CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CALBHB/C)
Governing Board Meeting (Zoom Conference Call)
May 29, 2020 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by President Harriette Stevens, Ed.D.

Attendance:

Harriette Stevens, Ed.D. (President & SF)	Kristine Haataja (Napa)
Benny Benavidez (VP & Imperial)	Jerry Harris (Ventura)
Mae Sherman (Secty/Treas. & Lassen)	Lynda Kaufmann (Santa Cruz)
Shera Banbury (Nevada)	Patrick Ogawa (L.A.)
Jessica Bennett (Alpine)	Bill Stewart (San Diego)
Stacy Dalgleish (L.A.)	
Supervisor John Fenley (Trinity)	Theresa Comstock (Executive Director)

Introductions: New members, Shera Banbury (Nevada County), Patrick Ogawa (Los Angeles County) and Bill Stewart (San Diego County) were welcomed, followed by short introductions of all members. Short bios at: www.calbhbc.org/contact-us .

Minutes: Jerry Harris made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2020 meeting. Supervisor Fenley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Finances: Comstock presented the "Statement of Financial Position" and "Statement of Activity,", commenting:
1) Total Equity as of May 22, 2020 was: $137,587.70.
2) Expenses are lower than anticipated due to elimination of travel (due to COVID-19), and elimination of the part-time assistant position.
3) Revenues for fiscal year 2020-21 are likely to be lower due to COVID-19's impact on local and state tax revenue. FY 2020-21 budget will be on the agenda next month.

A motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Vice President Benavidez with a second by Stacy Dalgleish. The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes and financials were sent electronically to Governing Board members prior to the meeting.

Impact of COVID-19 (Discussion): Governing Board Members discussed local impact of COVID-19 in their communities.

      Issues shared:
- Access to technology/telecommunication devices and internet
  - For telehealth and counseling - Digital divide prevents some individuals from accessing services/programs.
  - Increased cost to providers
- Budget impacts to community-based organizations (layoffs, furloughs, pink slips)
- Board & Cares for individuals with Serious Mental Illness:
  - Some individuals come and go, not adhering to quarantine / shelter-in-place COVID-19 safety precautions.
  - Increased costs without increased funding
  - Lack of PPE
- Increase in suicide attempts (Napa)
- Increase in Substance Use Disorder (Nevada County)
- Access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (Ventura County)
- Peer Support Day Center Closed (Nevada County)
- County challenged by COVID-19 outbreak, closing departments twice (except for essential workers) (Alpine County)

      Successes Shared:
- Housing: Thousands of individuals experiencing homelessness have been housed through Project RoomKey, with Behavioral Health agencies providing supportive services.
- Telehealth: People are keeping their appointments (much fewer "No-Shows")

Executive Director's Report: Comstock shared the following:
1. Local MH/BH Board/Commission Schedule: www.calbhbc.org/meetings-and-training
2. Notes on local mental/behavioral health issues (a spreadsheet was shared)
3. Advocacy Update:
   a. 5/22 BH Safety Net Letter was unanimously supported by the Governing Board
   b. SB 855 - Health coverage: mental health or substance abuse disorders : Senate Appropriations Hearing scheduled for 6/1. This will likely be put on "suspense".
   c. AB 2668 - Integrated School-Based Services: this bill was pulled by sponsor CBHDA.
   d. AB2589 - No Place Like Home funding for B&Cs - in committee process (no dates)

Governing Board Teleconferences (Zoom) 11:30am: 6/19, 7/31, 8/28, 9/25

Regional/Statewide Meetings & Trainings:
      June 19, 2020, 1:00 - 2:00 pm - Supervisor's Caucus
      June 19, 2020, 2:30 - 4:30 pm - Southern/Superior Meeting (Open Statewide)
      June 26, 2020, 12:30 - 3:30 pm - Southern/Superior Training (Open Statewide)
      October 3, 2020 Central Region Meeting/Training (Fresno or by Teleconference)

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.