

CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CALBHB/C)
Minutes of Governing Board Meeting
March 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 pm by President Harriette Stevens.

Attendance: Governing Board Members: President Harriette Stevens (San Francisco), Vice President Benny Benavidez (Imperial), Secretary/Treasurer Mae Sherman (Lassen), Jerry Harris (Ventura), Stacy Dagleish (L. A.), Kristine Haataja (Napa), Supervisor John Fenley (Trinity). Staff: Theresa Comstock (Executive Director)

Open Comment: Jerry Harris commented on the teleconferences for local board meetings that they seemed to be very confusing. Harris also reported that the Ventura County Lanterman Petris Short Reform Work Group had finished their report. He anticipates the Ventura County Behavioral Health Advisory Board will soon consider approval of the report. Harris requested the report be added to our web page as well as shared with other counties, when the report is approved by the Ventura County Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Minutes: The minutes from the February 28, 2020 Governing Board meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jerry Harris with a second by Kristine Haataja. The motion carried unanimously

Finances: A “Statement of Financial Position” and “Budget vs. Actuals” reports were presented by Executive Director Theresa Comstock. Total assets as of February 21, 2020 was \$148,649.71. More dues have been received from various counties. Comstock reported that she cancelled our contract with the Hilton hotel in Oakland due to the COVID-19 virus and Governor Newsom’s Executive order. The Hilton dismissed all charges but wanted to keep our deposit until the end of the year. A motion to approve the financials was made by Supervisor John Fenley, with a second from Stacy Dagleish. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Executive Director’s Report:

1. How to Teleconference for Public Boards with Zoom:

Two sessions on “How to Teleconference” were presented via Zoom earlier in the week. Comstock may use “Meetings” budgeted items to facilitate local teleconferences for boards/commissions as needed.

2. \$500 Million funding for Board & Cares – Call to Action:

A “Call to Action” will be provided soon. Comstock is waiting for rescheduling of related state budget hearings. The CBHDA/Steinberg/LA BH Fact Sheet was shared.

3. Performance Outcome Data:

A. Governing Board members encouraged communication with each county/jurisdiction regarding the compiled performance outcome data that is on CALBHB/C’s website (a page per county): www.calbhbc.org/performance. Comstock will reach out to the 59 boards/commissions.

B. CALBHB/C will continue advocating for standardization of MHSA Performance Outcome Data. [Letter to DHCS and MHSOAC](#).

4. **Legislation to consider for support:**

[SB 854](#) (Beall) SUD Parity (Sponsored by Steinberg Institute & Kennedy Forum)

[SB 855](#) (Weiner) MH & SUD Parity (Sponsored by CA Psychiatric Assoc. & Kennedy Forum)

Governing Board Member Jerry Harris made a **motion to support both SB 854 and SB 855**. The motion was seconded by Kristine Haataja. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Governing Board Meeting – 4/17/2020 1:30 pm
2. April 18, 2020 10:00 am, Bay Area Meeting/Training (Open Statewide)
3. June 20, 2020 CALBHB/C Southern/LA meeting/training. (Potentially by Teleconference)

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.