

CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CALBHB/C)
Minutes of Governing Board Meeting March 22, 2019 11:30am
(Zoom Conference Call)

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

Board Members present: Alisa Chatrapachai (OTD), Mae Sherman (Lassen), Supervisor John Fenley (Trinity), Jerry Harris, (Ventura), Harriette Stevens, Ed. D (San Francisco), Benny Benavidez (Imperial), Stacy Dagleish (Los Angeles) , James Glica-Hernandez (Yolo), Supervisor Stacy Corless (Mono)

Staff: Executive Director, Theresa Comstock

Open Comment for Governing Board Members: Executive Director, Theresa Comstock discouraged the use of the words, “The Mentally Ill”. “Individuals with mental illness” or “Adults with mental illness” are more acceptable terms.

Minutes: The minutes from the Feb. 22, 2019, Governing Board teleconference meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by John Fenley to approve the minutes with a second from Stacy Dagleish. Motion carried unanimously.

Finances: The Financial Report was presented for approval. Total assets as of March 15, 2019 equaled \$164,585.60. Capitol Day in April and training for Superior will be added expenses this year. A motion was made by Jerry Harris to approve the Finances with a second from Harriette Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Legislation: Bills that closely matched the needs reported to CALBHB/C by local mental/behavioral health boards were shared with Governing Board members (bill summaries were provided prior to the teleconference.) After discussion of 10 bills, the Governing Board voted to support the following nine bills:

1. Adult Residential Facilities (ARF) for adults with Severe Mental Illness. AB1766: ARF Data Collection; AB-1034: ARF Disaster Plans. A motion for CALBHBC to support those two bills was made by Supervisor Stacy Corless with a second from Stacy Dagleish. The motion carried with one abstention from Jerry Harris.
2. Children/Youth—AB 734: Foster family support services pilot programs providing strengths-based, skills-based, trauma-informed coaching; SB 582: Creates parity and access to school-based mental health services. (Restores triage grant funding.); SB12: Mental Health Centers

for Youth; AB8: Mental Health Professionals in Schools. A motion to support all four bills was made by James Glica-Hernandez with a second from Harriette Stevens. Motion carried with one nay from Benny Benavidez.

3. AB333 – Whistle Blower protection for Patient’s Rights Advocates. A motion was made to support this bill, the motion died for lack of a second.
4. Parity of MH /substance use disorder benefits comparable to medical/surgical benefits.— SB11. A motion was made to support this bill by Jerry Harris with a second from James Glica-Hernandez. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Workforce SB539 – Address mental health workforce needs by funding the 5 year OSHPD WET Plan. A motion to support this bill was made by James Glica-Hernandez with a second from Harriette Stevens. The motion carried with one abstention from Alisa Chatprapachai.

For Capitol Day, the board discussed which bill to support—this would be in addition to NAMI’s choice of AB 680 (MH training for public safety dispatchers), and probably SB 11 (Parity). A motion to support SB 539 on Capitol Day was made by James Glica-Hernandez with a second from Harriette Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Events:

March 27, SB 10 - Peer Certification Hearing, Capitol Building, Room TBD

April 2, 4-5 pm - NAMI Webinar Prep for Capitol Day - Please Register:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3438650445652292619>

April 9 & 10 Meet/Training & Capitol Day

April 11 ARF Forum at the Capitol (Steinberg Institute): 1 - 4pm

June 21 & 22 CALBHB/C Meeting/Training in Santa Ana

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Mae Sherman, Secretary/Treasurer