - HOST excels at being able to house residents with SMI. HOST has a fantastic relationship with Housing Authority. This helps to make sure that they are able to maximize the funding they receive and retain all in Permanent Supportive Housing.
 - A challenge HOST is facing is having difficulty finding available rental units that are within the price range of the voucher.
- Supportive Services
 - DBH provides care coordination and case management services to those in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). DBH currently is supporting approximately 859 household through our Supportive Services Program and contract agencies. There are currently three main types of Permanent Supportive Housing:
 - Housing Authority Vouchers – obtained through HUD (US Department of Housing and Urban Development). Continuum of Care (CoC) Grants (formerly known as Shelter Plus Care), Housing Choice Vouchers (formerly Section 8), Mainstream Vouchers, and No Child Left Unsheltered.
 - MHSa (Mental Health Services Act) Housing – coordinated by DBH Supportive Services Program
 - Project Homekey Funded Units –Prioritizes Project Roomkey guests. 2021 Awardees were Georgia Street Apartments, Pacific Village, All Star Lodge and 2022 Awardees were Victorville Navigation Center, City of Redlands, and Good Nite Inn in Fontana.
 - Supportive services goals are to increase Permanent Supportive Housing (FY 20-21 Served 718 households, FY 21-22 Served 859 households, FY 22-23 Projected 140 Emergency Housing Vouchers, 12 Las Terrazas, Homekey Projects). Retention Rate is 96% Retention Rate (California Average is 94%, Colletti 2019).
 - DBH was able to expand FSP contracts to allow for more Mental Health Supportive Services. Creating step down supportive services for those clients that are stable in their housing
 - Supportive Services are currently having challenges with not having enough Permanent Supportive Housing, costs are high and long term to support chronically homeless in housing, and Difficulty moving stable clients into other housing option to vacate current vouchers.
- Transitional Age Youth (TAY)
 - The Department of Behavioral Health supports four One Stop Transitional Age Youth (TAY-1) Centers, one in each region of San Bernardino County. One Stop TAY Centers provide integrated services to the unserved, underserved, and inappropriately served children and adolescents ages 16 to 25 in the County. These TAY individuals are living with an emotional disturbance and/or severe and persistent mental illness, and are, or are at

risk of: Homelessness, Involuntary or high users of acute care facilities (e.g., hospitals, emergency departments), Suffering from co-occurring disorders, experiencing their first episode of serious mental illness, Aging-out of the child welfare system or juvenile justice system, and Involved in the criminal justice system.

- MHSAs goal is to reduce the subjective suffering from serious mental illness for adults and serious emotional disorders for children and youth, and to decreased rate of homelessness for clients and increased independent living skills. Clients who are homeless or who are at immediate risk of becoming homeless TAY Centers refer clients to Emergency Shelter Service housing providers. There is four TAY Emergency Shelter Service Providers, 75 Unduplicated Clients Served, Average Length of Stay:100 Days and YTD Bed Days: 7,470.
- TAY's strengths are providing Emergency Shelter Services Program which allows to house clients as the need arises, and as beds are available, there is flexibility to utilize adult beds when TAY beds are full, TAY Program members Transition to Independence in stable housing environments, and Availability to have HHAP funding for TAY DBH consumers in college at risk of homelessness.
- Challenges TAY is facing are Emergency Shelter Services providers with TAY beds available are very limited, there are no TAY Emergency Shelter beds in the West End, so adult beds must be used, funding for more TAY beds is needed, more TAY beds throughout the county are needed.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEM(S)

Identify Commissioner to Prepare Presentation Findings:

- Commissioner Catherine Inscore volunteered to complete this month's memo of findings.
- Establish 2022 Data Notebook ADHOC Committee
 - Commissioners Monica Caffey, Veatrice Jews, and Catherine Inscore volunteered to be part of the 2022 ADHOC committee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Interim Director Dr. Georgina Yoshioka provided the following report:

Director's Office

- Dr. Yoshioka and Dr. Caffey monthly meeting was rescheduled to June 2022.
- Dr. Yoshioka shared a recap of May Mental Month's activities.

Behavioral Health Commission to Review (Reminder)

- Vendors are encouraged to register in ePro to be notified of all possible bid opportunities. For more information on this process and how to register: <https://wp.sbcounty.gov/purchasing/vendor-registration/>.
 - Reminder to Commissioners if you participate on a review panel, the importance of confidentiality during the review process. Reviewers remain confidential. Attendees are not confidential, if requested during the Q & A portion, the Agency attendees are listed publicly.
- Reminder public comments are not to be responded to directly, however will be documented in the minutes for the official record.
 - Reminder public inquiries including requests for data are to be made: DBH-PublicRelations@dbh.sbcounty.gov.
 - Public Records Act Request Policy: <https://wp.sbcounty.gov/dbh/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/BOP3007.pdf>

Legislation Updates

- No updates given.

DBH Updates

- Training In County vs. Out of County
 - Out of county timeline
 - Flyer sent to Raquel in early March
 - Reviewed by Commission in April
 - Submitted request to Contracts Unit in April
 - Board of Supervisors approval in June
 - Travel July

OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS

Chair Monica Caffey shared information regarding a Youth Leadership Summit at Valley College open to all youth in San Bernardino County on July 16. Chair Monica Caffey will be providing flyer through email.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Jennifer Silvestri, Secretary
Behavioral Health Commission

Karina Urena, Office Assistant III
Department of Behavioral Health