

**CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CALBHB/C)
Governing Board Meeting (Zoom Conference Call)
June 19, 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)	Jerry Harris (Ventura)
Benny Benavidez (VP & Imperial)	Lynda Kaufmann (Santa Cruz)
Jessica Bennett (Alpine) (called in at 12pm)	Patrick Ogawa (L.A.)
Supervisor Stacy Corless (Mono)	Bill Stewart (San Diego)
Stacy Dalglish (L.A.)	
Supervisor John Fenley (Trinity)	Theresa Comstock (Executive Director)
Kristine Haataja (Napa)	

Minutes: Jerry Harris made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 29, 2020 meeting. Kristine Haataja seconded the motion. Supervisor Corless abstained. The motion carried.

Finances: Comstock presented the “Statement of Financial Position” and “Statement of Activity,”. Total Equity as of June 11, 2020 was \$140,460.73. A motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Vice President Benavidez with a second by Lynda Kaufmann. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Budget: Comstock presented a 2020-21 Budget (Draft) for the Governing Board’s consideration. She noted:

1. Proposed projected revenue takes into consideration the likely impact of COVID-19 on state and local budgets.
2. Although compensation is comparatively low, payroll expenses were kept at prior levels due to concerns about revenue over the next few years.

Jerry Harris made a motion to approve the 2020-21 Budget as presented. Bill Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers: The slate of nominees for fiscal year 2020-21 officer positions included:

President: Harriette S. Stevens, Ed.D.
Vice President: Benny Benavidez
Secretary/Treasurer: Mae Sherman

Lynda Kaufmann made a motion to approve the slate. Jerry Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AB 2377: Adult Residential Facilities (Board & Cares) (Closures) - Stacy Dagleish made a motion to support [AB 2377](#). Bill Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Federal Appropriations and Bills - Comstock provided brief summaries of the following ([link to summaries](#)), followed by discussion.

1. Emergency Appropriation of \$38.5 Billion for Mental Health and Addiction Treatment
2. Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Act of 2020 (S. 3312)
3. National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 (H.R. 4194)

Jerry Harris made a motion to support the above three items. Patrick Ogawa seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Comstock will communicate CALBHB/C leadership's support of these items in conjunction with the National Council for Behavioral Health's "Hill Day at Home", June 24, 2020.

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. Funding the [CA BH Safety Net](#): The revised state budget includes \$750 million to address the projected public safety realignment funding shortfall.
 - b. [SB 855](#) - Health coverage: mental health or substance abuse disorders : This bill is moving through committees. CALBHB/C has provided opportunities for action for MH/BH boards/commission members in specific districts around California.
 - c. [SB 803](#) continues to move through committees.

Governing Board Teleconferences (Zoom) 11:30am: 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)

Governing Board Open Comment: Lynda Kaufmann requested the following local board/commission resources:

1. A "Comfort Agreement" for boards/commissions to address conduct during meetings.
2. Process of merging Drug & Alcohol and Mental Health Boards
3. Policy regarding "leave of absence"
4. Advice for reviewing contracts, to include review of risk mitigation requirements, specifically insurance coverage and amounts (to include cyber-attacks, sexual misconduct, etc.) Lynda notices a huge disparity among county contracts.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.