

MINUTES
San Bernardino County
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
July 2, 2020 - 12:00-1:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Monica Caffey Lorrie Denson, Michael Grabhorn, May Farr, Carol Kinzel, Akin Merino, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Veatrice Jews

Excused Absence: Vickie Mack, Catherine Inscore

Absent: Christopher Masa, Troy Mondragon

Guests: Not available, guests attended via webex.

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

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLE CALL

Chair Dr. Monica Caffey called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and roll call followed. The group reviewed the agenda.

Tab 3: Review Minutes of June 4, 2020.

APPROVED

Motion/Second: Michael Grabhorn/ Veatrice Jews

AYES: Carol Kinzel, Jennifer Spence-Carpenter, Lorrie Denson, May Farr, Monica Wilson-Caffey, Akin Merino,

ASBSTAIN:

ABSENT: Vickie Mack, Catherine Inscore, Troy Mondragon, Christopher Massa

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Caffey shared that she was the commencement speaker for a virtual graduation for the Minority Psychology Network. She attended the California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) virtual meeting in June and is Co-Chair for the Housing and Homeless initiative. The Governor is continuing to focus on homelessness during this pandemic.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

First District:

Commissioner Lorrie Denson shared that she participated in the RFP process for Adult Residential Facilities with Social Rehab services. She is working with a program called Millionaire Mind Kids, an enrichment program for students similar to the cradle to career program concepts.

Commissioner Grabhorn participated in a virtual tour of recovery service sites during the month of June. He is continuing his work with the Homeless Prevention Committee.

Commissioner Vickie Mack shared she is working with Victor Community College and Saint Mary's hospital to plan for the 2nd Annual Mental Health Career Summit. She is also working with the Millionaire Mind Kids project for at risk youth. She is also working with Access California on mental health advocacy efforts during the COVID pandemic.

Second District:

Commissioner May Farr shared that she did not participate in many meetings this past month as she has not been well.

Commissioner Carol Kinzel is continuing to participate in the regional and local mountain homeless coalition meetings. She attended the Community Policy Advisory Committee meeting where there was a Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) 101

presentation. She attended the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALBHBC) virtual meeting and plans to share the handouts she collected. She is also working with Commissioners to complete the Annual Report.

Third District:

No Commissioners present for the Third District.

Fourth District:

Commissioner Akin Merino shared that she has been very busy supporting mental health care in the community. She is continuing to train on Trauma Informed Care and attended the Unconscious Bias training offered by the CALBHBC.

Commissioner Jennifer Spence-Carpenter shared she also participated in the Unconscious Bias training offered by the CALBHBC and she is continuing her work with senior citizens to connect them to Medicare services.

Fifth District:

Commissioner Veatrice Jews is continuing to participate in zoom and webex meetings. She attended the CMHPC meeting and a meeting hosted by UC Davis focusing on racism as a public health crisis and building resilient communities. She is also working with Commissioners to complete the Annual Report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Veronica Kelley provided the following report to meeting attendees:

- There are 12,746 verified COVID cases in San Bernardino County, with the highest number in San Bernardino city, then Fontana, then Chino. There have been 258 deaths.
- The governor has reinstated some of the statewide controls. Inside dining and movie theatres are closed. The upcoming holiday is a concern. We have had 14 deaths at Chino Men's colony, at the Chino Prison.
- Hospital census has gone up 5%. There are 138 ICU beds are filled with COVID positive. We still have 140 ICU beds available. We are on the state watch list with 18 other counties. Go to SBCounty.gov/PH for more updates.
- We asked the governor for 1 billion dollars in realignment backfill. We did get that in the adopted budget, however we will only get \$750 million which still has to be distributed by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). The method or formula for distribution is still being determined, we suspect the Governor will release 1/5 of that dollar amount to counties, not behavioral health specifically. It is possible some of this money will be held from counties that are not following social distancing measures.
- California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) had been on hold, there was a Foster Youth Group Model of Care workgroup that is working to inform DHCS on putting all California Foster Children to one system of care.
- The Board of Supervisors (BOS) declared Racism a public health crisis. As a department DBH is working with communities of culture and color and other county departments.
- Project Roomkey is continuing to house homeless during the COVID Crisis.
- DBH is preparing for our upcoming External Quality Review Organization Audit of Drug Medi-Cal.

OUTSIDE AGENCY REPORTS

- Aimara Freeman of Public Relations and Outreach advised DBH is offering Mental Health First Aid to community members at no cost. This was previously on hold due to COVID, however we just began training trainers on the new virtual curriculum. Dates the training will be available to the community are coming soon. A link to participate was provided in the chat.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Monica Caffey, Chair
Behavioral Health Commission

Raquel Ramos
Clerk of the Behavioral Health Commission