

CALBHB/C Governing Board Minutes
April 15, 2022, 11:30 am
Zoom Teleconference

Governing Board Attendance: President Benny Benavidez (Imperial), VP Bill Stewart (San Diego), Secty/Treas. Kristine Haataja (Napa), Shera Banbury (Nevada), Supervisor Stacy Corless (Mono), Stacy Dalgleish (Los Angeles), Kylene Hashimoto (Fresno), Harriette Stevens, Ed.D. (San Francisco), Michael Rodriguez (Ventura); **Absent:** Patrick Ogawa (Los Angeles)

Staff: Theresa Comstock, Executive Director

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Benny Benavidez.

1. Minutes from March:

Motion: Michael made a motion to approve the March 18 Governing Board Minutes; Harriette seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 2. SB 1019: Mental Health Services Access & Awareness** – Carolina Valle with CA Pan Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN) spoke about [SB 1019](#), a bill intended to increase mental health services access and awareness by increasing navigation, outreach and education for consumers and physicians in Medi-Cal Managed Care plans. This is especially intended to reduce racial, ethnic and cultural disparities in access to mental health services. (Medi-Cal Managed Care plans serve individuals with mild to moderate mental illness.)

3. Financial Reports:

- a. Financial Position: Total assets as of April 8th: \$160,982.50
- b. Budget vs Actuals: Expenses continue to be below budget due to reduced travel during the pandemic. Due to upcoming hybrid and in-person meetings, there will be an uptick in conference and travel-related spending.
- c. Accounts Receivable: Total Accounts Receivable as of 4/8/2022: \$7,100. Six dues payments were outstanding as of 4/8/2022.

Motion: Bill made a motion to accept the financials as presented, and Kylene seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Legislation:** Governing Board members discussed the following bills, but no motions were entertained: SB 964: BH Workforce Revitalization Act and SB 1019: MH Services Access & Awareness.
- 5. Strategic Plan for Capacity Building** (Draft 1) was discussed. This plan is focused on establishing sustainable funding to support CA's 59 local mental and behavioral health boards and commissions. The plan addresses sustainable staffing and funding sources. Governing Board members provided supportive comments towards this plan (attached).
- 6. Executive Director's Report**
- a. Regional Elections will be held soon in most regions. Los Angeles may be a bit later due to shifts within the region from redistricting.
 - b. Spring Newsletter draft was provided. There has been an explosion of program and funding information regarding Behavioral Health. Information within the newsletter is categorized. Governing Board members appreciated this format.

- c. [Legislation](#) for which the Governing Board has taken a position is posted on our website with related letters and fact sheets). State legislation currently includes: **AB 32 Telehealth:** Expanding Healthcare Accessibility; **SB 316 Access:** Same Day Access for 2 Visits; **AB 552:** Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnership; **AB 738 - Mental Health Boards-**[CALBHB/C / CBHDA "Support if Amended" Letter](#);
- d. Medi-Cal Rx Follow-Up Info – Responding to a request for information, the attached information was provided. See “Medi-Cal Rx Follow-Up Info” attached.

7. Meeting/ Training Schedule

Governing Board Meeting: May 20, 11:30 AM

CALBHB/C Meetings & Training (Open Statewide)

- Quarterly Meeting (In-Person in Milpitas or Zoom): 4/19, 9am - 12pm [*The CA Behavioral Health Planning Council meets at the same location in Milpitas from 4/19 - 4/22*]
- MH/BH Board/Commission Training., 5/13, 11 am -12:30pm (Zoom)
- Chair Training, 5/13, 1 pm - 2pm (Zoom)

The June Quarterly meeting was discussed, and will be moved to a different day (to be announced.)

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

