

CALBHB/C Governing Board Minutes
February 18, 2022, 11:30 am
Zoom Teleconference

Governing Board Attendance: President Benny Benavidez (Imperial), VP Bill Stewart (San Diego), Secty/Treas. Kristine Haataja (Napa), Shera Banbury (Nevada), Supervisor Stacy Corless (Mono), Stacy Dalglish (Los Angeles), Kylene Hashimoto (Fresno), Patrick Ogawa (Los Angeles), Harriette Stevens, Ed.D. (San Francisco), Michael Rodriguez (Ventura)

Staff: Theresa Comstock, Executive Director

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Benny Benavidez.

1. Open Comment:

Michael reported that the Ventura County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHB) made a recommendation to conduct a local behavioral health continuum of care needs assessment. The County CEO's office, Board of Supervisors and Behavioral Health Director have agreed. The sheriff, jail, probation, district attorney and public defenders offices will be included in the assessment. The BHAB will participate in the Request for Application (RFA) process to hire a contractor to conduct the needs assessment.

Shera reported that Nevada County plans to conduct a local needs assessment as well.

2. Minutes from December:

Motion: Stacy D. made a motion to approve the December 16 Governing Board Minutes; Harriette seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention (Supervisor Corless).

3. Financial Reports:

- a. Financial Position: Current assets are \$145,711.82
- b. Budget vs Actuals: Meeting/Training expenses from the recent Hybrid meeting totaled \$6,096.47.
- c. Accounts Receivable: Dues payments are still coming in (40 are paid, 19 are still outstanding for a total of \$21,500 outstanding); additionally, we have recently invoiced the MHSOAC for \$16,678. Total Accounts Receivable as of 2/10/2022 equal \$38,178.

Motion: Patrick made a motion to accept the financials as presented, and Kristine seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Legislation:

- a. AB 738 Position/Amendments - [AB 738](#) currently requires mental health boards (MHBs) to have a member who is a veteran or veteran advocate.

Motion: Kristine made a motion to take a "Support if Amended" position on AB 738 if amended to encourage rather than require MHBs to have a member who is a veteran or veteran advocate. Shera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. [SB-970 Mental Health Services Act: accountability and planning](#). This bill speaks to both MHSA performance outcome measures and ensuring community engagement. This is sponsored by the Steinberg Institute. Amendments to current law are in *blue italics*. Governing Board members were interested in taking a "watch" position at this time.

5. Annual Goals 2022 Document:

Input from the Governing Board along with members of CA's 59 boards and commissions (during statewide events and on-line reporting) provided the foundation for the "Top Issues for Support & Advocacy" section (a related [spreadsheet](#) was shared.) The draft Annual Goals document was reviewed, discussed and updated.

Motion: Stacy D. made a motion to approve the [2022 Annual Goals](#) and Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Nominating Committee Creation

One member from each region is needed to nominate GB members for 2022-23 officer positions. The following Governing Board Members agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee: Michael (Southern), Patrick (LA), Harriette (Bay Area), Shera (Superior) and Kylene (Central).

7. Executive Director's Report

- a. Synopsis for DHCS Budget Change Proposal – Theresa shared a one-page Budget Change Proposal Synopsis. She drafted this document with the guidance of DHCS Behavioral Health leadership. This is intended to provide adequate funding through DHCS in order to sustain the work of supporting CA's 59 local mental/behavioral health boards and commissions.

Potential next step is to meet with a member(s) of budget subcommittees to inform of the need to fund this important work. Assemblymember Patterson was identified as an appropriate legislator to contact since he is a member of Assembly Budget Subcommittee 1: Health and Human Services. Kylene lives in his district and Supervisor Corless will also soon be in that district (due to redistricting).

- b. Legislative Update

The Governing Board is currently supporting:

- AB 32: Telehealth
- SB 316: Access (Same Day Appointments)
- AB 552: Integrated School-Based Partnership

AB 686: Accountability died, but is expected to be re-introduced.

AB 988: MH Crisis Support – Support is currently on hold awaiting amendments that will provide the foundation for CA's local behavioral health agencies to effectively implement 988 along with mental health crisis services and mobile mental health crisis units.

- c. The following counties recently received individualized trainings and presentations: Alameda, Sacramento, San Joaquin
- d. Regional Nominations/Election – The following members' terms end in 2022: Harriette, Stacy, Patrick, Bill, Michael and Shera. They will be prompted regarding interest in continuing on the Governing Board. Also, an announcement regarding the Nomination Application appears in the February Newsletter. Individuals who are approved by the officers will be placed on the regional electronic ballots.

8. Meeting/ Training Schedule

Governing Board Meetings

March 18, 11:30 AM

April 15, 11:30 AM

Teleconferences - Topics & Dates TBD

Regional/Statewide Meetings - Several Governing Board members were interested in meeting in person for CALBHB/C meetings to coincide (either before or after) the upcoming CA BH Planning Council meetings. (Virtual access will also be provided.) Theresa will move forward with meetings to coincide with the CA BH Planning Council Schedule (below)

The CA BH Planning Council is scheduled for in-person Meetings:

April 19-22 - Sonesta Silicon Valley

June 14-17 - Mission Inn Riverside

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.