

CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CALBHB/C)
Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Nov. 30, 2018, 11:30am
(Zoom Conference Call 11:30am)

The meeting was called to order at 11:30am by President, Benny Benavidez.

Governing Board members in attendance were: Mae Sherman (Lassen), Benny Benavidez (Imperial), Supervisor John Fenley (Trinity), Jerry Harris (Ventura), Alisa Chatprapachai (Orange), James Glica-Hernandez (Yolo), Larry Lue (L.A.) Harriette Stevens (San Francisco)

Absent: Merilla Scott (L.A.), Stacy Dagleish (L.A.)

Staff in attendance: Theresa Comstock, Executive Director

Open Comment for Governing Board Members: Alisa Chatprapachai, from Orange Co. stepped down from the Behavioral Health Board due to her moving to San Francisco Co. Supervisor Fenley reported that a new Behavioral Health Director had been hired in Trinity County as Noel O'Neill retired in November.

Minutes: The minutes of October 19 - 20, 2018 CALBHB/C Central Region Meeting and CIBHS training in Folsom were presented for approval: The minutes were sent electronically to Governing Board members prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Supervisor Fenley with a second from James Glica-Hernandez. With one abstention made by Larry Lue, the motion carried.

Finances: Financial Report was presented for approval: The Finance Report was sent electronically to Governing Board members prior to the meeting. Total current liabilities and equity: \$152,952.18. Some Counties have paid dues with a current total of \$33,300.00 in dues revenue. Executive Director, Theresa Comstock, will send reminders to those counties that haven't paid. A motion to approve the Finance Report as given was made by John Fenley with a second from Harriette Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report: Interim President, Benny Benavidez, reported that after application, interview and with the consensus of the Governing Board, Theresa Comstock was hired as Executive Director of CALBHB/C. Theresa stepped down from the Presidency to assume this position. Ms. Comstock was hired under the same total financial package as the former Executive Director. Vice President, Benny Benavidez, became President (according to the bylaws), and has chosen not to appoint a Vice President at this time. Nominations/elections will occur in the next few months. President, Benny Benavidez and Executive Director, Theresa Comstock also reported and presented for approval, the appointment of Linda Kaufman to the

Governing Board representing the Bay Area Region. A motion was made by Supervisor Fenley to accept the appointment of Linda Kaufman to the CALBHB/C Governing Board. A second was made by Jerry Harris. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Charge – Comstock drafted a summary [document \(with comment link\)](#) describing “Public Charge”, including Department of Homeland Security’s proposed policy changes. Discussion among GB was that the end result could lead to such persons who are in need refusing to seek vital services and could lead to overall discourage persons in need from seeking assistance.

GB felt that all fellow State Boards members should be advised and further decisions on action would be decided individually.

Executive Director’s Report: Executive Director, Theresa Comstock discussed:

- 1) Support for Boards/Commissions by Regional Governing Board Members:
 - Outreach to all 59 Chairs & member Supervisors by conference calls is underway. Some have already been made to some of the Counties in the Bay, Central, & Southern Region.
 - Issues Shared by MHBs: Housing, Jails, Rural Access, Crisis Care
 - MHB Needs Shared: Recruitment of Members and Directors, New Member Orientation, Brown Act, Integrated Boards, Annual Reports, Committee Management.
- 2) Children & Youth Ad Hoc Committee Update:
 - a) Engagement by Planning Council and MHSOAC.
 - b) Presentations regarding Children & Youth at January meeting in San Diego.
- 3) [Principles for Support & Advocacy](#) - A motion to approve the Principles for Support & Advocacy was made by Supervisor Fenley with a second from James Glica-Hernandez.
- 4) Collaborating with Statewide Allies:
 - Meetings: CSAC, Mental Health America, Department of Education, Behavioral Health Action Coalition, CA Behavioral Health Planning Council
 - CALBHB/C will join the various mental/behavioral health statewide coalitions. Theresa will attend meetings and communicate opportunities for Governing Board members to attend.
 - James Glica-Hernandez will attend the December 11 Behavioral Health Action Coalition roundtable with CA Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins.
- 5) The [Communication Plan](#) was shared with the Governing Board including: Quarterly Newsletter, CALBHB/C Monthly Update, Conference Calls with all MHBs, Visits to MHBs, Social Media Schedule and Communication with statewide allies.

6) Meeting Schedule:

January 18/19 Southern Regional Meeting / Training – San Diego [Please Register!](#)
March 16 Bay Area Regional Meeting / Training (No Governing Board Meeting)
April 9 Governing Board Annual Meeting (Sacramento) Prepare for April 10
April 10 Capitol Day-Statewide Meeting & visits with legislators in Sacramento
May 22 Mental Health Matters Day (Sacramento) 9:30am - 2:00pm
June 21/22 Southern/LA Region Meeting/Training

7) MHB Visits Scheduled – Governing Board members in the region are invited to attend:

December 10 – Alameda County Mental Health Board – Stevens & Comstock

December 11 - Los Angeles Mental Health Commission - *Comstock*

December 12 - Meeting with Orange County Chair - *Comstock*

December 13 - Meeting with Santa Barbara Chair - *Comstock (tentative)*

December 14 - Meeting with Mono County MHB leadership - *Comstock*

January 2 - Riverside BHC Meeting - *Comstock*

January 3 - San Bernardino BHC Meeting – *Comstock*

Meeting Adjourned at 1:05pm