

CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CALBHB/C)
Minutes of Governing Board Meeting May 17, 2019
(Zoom Conference Call)

The meeting was called to order at 11:39am by President Benny Benavidez.

Attendance: Governing Board members: Mae Sherman, Supervisor John Fenley, Jerry Harris, Harriette Stevens, Stacy Dagleish, Jessica Bennett, Lynda Kaufmann and Supervisor Stacy Corless. Staff: Theresa Comstock

Introductions: New member, Jessica Bennett (Alpine), was welcomed by President Benny Benavidez and all Governing Board members in attendance introduced themselves. [Link to short bios.](#)

Open Comment for Governing Board Members: Jerry Harris is concerned about not receiving compiled Data Notebook information directly from the CA Behavioral Health Planning Council after the individual Data Notebooks had been completed [by local mental/behavioral health boards]and returned to the Planning Council. The data and program information in the individual and compiled reports is helpful. He had not seen this information until it was shared by CALBHB/C. A motion was made by Jerry Harris to send a letter to the Planning Council stating these concerns with a second from Stacy Dagleish. After much discussion it was decided by the motion maker and the person that gave the second to withdraw the motion and let the Executive Committee decide on what to do with this concern.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 9th Governing Board meeting and the May 3, 2019 Special Governing Board meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Jerry Harris to approve the minutes from both meetings with a second from John Fenley. Motion carried unanimously.

Finances: The Financial Report was presented for approval. Quarterly expenditures range between \$20,000 to \$25,000. Revenue from County dues equals \$51,300. Total assets as of May. 12, 2019 equaled \$153,767.85. A motion was made by Jerry Harris to approve the Finances with a second from Stacy Dagleish. Motion carried unanimously

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

President's Update: President, Benny Benavidez discussed

- 1) A change to bylaws to add “President Elect” to Article VI, Section 1. A motion was made by Stacy Dagleish to add President Elect to the bylaws with a second from Lynda Kaufmann. The motion carried unanimously. Updated bylaws (to include this change) will be presented for Governing Board approval at the next Annual Meeting (per the bylaws).
- 2) Executive Director Evaluation. This will be done by the President with input by email from Governing Board members.

Executive Director Report: Executive Director, Theresa Comstock discussed:

1) Meeting/Training Schedule Discussion:

CALBHB/C generally sets meetings/trainings in different regions quarterly (for Bay Area, Central, L.A., Southern) with a 5th meeting/training in Superior region. Even with these offerings, it is difficult for some of the rural county members to attend. An increased effort will be made to reach more of the remote areas in person and via telephone/teleconference.

Jerry Harris and Kristine Haataja had met with Comstock to discuss a Training Plan (including topics and schedule). Both have offered to reach out to board chairs to offer mentoring/consulting. Comstock will continue to provide support/mentoring/consulting and work with Jerry and Kristine. Kristine developed the Member Orientation PowerPoint (at www.calbhbc.com/templatessample-docs.html) – great resource for boards/commissions.

Governing Board Members discussed desired topics for training based on their local board/commission needs. Topics mentioned included:

- a. Recruitment
- b. New member orientation
- c. Conflict resolution
- d. Responsibility of Advisory Boards
- e. Rejuvenate long term board members
- f. Admin. Liaison training
- g. Use of parliamentary structure

2) Legislation Update: Comstock brought attention to the following bills:

- a. *SB11 – parity removed – bill died in Appropriations Committee*
- b. [SB 1352](#) (Mental Health Boards) – A revised bill was provided a few hours prior to the teleconference. The revisions were briefly discussed, with plans to set a time for follow-up discussion and vote by email.
- c. [AB 565](#) - Workforce – The GB was asked to consider support for AB 565 (SB 539 would likely be pulled from consideration.). Also, Governor Newsom proposed \$150 million in the revised budget to address the shortage of MH professionals.

- d. [AB 43](#) (Gloria) - Adds public meeting requirements for MHSA Plan Stakeholder Input: "...every meeting at which planning activities are undertaken for those plans is required to comply with open meeting laws." This likely means dozens of additional public meetings (to comply with the Brown Act) for small counties, and potentially hundreds of additional public meetings in the largest counties. This would be beyond the capacity of most Mental Health Boards and Boards of Supervisors, so perhaps would require the creation of new public boards.

Additional opportunities for discussion would be offered, and potential decision for CALBHB/C to support AB 1352 and AB 565 would be done by e-mail vote. AB 43 to be watched.

- 3) Upcoming Meetings & Events:
 - a. Mental Health Matters Day, May 22nd at the Capitol
CALBHB/C will have a table at the site.
 - b. June 21st – 22nd Regional meeting in Santa Ana with Governing Board meeting June 21st from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Register at:
<http://www.calbhbc.com> Please confirm attendance with Mae Sherman.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

CALBHB/C Secretary/Treasurer Mae Sherman.

CALBHB/C Executive Director Theresa Comstock assisted with edits.