

CALBHB/C Governing Board Minutes
March 19, 2021, 11:30 am General Session
Zoom Teleconference

GENERAL SESSION

Governing Board Attendance: President Harriette Stevens, Ed.D. (San Francisco), VP Benny Benavidez, Secty/Treas. Kristine Haataja (Napa), Shera Banbury (Nevada); Supervisor Stacy Corless (Mono), Stacy Dalglish (Los Angeles), Jerry Harris (Ventura), Lynda Kaufmann Rodriguez (Santa Cruz), Patrick Ogawa (Los Angeles), Jessica Bennett (Alpine)

Absent: Bill Stewart (San Diego)

Staff: Theresa Comstock, Executive Director

Meeting was called to order at 11:41 am by President Harriette Stevens, Ed.D.

Open Comment: None

President's Report: Reviewed Theresa's accomplishments for this year and found all work excellent and high quality. Harriette will send the review to Theresa and the Board. Harriette spoke about the Governing Board's decision to increase compensation for Theresa (noted in 3/19 Special Session Minutes) and how we might grow the organization. We want to grow the organization to include administrative support to free Theresa to focus more on increasing organizational funding and influence. She was advised to speak with other executive directors to identify training opportunities for professional growth.

Minutes: Jerry made a motion to approve the February 19 Board Minutes; Shera seconded the motion. The motion passed with three members, Patrick, Stacy C, and Jessica abstaining.

Financial Reports:

1. Financial Position: Total current assets reported as of March 12, 2021 were \$152,816.85.
2. Budget vs Actuals: We held several trainings, provided materials in Spanish, had Spanish translations and sign language that resulted in increased expenditures for training. One of the new interns can provide translation services for the duration of his tenure, so that will decrease this expense.
3. Accounts Receivable: Have \$9100 in unpaid dues and have sent reminders to all 9 counties. Counties are recognizing the value that they are receiving. Trainings, resources and technical assistance provide valuable guidance for local Board/Commission members.

Motion: Jerry made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Patrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Interns: Carlos & Wesley are the new interns who have been on staff for a week. Theresa attended some MHB meetings with them. Theresa is excited to have them on board, both have mental health background.

Innovation Project: Psychiatric Advanced Directives - Consideration of Support
CALBHB/C was asked to support the Psychiatric Advanced Directives MHPA Multi-County Innovations Project. This project would standardize training, provide a tool kit and peer training for mental health consumer. PAD is very much like a medical directive for health.

Shera said that Nevada used a medical directive form at intake. Many are unable to complete this form in times of crisis, so it's helpful to have one on file. Jerry mentioned that this should be implemented when consumers are doing well, so they can outline what treatments do or do not work.

Motion: Kristine made a motion to support this project, Jerry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislation: Theresa reviewed each piece of legislation and discussed her recommendations.

I. Consideration of Support (Fact sheets Attached)

[AB 816](#) - Homelessness Accountability: AB 816, though not a mental health initiative, it strongly impacts people with mental illness who are struggling in the streets.

[AB 988](#) - Crisis Continuum

[SB 221](#) - Health care coverage: timely access to care.

II. Watch List:

[AB 562](#) - Mental Health Services for Health Care Providers

[AB 573](#) - Youth Mental Health Boards

[SB 516](#) - Certification for intensive treatment: review hearing

[SB 749](#) - Mental Health Oversight

III. Currently supported:

[AB 32](#) - Telehealth

[AB 552](#) - Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnership Program

[SB 224](#) - Pupil Instruction

[HR 432](#) - MH Access Improvement Act.

Regarding SB221, discussion focused on concerns about resources to fulfill timely access to care. Patrick suggested that we postpone a decision on this bill until a later date.

Motion: Jerry made a motion to support both AB 816 and AB 988, and Patrick seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report:

A. New Web pages: There are some new webpages on the CALBHB/C website that have information regarding [Crisis Care Continuum](#) and [LPS Act Reform](#), and Theresa plans to provide more information. Website now has an LPS issue brief and links to presentations on LPS reform.

B. New Interns: Two new interns who are visiting local board/commission meetings and reporting to Theresa on issues and resource needs

C. Nominating Committee for Officer Positions (One GB member from each Region): This is the time of year to create a nominating committee. Theresa will set up a teleconference to facilitate a committee meeting for nominations. Volunteers include: Jerry, Shera, Patrick, Kristine, and Stacy C.

D. Regional Nominations & Electronic Elections

Once a year we have a nominating process followed by regional electronic elections to fill open positions on the Governing Board. Theresa will provide a link to the application. As with local boards, we seek diversity.

Members whose terms are expiring in 2021 include: Kristine, Lynda, Jessica, Stacy C, Benny, & Jerry

Proposed schedule and Agenda Topics are listed below.

Upcoming Governing Board Meetings

- April 16 at 11:30 (Teleconference)
- May 21 at 11:30 (Teleconference)
- June 25 - In Person? Location TBA

Regional & Statewide CALBHB/C Meetings - Proposed Schedule:

Date	Topic	Format
April 9, 2021	Community Program Planning Training & Unconscious Bias Training	Teleconference
April 23, 2021	Statewide Meeting (Speakers to include: MHSOAC, CA BH Planning Council and others.	Teleconference
May 14, 2021	Children & Youth – Integrated School-Based Mental Health?	Teleconference
June 25, 2021	Regional CALBHB/C Meeting	In-Person - TBA
June 26, 2021	Regional CALBHB/C Training	In-Person - TBA
July 30, 2021	Employment - Integrated Vocational/Mental Health Services?	Teleconference
October 23, 2021	Regional CALBHB/C Meeting	In-Person – Sacramento
October 24, 2021	Regional CALBHB/C Meeting	In-Person – Sacramento
November 5, 2021	Topic TBA	Teleconference
January 21, 2022	Regional CALBHB/C Meeting	In-Person – TBA
January 22, 2022	Regional CALBHB/C Training	In-Person - TBA

Meeting adjourned at 12:33