**CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CALBHB/C)**

**Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Feb. 22, 2019 11:30am**

**(Zoom Conference Call)**

The meeting was called to order at 11:35am by President, Benny Benavidez.

**Board Members Present:** Alisa Chatprapachai (OTD), Mae Sherman (Lassen), Supervisor John Fenley (Trinity), Jerry Harris (Ventura), Harriette Stevens, Ed. D (San Francisco), Benny Benavidez (Imperial), Stacy Dalgleish (Los Angeles), Lynda Kaufmann (Santa Cruz), James Glica-Hernandez (Yolo), Supervisor Stacy Corless (Mono) **Absent:**  Larry Lue (Los Angeles)

**Staff:** Executive Director, Theresa Comstock

**Open Comment for Governing Board Members:** James Glica-Hernandez attended an MHSA Stakeholders Forum meeting that included addresing regarding the adopted statewide Workforce, Education and Training (WET) Plan. Harriette Stevens participated in a Behavioral Health Action Behavioral Health Plan Workgroup teleconference. This workgroup is discussing a new all-encompassing Behavioral Health plan/structure for California.

**Minutes:** The minutes from January 18, 2019, meeting in San Diego were presented for approval. A motion was made by James Glica-Hernandez to approve the minutes with a second from John Fenley. Motion carried with one abstention from Jerry Harris.

**Finances:** The Financial Report was presented for approval. Total assets as of February 15, 2019 equaled $163,817.86. Capitol Day in April and training for Superior will be additional expenses this year. A motion was made by Stacy Dalgleish to approve the Financial Report with a second from John Fenley. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**President’s Report:** President, Benny Benavidez welcomed Supervisor Stacy Corless and Lynda Kaufmann as new Governing Board Members.

1. The role of Director and duties was discussed. Governing Board Members were encouraged to attend BH/MH meetings in their regions if possible.

**Nominating Ad Hoc Committee** – Supervisor John Fenley announced:

Nominations for 2019-2020 Officers *Election at April 9th Annual Meeting. Sacramento*

1. **President:** Harriette Stevens, Ed.D. (San Francisco)
2. **Vice President:** Benny Benavidez (Imperial)
3. **Secretary/Treasurer:** Mae Sherman (Lassen)

**Regional Update Discussion:**

Homeless/housing continues to be the top issue throughout California. Additionally:

Drug overdose is an area of concern in San Francisco.

Increasing Conservatorships: New legislation ([SB1045 Wiener](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1045)) provides the opportunity to increase conservatorships for people who are determined to be gravely disabled as a result of a mental illness. San Francisco City and County are likely to opt into this (their authorization is required.)

Jails: A few counties have reported difficulty reviewing mental health services provided in jails. Members shared how they are addressing this, including meeting with related staff. Ventura County has been able to do site visits. In Los Angeles, the men’s jail became a men’s mental health treatment facility.

Children’s Psych: Los Angeles needs children’s psychiatric facilities in additional parts of the county (children are sent to other counties).

Ventura County has the following needs:

1. MH board needs to recruit more consumers
2. Psychiatry bed crisis
3. No Crisis Stabilization Units
4. Shortage of Psychiatrists

**Executive Director’s Report/Update:** Theresa Comstock

1. Facilitating Regional Nomination/Election Process.
2. The Executive Committee is the Nominating Committee for Regional Governing Board open positions.
3. The local boards/commissions will be notified soon regarding the nomination process and the on-line application.
4. Voting will be conducted electronically
5. Advocacy Update:
6. Children & Youth – Member James Glica-Hernandez agreed to increase involvement with related issues/meetings. The following areas of concern and related reports were briefly discussed:
7. Collaboration between County Office of Education and County Behavioral Health – best practices are sought, and perhaps another statewide review. The following reports were shared:
   1. [State Auditors Report on Student MH Services 2016](https://www.bsa.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2015-112.pdf)
   2. [Failing Grade: How CA’s School Districts have abandoned children with disabilities](https://wclp.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Failing-Grade-_-How-Californias-School-Districts-Have-Abandoned-Children-with-Disabilities.pdf)
8. Mental Health Services for Foster Youth – Mental/behavioral health training for Foster Parents and Caregivers appears to be a gap.
9. Employment For Adults with SMI – The Department of Rehabilitation is taking the lead with discussions regarding increasing innovative, evidence-based employment practices for behavioral health consumers. “[Individual Placement and Support](https://www.calbhbc.com/employment.html)” has been identified nationally as an evidence-based practice. Mental Health Cooperatives (agreements between DOR and local Behavioral Health agencies are part of the discussion.)
10. Residential Facilities (ARF)
    1. CA Behavioral Health Planning Council ARF Workgroup: Governing Board Member Lynda Kaufmann will meet with CA Behavioral Health Planning Council Executive Officer Jane Adcock regarding barriers to ARFs. (The planning council has an ARF Workgroup.)
    2. Disaster Planning for ARFs - AB3098 (Friedman) has been signed into law. This increases disaster plan requirements for Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE). There are potential amendments to extend this to Adult Residential Facilities (ARF) that serve adults with severe mental illness.
11. Legislation Discussion – SB10 (Supported), Amendment to include ARFs
12. Review: SB 11, SB 12, SB 66, AB 8, and AB3098 Draft legislation was provided and briefly reviewed. An opportunity to support/oppose legislation will be provided at the March Governing Board teleconference (in preparation for the April 10th Capitol Day meetings with legislators.)
13. Waldron 5604 and 5848 amendments (no bill # yet) had been shared with the Governing Board – amendments are proposed by Joseph Shinstock who is Chief Consultant to Assembly Member Waldron (San Diego) (Joseph is married to a member of Placer County’s Mental Health, Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board). Joseph has drafted changes.

After sharing Waldron 5604 and 5848 proposed changes with the Governing Board, and receiving feedback, Theresa Comstock advised Shinstock against the changes, providing information regarding current code that already addresses proposed changes, the use of local board/commission bylaws to address membership, and potential problems with proposed code affecting diversity of California’s 59 local mental health boards. A formal letter to Assembly Member Waldron was discussed.

Adjourned at 1:05pm

Respectfully Submitted by Mae Sherman, Secretary/Treasurer