

CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CALBHB/C)
Minutes of Governing Board Meeting, September 20, 2019
(Zoom Conference Call)

The meeting was called to order at 11:31am by President Harriette Stevens.

Attendance: Governing Board Members: Harriette Stevens (President), Benny Benavidez (Vice President), Mae Sherman (Sect'y/Treas.), Jessica Bennett, Lynda Kaufmann, Stacy Dalglish, Jerry Harris, Supervisor John Fenley, Kristine Haataja.

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

Open Comment: President Harriette Stevens commented on the cancellation of San Francisco's Mental Health Board September meeting. The meeting was cancelled because of security concerns due to protests related to a housing issue. Stacy Dalglish mentioned that the public must pass two points of security to access the L.A. Mental Health Commission's meetings. Kristine Haataja shared that she will be doing an Advisory Board training in Sierra County October 24th, either in Truckee or Loyalton.

Minutes: The minutes from the August 16, 2019 Governing Board meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Supervisor John Fenley with a second by Benny Benavidez. Stacy Dalglish and Jerry Harris abstained. The motion carried.

Finances: A "Statement of Financial Position" and "Statement of Activity" were presented by Executive Director Theresa Comstock. Total equity as of September 12, 2019 was \$120,376.68. We are drawing our bank account down a bit but will see more revenue soon, as we collect appr. \$20,000 (an outstanding invoice to the MHSOAC), and we anticipate a new contract soon with the MHSOAC. A motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Benny Benavidez with a second by Jerry Harris. The motion carried unanimously.

The dues schedule for all 59 jurisdictions was also presented. A tiered structure of dues based on population will remain the same as last year (no increase in dues.) Dues invoices are anticipated to go out next month.

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

Performance Outcome Data: There was discussion regarding CA WIC 5604.2 Duty #7: Mental Health Boards are required to review and comment on performance outcome data, and report their findings to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council. Over the last two years, the CA Behavioral Health Planning Council provided "Data Notebooks" that did not prompt for comment on performance outcome data. Olivia is compiling information regarding performance outcome data that is currently available in local MHSOAC plans and updates, and other sources. Governing Board members mentioned that it would be a good service for

CALBHB/C to provide this information to local boards. More discussion of this topic is anticipated at the October meeting.

Executive Director's Report:

A. New issue briefs: Older Adults & Criminal Justice. www.calbhbc.com

Executive Director Theresa Comstock commented on the briefs, bringing the Governing Board up to date on the issues.

B. Legislative Update:

Bills SB10 – (Peer Support), AB 1352 – (MH/BH Boards), AB734 – (More support for foster families and care-givers), are all on Governor Newsom's desk, waiting for possible signatures. SB 66 (Medi-Cal Bill) moved to inactive. Other bills we support have turned into 2-year bills.

C. Status of MHSOAC contract & other potential contracts:

CALBHB/C anticipates a new contract soon with the MHSOAC. Additionally, CALBHB/C could potentially qualify for an MHSOAC Advocacy Stakeholder contract.

D. Potential "Affiliate" relationship with California State Association of Counties (CSAC)

It may be good for CALBHB/C to consider an "affiliate" relationship with CSAC, especially since CALBHB/C's membership is made up of CA's 59 local MHBs (the membership of MHBs are through appointment by the local Board of Supervisors). Therefore, it makes sense for CALBHB/C to be in alignment with CSAC. The motion to move forward with exploring an affiliate relationship with CSAC was made by Jerry Harris with a second from Benny Benavidez. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Regional & Statewide teleconferences:

Topics and timing were discussed and will be discussed further at the October Governing Board meeting in Sacramento.

F. Reappointment by Governor Newsom

CALBHB/C's Executive Director, Theresa Comstock, has been reappointed to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Upcoming Meetings & Trainings:

October 18, 2019, 9am – CA. Behavioral Health Planning Council BH 2020 Forum

October 18, 2019, 12:30pm – CALBHB/C Governing Board meeting in Sacramento.

October 19, 2019 – Central Region meeting/training in Stockton

January 17, 2020 – CALBHB/C Governing Board meeting in San Diego

April 17, 2020 – CALBHB/C Governing Board meeting in Oakland

April 18, 2020 – Bay Area Region meeting/training (Location TBD)

June 19, 2020 – CALBHB/C Governing Board meeting in Riverside

June 20, 2020 – Southern Region meeting/training (Location TBD)

Upcoming Teleconferences (Zoom) 11:30am:

Nov. 22, 2019

Dec. 20, 2019

Feb. 28, 2020

Mar. 20, 2020

May 29, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37pm with a motion from Jerry Harris and a second from Stacy Dagleish.