

CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CALBHB/C)
Minutes of Governing Board Meeting, August 16, 2019
(Zoom Conference Call)

The meeting was called to order at 11:36 am by President Harriette Stevens.

Attendance: Governing Board Members: Harriette Stevens (President), Benny Benavidez (Vice President), Mae Sherman (Sect’y/Treas.), Jessica Bennett, Lynda Kaufmann, Supervisor Stacy Corless.

Staff: Theresa Comstock (Executive Director), Olivia Kite (Executive Assistant)

Introductions: Executive Director Theresa Comstock, introduced Olivia Kite, CALBHB/C’s newly hired Executive Assistant. Governing Board members introduced themselves. Ms. Comstock stated that Olivia was very efficient and was glad to have her on-board.

Open Comment: There was no comment.

Minutes: The minutes from the July 19, 2019 Governing Board meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Benny Benavidez with a second by Supervisor Corless. The motion carried unanimously.

Finances: A “Statement of Financial Position” and “Statement of Activity” were presented by Executive Director Theresa Comstock. Total equity as of August 10, 2019 was \$134,918.82. A motion was made to accept the financial reports as presented by Benny Benavidez with a second by Mae Sherman. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Comstock had met with MHSOAC staff to discuss a proposed new contract, and anticipates a new contract will be finalized by the end of August. CALBHB/C is requesting just under \$100,000 per year for a deliverables-based contract. This is more than past years, which have been \$55,500. Considering CALBHB/C’s offerings (including support, resources, training, issue-based research, advocacy, communication with 59 local MHBs and statewide collaboration), we are operating on a very tight budget.

The Minutes and Financial Report were sent electronically to Governing Board members prior to the meeting.

Executive Director’s Report:

Federal Public Charge Policy: Last year, CALBHB/C had provided information to CA’s 59 local MHBs regarding a proposed federal change to the “Public Charge” policy. Although the changes are anticipated to negatively impact access to mental health services by individuals who are seeking legal immigration in the U.S., the “Public Charge” policy changes have gone into effect. CALBHB/C will provide information to CA’s 59 Local MH/BH Boards to help them advise locally regarding maintaining timely access to mental health services for individuals impacted by the “Public Charge” policy.

Legislative Update: Comstock reviewed amendments to AB-1352 (re: Mental Health Boards). Since AB-1352 is still in line with the original intent, CALBHB/C will continue to support this bill. (Note: Comstock continually reviews changes made to bills, and updates support to bills as appropriate.)

Annual Report: Comstock drafted the Annual Report with a format required by the MHSOAC contract. A copy was sent electronically to Governing Board members prior to the meeting and can be found on the website, www.calbhbc.com/association-docs.html. Governing Board members complimented Ms. Comstock for the professionalism and content.

Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

August 24, 2019 – Superior Regional Meeting/Training in Chico. (No GB meeting.)

October 18, 2019

9:00 am BH 2020 Forum (CA BH “Planning Council”), UC Davis School of Medicine

12:30 pm (tentative), Hotel Med Park, GB meeting - [Hotel Reservations](#)

October 19, 2019 – Central Regional Meeting/Training in Stockton. (Central Only)

January 17, 2020 – In-person BH Meeting in San Diego.

January 18, 2020 – Southern Regional Meeting/Training. (Location TBD)

April 17, 2020 – In-person GB Meeting in Oakland.

April 18, 2020 – Bay Area Regional Meeting/Training. (Location TBD)

June 19, 2020 – In-person GB Meeting in Riverside.

June 20, 2020 – LA/Southern Regional Meeting/Training. (Location TBD)

Upcoming Teleconferences (Zoom) 11:30am – Dates below:

Aug. 16, 2019

Sept. 20, 2019

Nov. 22, 2019

Dec. 20, 2019

Feb. 28, 2020

Mar. 20 2020

May 29, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm with a motion from Benny Benavidez and a second from Lynda Kaufmann.