

CALBHB/C Governing Board Minutes
September 25, 2020, 11:30 am
Zoom Teleconference

Governing Board Attendance: President Harriette Stevens, Ed.D. (San Francisco), Secty/Treas. Mae Sherman (Lassen), Bill Stewart (San Diego), Patrick Ogawa (L.A.), Stacy Dalglish (L.A.), Jerry Harris (Ventura), Kristine Haataja (Napa), Lynda Kaufmann Rodriguez (Santa Cruz), Shera Banbury (Nevada);
Staff: Theresa Comstock, Executive Director

Open Comment: Jerry Harris mentioned that the Ventura Behavioral Health agency has created a team to develop departmental performance outcome measures.

Minutes: Jerry Harris made a motion to approve the August 28 Minutes as presented; Stacy Dalglish seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financials: A “Statement of Activity” and “Statement of Financial Position”, both dated September 17, 2020 were discussed. Total Assets reported were: \$126,637.80. The MHSOAC had recently been invoiced for \$18,504. Jerry Harris made a motion to approve the Financial Reports as presented; Stacy Dalglish seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Internal Audit: GB Members Kristine Haataja and Lynda Kaufmann Rodriguez had reviewed 2019-20 financial materials and filings. The audit check list was completed by Kristine Haataja, and comments were provided by Lynda Kaufmann Rodriguez. Comstock would work to address recommendations, including: 1) Providing accounts receivable information in monthly financial reports; 2) Agendizing discussion at an upcoming Executive Committee meeting regarding the possibility of adding additional signers to the account; 3) Noting the bank does not enforce requirements for two signatures, nor spending limits, although CALBHB/C’s financial policy requires GB approval for signing contracts over \$2,000. 4) Comstock has added President Harriette Stevens to the Wells Fargo accounts, so that she can view them on-line.

Executive Director’s Report:

- I. **Legislative Advocacy:** Just prior to this GB Meeting (at 11:00 am on September 25 during a press conference), Governor Newsom signed into law two of the bills supported by CALBHB/C leadership: SB 803 (Peer Support Specialist Certification) and SB 855 (BH Parity & Access). Additional bills impacting behavioral health signed into law included: AB 1976 (Requiring Counties to “Opt-Out” of Laura’s Law, instead of “Opting-In”) and AB 2265 (MHSA funding for SUD). On the Federal level, the national suicide number, 9-8-8, has now passed the house and the senate and awaits possible signature by the President.
- II. **Communications:**
 - a. The most recent statewide communication was the [September E-Update](#).
 - b. Governing Board members encouraged communications to celebrate the passage of [SB 803](#) and [SB 855](#), including recognition of Comstock’s role in rallying CALBHB/C leadership and individuals around the state to support this legislation.

- c. Comstock noted upcoming opportunities to celebrate and educate regarding new behavioral health-related legislation during the October 1 Central Region Teleconference (open statewide)

III. Statewide Collaboration:

- a. CA Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC):
 - i. A “Thank You” letter was shared from the CBHPC’s Patients’ Rights Committee for CALBHB/C assistance with a recent survey regarding Patients Rights Advocates in Jails
 - ii. Performance Outcome Data: Comstock met by teleconference with CBHPC officers regarding Performance Outcome Data. She reviewed CALBHB/C’s Performance Outcome Data [Issue Brief](#), including CA law regarding the roles of DHCS, MHSOAC, CBHDA, the Planning Council and the local MH/BH Boards and Commissions regarding Performance Outcome Data. Comstock asked the Planning Council leadership to schedule events to:
 - 1. Allow the CBHPC Performance Outcome Committee an opportunity to discuss recommendations regarding standardizing performance outcome data points.
 - 2. Move toward standardization of Performance Outcome Data Points by organizing a forum with participation by DHCS, MHSOAC, CBHDA and the Planning Council (suggested to take place during the CBHPC’s January Meeting).
- b. Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission
 - i. The [2020 CALBHB/C Annual Report to the MHSOAC](#) was shared.
 - ii. Comstock is continuing to provide justification to the MHSOAC for an increase in funding for the 2020-21 contract.

IV. New projects/topics discussed included:

- a. A Chair Handbook and Training.
- b. LPS Issue – (Reducing 5150s, 5250’s and increasing community provided care)
 - i. LPS Options
 - ii. Advance Directives
 - iii. Conservatorships
 - iv. Decreasing Jail time, ER visits and stays at Psychiatric Hospitals
- c. Children & Youth Issues
- d. Older Adults

V. Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

GB Teleconferences (All at 11:30 am)

October 30, November 20, December 18, January 29

Central Region Meeting: October 1, 10 am – 12:30 pm

Central Region Training: October 2, 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

NAMI-CA Town Hall: 10/29, 2:00 - 3:00 pm