

CALBHB/C Governing Board Minutes
September 22, 2023, 12:30 am
Zoom Teleconference

Governing Board Attendance: President Bill Stewart (San Diego), Benny Benavidez (Imperial), Michael Molina (Los Angeles), Harriette Stevens, Ed.D. (San Francisco), Michael Rodriguez (Ventura). VP Manuel Fletes Medina (Glenn County) resigned from the Governing Board and has been hired as CALBHB/C's Support Associate.

Absent: Secty/Treas. Kristine Haataja (Napa), Stacy Dagleish (Los Angeles), Annie Thu Henrich (Stanislaus County), Jonathan Raven (Yolo).

Staff: Theresa Comstock, Executive Director

Meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m. by President Bill Stewart.

1. Open Comment:

- Bill attended the 9-16-23 meeting and trainings in Chico, CA. It was an informative training and good to meet with people from Northern California.
- Harriette complimented Theresa on putting on a well-organized, insightful event in Chico. Additionally, during San Francisco's commission meeting last night, they did not have a quorum and asked for clarification regarding commission member composition requirements.
- Prompted by questions regarding SB 511, Theresa indicated that this bill, proposed additional membership requirements of at least 1 person 25 year of age or younger, and 1 local education staff member. SB 511 did not go through, but was partially incorporated into SB 326 that is part of Proposition 1 which will be on the ballot in March 2024 (earliest effective date: 1-1-25).

2. Minutes from August 11, 2023:

Motion: Michael Molina made a motion to approve the August 11 Governing Board Minutes; Harriette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously/with no abstentions.

3. Financial Reports:

- a. Financial Position: Total assets as of September 15, 2023, are \$97,880.36.
- b. Budget vs Actuals: Differences were caused by a greater amount of expenditures that went towards trainings (\$3,600).

Motion: Bennie made a motion to accept the financials, and Harriette seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

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4. June Rumiko Klein (Santa Clara Behavioral Health Board) – Consideration of appointment to the Governing Board:

Bill appointed her to the Governing Board subject to Governing Board approval.

Motion: Michael Molina made a motion to approve June Rumiko Klein’s appointment to the Governing Board, and Harriette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Review of September 16th Hybrid Meeting/Training (Chico/Zoom):

We utilized our own technology, which reduced the costs of the meeting/training. Technology utilization has improved from prior meetings/trainings. The in-person group was small, they had good discussions, and the training was very useful. Bill was the only Governing Board member to attend in person.

6. Executive Director’s Report

- a. Proposition 1 incorporates SB 326 (Behavioral Health Services Act) and AB 531 (Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023). This proposition incorporated SB 551’s mandates of 1 person 25 year of age or younger, and 1 local education staff member. NAMI supports locked facilities as a part of the behavioral health continuum of care, whereas other groups oppose locked facilities. Our association identifies locked facilities as part of the behavioral health continuum of care. A summary of this legislation is on the CALBHB/C website: www.calbhbc.org/bhsa We have not taken a position on Proposition 1 and will continue to monitor and evaluate it. Theresa will meet with the California Coalition for Mental Health to discuss barriers and concerns related to the successful implementation of the Behavioral Health Modernization (should Proposition 1 pass).
- b. Legislation:
 1. AB 1437 (Medi-Cal: Serious Mental Illness): Passed the CA Assembly and CA Senate and is on Governor Newsom’s desk.
 2. SB 509 (School Employee and Pupil Training): Passed the CA Assembly and CA Senate and is on Governor Newsom’s desk.
 3. SB 551 (Mental Health Boards): Stalled was partially incorporated into SB 326 and Proposition 1.
 4. AB 459 (Behavioral Health Outcomes and Accountability Review): Gutted and amended and partially incorporated into SB 326 and Proposition 1.
- c. Theresa met with California Health Care Foundation consultants regarding behavioral health housing. At their request, she connected them with the Los Angeles County and Sacramento behavioral health care boards’ chairs.
- d. Theresa was appointed to California Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Task Force.

7. Upcoming Meetings/Trainings:

Governing Board Meetings (Zoom Teleconference)

- November 17, 2023, Friday, 11:30 am
- December 15, 2023, Friday, 11:30 am

Quarterly/Regional Meeting/Training

- Bay Area Region, San Francisco & Zoom: October 20-21, 2023
- Southern/LA Region, San Diego & Zoom: January 19-20, 2024
- Central Region, Sacramento & Zoom: April 19-20, 2024

8. Open discussion:

- Bill indicated that over the last several years San Diego County's board has had concerns regarding community engagement. San Diego hired a Director of Community Engagement. They now have more engagement of youth, who bring forth issues impacting youth, including changing meeting times and locations.
- Michael inquired about the status of legislation regarding in-person/hybrid standing committee meetings. Legislation has stalled. Many standing committee meetings in Ventura County have not had in-person quorums.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 pm.