



**San Bernardino County
Behavioral Health Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Thursday, July 06, 2023
Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm**

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by: Sheena Felix, Clerk of the Commission

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
A. Call to Order B. Pledge of Allegiance C. Roll Call – BH Commission	Chair, Dr. Caffey - 4 th District Vice Chair, Gil Navarro - 5 th District Clerk of the Commission, Sheena Felix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order; attendees were welcomed. Led group in Pledge of Allegiance. Conducted roll call by District.
CONSENT ITEM(S)		
D. Approve June 01, 2023 Minutes (Tab 5) E. Ad Hoc Committee – Bylaw Amendments		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were reviewed. Gil Navarro made a motion to approve minutes as written. Troy Mondragon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bill Miller made a motion to form an Ad Hoc Committee to draft proposed amendments to update the existing Bylaws. Troy Mondragon seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute time limit)		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No public comment.
INFORMATION ITEMS		
F. Chair's Report	Chair, Dr. Monica Caffey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting on June 22, presentation on Children and Youth System of Care. California Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALBHB/C) Quarterly Meeting on June 16-21. Housing and Homeless Committee for California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC), information on updates to Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), and the Governor's plan to modernize the behavioral health system and allocations towards homelessness. Presented on youth and homelessness and the impact on supportive services.
G. Commissioners Reports	Pastor Mark Graham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended the first SB District Attorney Community Commission meeting on June 30, focus is on mental health diversion advocacy and building a formalized process. Held a fundraiser for the Call 4 Life Pregnancy Center in Hesperia, raised \$17,000 to assist with one year of rent and provided revenue to women and their babies up to the age of 5. Attended court with 4 clients on advocacy for mental health diversion. Criminal Justice Consensus Committee Meeting June 7 1st District DAC Meeting on June 21. Conducted a mental health and physical health presentation at the church on June 8. Ended 12-week Grief share program for the summer, it will start back up in August. Community Forum in the 1st district postponed to September.



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	Dr. Valerie Samuel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning what is going on in the county and various departments, met with Maribel Gutierrez and the Equity and Inclusion staff at DBH. • Attended 2nd District DAC Meeting. • CALBHB/C Quarterly Meeting. • Attended the community address of the San Bernardino County Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Crisis. • Attended the BOS Meeting. • City of Rancho Cucamonga has a youth leadership group, held an annual end of the year meeting in which they were honored and did presentations on various topics of mental health.
	Jennifer Oglesby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced herself as one of the newly appointed BH Commissioners to the 2nd District.
	Troy Mondragon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked DBH for their support. • Stated he plans to attend the Latino and TAY Subcommittees. • Working on reestablishing the 3rd District DAC Meetings. • Plans to attend the upcoming NAMI Conference in August.
	Allie Mink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the anniversary of the San Bernardino County Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Crisis. • Involved in planning the Kiwanis Rialto 2nd Annual Student and Parent Mental Health Conference in September. • Working with DAC Coordinator to move the meeting to a new date/time for 3rd District. • Attended Governors virtual presentation on MHSA Modernization. • Answered phone lines for people in crisis who have reached out to NAMI, providing appropriate resources to community.
	Bill Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed housekeeping in reference to the bylaws, he stated there are revisions that need to be made of this document and plans to propose his recommendations to the Chair. • Requested to make a motion to form an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of the Executive Committee, then the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee shall present a draft of the proposed amendments to the BHC for their approval, then a special meeting called as soon as possible.
	Dr. Akin Merino	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad Hoc Committee - Bylaws • 4th District DAC • Trauma Training for Pastors • Attended online town hall for trauma and relationships
	Jennifer Spence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the 4th District DAC Meeting – Youth Programs • Chief of Staff meeting with Supervisor Hagman’s Office. • NAMI Board meeting in Pomona. • Criminal Justice Consensus Committee Meeting. • CALBHB/C Quarterly Meeting.
	Gil Navarro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended adding an item of discussion for the next meeting regarding a mobile home local clinic. He cited the Memo of Findings for the MHSA Innovation Overview in relation to the discussion item.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed severe mental health concerns and personal experiences within the community and school districts, he cited the State of California Education Code 56339 in reference to this subject.
	Veatrice Jews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended Community Policy Advisory Committee (CPAC) Meeting where they reported on the BH Ministerial Pilot Program. Town Hall meeting where unsheltered youth was discussed. DAC Meeting for 5th District with a presentation from the Office of Consumer and Family Affairs. Board of Supervisors (BOS) Meeting. Special Ad Hoc Committee meeting with BH Commissioners regarding the Brown Act.
	Lynn Summers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended 5th District DAC Meeting; requested public to attend meetings. Black Voice Newspaper 50th Anniversary Event.
H. Subject Matter Presentation: African American Services – Outreach Update	<p>Allura Florence – Indian Health Inc.</p> <p>Sydney Elless – Pacific Clinics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hardcopies of the presentations were available at the meeting for those in attendance and can be accessed via the BHC website and using the following link: African American Services – Outreach Update Q & A: Gil Navarro – Recommended a specific survey asking individuals what challenges/barriers they have with non-African American peers, staff, and security guards specifically in the school system. He referenced an article regarding peaceful protests in The Sun newspaper. Dr. Caffey – Recommended more representation of the African American population in the visuals used for the slides. Dr. Caffey asked about outreach/support, counting individuals in attendance and/ or those who they approach directly, and if they are specifically targeting African American events to attend, making door to door connections in the community and how the data is collected. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allura stated the events total for the African American Community and those listed are specifically for events targeted for African American individuals. Allura stated their organization is not limited to going to just events, they are open to all options to engage the community. Dr. Caffey asked Allura if she was the only staff focusing on outreach for this specific population in this county. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allura stated there are currently 5 prevention educators, she is the only Community Health Worker for the African American Community, they do have peer providers that identify as persons of color for the African American community. Veatrice Jews asked if there is any procedure in place or if they are they planning on meeting with any of the faith-based groups in the area.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allura stated she does plan on meeting with faith-based organizations. ● Veatrice Jews asked about more information on knock and talk in the African American communities, and if this is something that would be done on the west side in San Bernardino <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sydney stated she currently does knock and talk in 29 Palms which has the largest African American population in the Morongo Basin, she goes to all the local areas and gives out their organization's information to community, she tries to do this at least one a week. ○ Allura stated if there are no events or workshops, she does outreach via word of mouth and making connections in the community, offer services and collaboration as well. ● Lynn Summers asked if these two programs work together. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sydney stated she has not worked with Indian Health personally as she typically works with companies in the Morongo Basin, Yucca Valley, and Joshua Tree. ● Lynn Summers stated she would like to see the literature used to give out to community and more diversity and people of color. ● Troy Mondragon shared his appreciation to both the presenters and stated that all his African American colleagues would be a great resource. ● Dr. Caffey opened for Public Comment during Q & A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Linda Hart made a public comment in reference to the data presented, engagement, advocacy, impact, and the referral process in the community. ● Pastor Mark Graham stated not to lose sight of transforming people, the work they are doing is amazing and to keep their eyes on the people.
<p>I. Director's Report</p>	<p>Dr. Georgina Yoshioka, Director, Behavioral Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On June 23 DBH received notification we were awarded \$88 million dollars to this county; this will allow the department to address the needs of the residents that have behavioral health conditions and those who are experiencing homelessness. ● 51.4 million was awarded to expand on an existing campus in the high desert from 60 to 86 beds. There is currently an Adult Residential Substance Use Disorder facility in operation, by adding 86 more beds, DBH will add an Intensive and Outpatient Substance Use Disorder facility, a 14 bed Psychiatric Residential Treatment facility, a 16 bed Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Treatment facility on this campus. ● Another grant was received for \$10 million dollars to build for recovery residence beds, currently the funding will go to building 52 beds, 40 beds for individuals and 12 beds for family members with them in the high desert. ● Also awarded \$27.4 million dollars for Bridge House funding, this will allow the county to work with individuals with behavioral health conditions and experiencing homelessness, finding



	<p>Maribel Gutierrez, Senior Program Manager, Office of Equity and Inclusion</p> <p>Miranda Canseco, Public Relations and Community Outreach Coordinator, Public Relations Office</p>	<p>interim housing, expansion of shelter bed capacity, as well as adding hotel/motel vouchers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressed the Fentanyl Crisis in the county and across the states, SBC partnered with the Into Light Project, as well as Stop the Void, SUDRS Leadership and PRO worked on putting billboards and media out to raise awareness in the county, we are in the 2nd phase of this continuing this mission and plan to work with CFS, Sheriff's and Into Light. MHSA Team will begin presenting to each of the DAC's beginning in November, it will be an overview of all the MHSA Services within that district. The next Cultural Competency Advisory Committee Meeting will be on July 20 and continues to be virtual, it will be a panel and resources focused on Veteran's population. The next Community Policy Advisory Committee meeting will be on July 20, they will have an MHSA Fiscal overview. Currently do not have any open procurements. MHSA 3-Year Plan and Innovation Plan are posted on the DBH website, until modernization passes, they will continue to accept ideas and projects for innovations. Office of Suicide Prevention approved as part of the 3-year integrated plan, they will continue to work with community and commissioners to lay out all strategies and objectives. 11 outreach events in July. September is National Recovery Month and Suicide Awareness Month. Recovery Happens will be back to in-person on September 9 at the National Orange Show. Fentanyl Awareness Campaign through 2024, more information to come.
J. Outside Agencies and Other Reports	<p>Inaudible</p> <p>Connie Harrison, Clubhouse Member, Desert Stars Clubhouse</p> <p>Kathy Lopez, Clubhouse Member, Amazing Place Clubhouse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervisor Armendariz will be having an Open House at the 2nd District Office on August 3rd from 5-8pm. She shared about a trip to Yucaipa Park, they had a really great time, there were other clubhouses in attendance. She also wanted to thank Dr. G for being there as well. She wanted to about a PRIDE Event, she then asked a fellow member to assist with her report. They explained what they learned and how they felt safe and supported.
Adjournment	Chair, Dr. Monica Caffey – 4 th District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.
Next Meeting		<p>DATE/TIME: Thursday, September 07, 2023 10:00am – 11:30am</p> <p>LOCATION: 850 E. Foothill Blvd., Rialto, CA 92376 – Auditorium</p>

ATTENDANCE

FIRST DISTRICT	SECOND DISTRICT	THIRD DISTRICT	FOURTH DISTRICT	FIFTH DISTRICT
<p>Lorrie Denson <i>Absent - Extended Leave</i></p>	<p>Dr. Valerie Samuel <i>Present</i></p>	<p>Troy Mondragon <i>Present</i></p>	<p>Dr. Monica Caffey <i>Present</i></p>	<p>Gil Navarro <i>Present</i></p>
<p>Michael Grabhorn <i>Absent - Excused</i></p>	<p>Jennifer Oglesby <i>Present</i></p>	<p>Allie Mink <i>Present</i></p>	<p>Jennifer Spence <i>Present</i></p>	<p>Veatrice Jews <i>Present</i></p>



Pastor Mark Graham <i>Present</i>	VACANT	Ray "Bill" Miller <i>Present</i>	Dr. Akin Merino <i>Absent - Excused</i>	Lynn Summers <i>Present</i>
GUESTS				
Sheena Felix, Dr. Georgina Yoshioka, Samuel Shoup, Aidery Hernandez, John Granado, Mary Villa, Gabriel H., Connie Harrison, Bryan Clark, Patricia Parker, Justin Loges, Sharon Navarro, Adriana Velasco, Catherine Dye, Kathy Lopez, Mark Franks, Michael Emmens, Marlen Hernandez, Liset Castaneda, Samantha Turner, Erica Ochoa, Stacey McDaniel, T. Santos, Erin Zamora, Michael Grace, Acquanetia Warren, Joshua Taylor, Michael Sweitzer, Kim Carson, Jennifer Pacheco, Christina Entz, Maribel Gutierrez, Mariam Aldaz, Rafael Villa, Miriam Clark, Gustavo Cisneros, Martha Parra, Rebecca Scott-Young, Matthew Wong, Karina Rutherford Ayala, Melanie Porges, Sonia Navarro, Derrick Cannon, Karen Cervantes, Veronica O'Brien, Linda Hart, Julie Hale, Allison Cunningham, Rene Keres, Susan Achuff, Jose Valles, Lizette Vazquez, Mitzy Vazquez, David Muro, Andre Bossieux, Alyce Belford, Teresa Frausto, Jennifer Alsina, Kristen Mungcal, Miranda Canseco, Jonathan Buffong, Ashley Patterson, Tricina Edwards, Candy Curiel, Vivian Bermudez, Jolena Grider				