

CALBHB/C Governing Board Minutes
January 29, 2021, 1:30 pm
Zoom Teleconference

Governing Board Attendance: President Harriette Stevens, Ed.D. (San Francisco), VP Benny Benavidez, Secty/Treas. Kristine Haataja (Napa), Shera Banbury (Nevada); Jessica Bennett (Alpine), Supervisor Stacy Corless (Mono), Bill Stewart (San Diego), Jerry Harris (Ventura), Patrick Ogawa (Los Angeles), Stacy Dagleish (Los Angeles); **Absent:** Lynda Kaufmann Rodriguez (Santa Cruz)

Staff: Theresa Comstock, Executive Director

Open Comment: GB Members spoke regarding:

- A. Jerry commented that he very much appreciated the content of the recorded teleconference "[Leaders Convene to Address the Crisis in Our Streets / LPS Act](#)", (facilitated by the Steinberg Institute) , noting that people are really looking at LPS Reform.

Minutes: Jerry Harris made a motion to approve the December 18th Minutes; Bill Stewart seconded the motion. Stacy Dagleish & Patrick Ogawa abstained. The motion passed.

Financial Reports:

1. Financial Position: Total assets reported as of January 22, 2021 were \$158,624.67
2. Budget vs Actuals:
 - a) We will see more expenses next month as invoices come in for the 5 virtual trainings/meetings with many accommodations that included: Live Spanish interpretation, and some documents translated; live captioning during the meeting (used automated Zoom captioning); and sign language interpretation.
 - b) Payroll-related expenses will increase due to increase in health insurance for Theresa beginning in June. The Executive Committee may discuss changes to salary if needed.
 - c) Zoom capacity had been at 100 people. With 120 people registered for today's statewide teleconference, Comstock increased subscription to the next level of 500 participants this morning. We will start seeing increased Zoom costs to allow a larger audience and Spanish translation; annual fee was \$150 and now \$400. Increasing to 500 audience cost additional.
2. Accounts Receivable: Listed County dues not paid, but several counties confirmed that they will be paying them soon. Bills usually sent in October for the fiscal year.
3. Motion: Stacy D made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

January Events: CALBHB/C had 5 virtual events in January: 4 trainings and a state-wide meeting. Everyone who attended thought the presentations were excellent.

1. Positive comments were made regarding the Chair Training and the presenter. Discussed whether to host a Board/Commission Chair/Vice Chair meeting so that boards could connect and learn what others are working on. Having a Chair Caucus following the Chair Training was suggested.
2. Unconscious Bias Training was outstanding.
3. Appreciate every training related to the MHS budget, because it's something that people don't seem to understand well.

4. Many local board members don't participate in the trainings, and there was some discussion about how to encourage more attendance. However, some people are accessing the training on the CALBHBC website now that training is available there.

Legislative and Budget Advocacy

- A. \$250 million included for Board & Care in the Governors proposed 2021-2022 State Budget.
- B. AB 32 has been introduced supporting on-going telehealth. AB 32 would ensure that medical funds are not lost due to use of telehealth services vs. in-person services. This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to continue the MediCal funding after the pandemic.
- C. State Senator Anthony J. Portantino (D – La Cañada Flintridge) has introduced SB 224 to require all students in California receive age appropriate mental health education at least once at each school level, elementary, middle, and high school.
- D. HR432 Federal Bill that would allow MFTs and licensed mental health counselors to bill Medicare for their services. Sponsored by Mike Thompson.

Jerry motioned to support all of these items. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director:

- A. Developed [Cultural Competence](#) best practices document that was presented today. Noted that State and local requirements and process to develop and review Cultural Competence Plans needs to be revised. Open for comments from GB members.
- B. Statewide Collaboration:
 - a. Participation with the California Reducing Disparities Project Community—Defined Evidence Practice Integration Advisory Group was beneficial in bringing a rich panel of speakers for today's statewide meeting.
 - b. Department of Rehabilitation Behavioral Health Steering Committee: Theresa on committee; will help us with increasing evidence-based practices and employment.
 - c. CA Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC): Attended meeting last week. The CBHPC's "Performance Outcomes Committee" plans to focus on defining performance outcome measures.
- C. MHSOAC: Will get us a contract as soon as possible. Hoping that we might have a multi-year contract and more money.
- D. Governing Board Meetings will return to 11:30 on Fridays.