

## **CALBHB/C Governing Board Minutes**

**December 10, 2022, 11:30 am**

**Zoom Teleconference**

**Governing Board Attendance:** President Benny Benavidez (Imperial), VP Bill Stewart (San Diego), Secty/Treas. Kristine Haataja (Napa), Stacy Dalglish (Los Angeles), Manuel Fletes Medina (Glenn County), Harriette Stevens, Ed.D. (San Francisco), Shera Banbury (Nevada), Michael Rodriguez (Ventura)

**Staff:** Theresa Comstock, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m. by President Benny Benavidez.

### **1. Open Comment & Introductions:**

Stacy spoke about the LA County Speakers Bureau Multicultural Community Mental Health Conference and what a great and informative conference it was.

### **2. Minutes:**

Motion: Michael corrected a typo. Harriette made a motion to approve the November 18 Governing Board Minutes; Shera seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention by Michael.

### **3. Financial Reports:**

Financial Reports: Total current assets as of November 9, 2022, were \$161,059. Aging summary reflects dues starting the new fiscal year starting July 1, 2022. Theresa expects expenditures to increase as we have more in person meetings.

Theresa has hired a third intern.

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

### **4. Consideration of GB Member Appointment: Jonathan Raven (Yolo County)**

Theresa and Benny interviewed Jonathan Raven and were impressed with his credentials. He has experience as a family member, is a Chief Deputy DA in Yolo County, and has been very active in mental health advocacy. Benny would like to appoint him outside of the election cycle. Harriette made a motion to approve the appointment and Stacy seconded it. The GB approved the appointment unanimously.

Benny noted that this appointment makes the Governing Board very balanced in terms of representation of the criminal justice system.

### **5. Annual Goals for 2023 Discussion:**

Theresa restructured the goals based on discussion from our last meeting. Discussion included concerns about including transitional age youth. Others believed that TAY is included in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Harriette suggested adding the word "other" to the DEI.

Stacy expressed concern about adding TAY, because we need to ensure that we can actually impact the issues that we mention. She suggested that TAY might be added to the "Housing." Theresa suggested that we state "for all ages" in the Housing. Stacy believes that being specific helps remind us that TAY is a special demographic group that must be addressed.

Michael believes the “all ages” adequately covers everyone and prevents us from excluding any group, because specifying all the groups becomes cumbersome.

For DEI, Bill suggested that “other disabilities” is incorrect, because race, ethnicity, etc. are not disabilities. Theresa restated as “physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities.”

Theresa will make the recommended revisions based on this discussion. Stacy made a motion to accept the goals with recommended changes, and Kristine seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **6. Workforce Teleconference**

Benny and Stacy applauded the content of the Workforce Teleconference meeting and the good attendance. The high attendance demonstrates the value that CALBHC is providing to the Counties. Benny noted that our/Theresa’s networking is great and that this has allowed us to engage quality speakers.

Bill noted that he has been impressed by all the speakers that we have engaged, and that he has learned so much. Michael also mentioned that the speakers are informative rather than dogmatic, and they provide useful information to share with our communities.

Theresa commented that the speaker schedule is based on our goals.

## **7. Executive Director's Report**

Theresa has developed a group to discuss adult residential facilities, including CALBHC/C, NAMI CA, NAMI GLA, LARCA, and CBHDA. The Planning Council asked to join this group and is now included. They are meeting with CA HHS Deputy Secretary Stephanie Welch to learn more about “bridge housing” which is part of the Care Act and to learn how to access those funds for Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) and Residential Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE’s).

## **8. Upcoming Meetings/Trainings:**

a. **Governing Board Meetings** (All on Fridays at 11:30 am): February 10, March 10

b. **CALBHC/C Teleconference Events:**

Community Engagement & Unconscious Bias Training (Teleconference) January 6th, 12 pm - 2:30 pm

Chair & Admin Training (Teleconference) Registration Link:  
January 13th, 11 am - 12:30 pm

c. **CALBHC/C Quarterly/Regional Meetings/Trainings** – There was discussion regarding moving back to a schedule of 2-Day CALBHC/C meetings/Trainings following the CA BH Planning Council Meetings. Projected Dates:

January 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Hybrid: San Diego & Zoom

Friday, April 21/22<sup>nd</sup> - Hybrid: Sacramento & Zoom

Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>? - Hybrid: Southern CA & Zoom

August 25<sup>th</sup> - Hybrid: Superior Region (Redding or Chico) (Outside of Planning Council Schedule)

d. **Planning Council Meetings:**

CALBHB/C Quarterly Meetings usually coincide with CA Behavioral Health Planning Council Meetings - GB Members are encouraged to attend the CA BH Planning Council Committee Meetings and General Sessions:

January 17-20, 2023: San Diego, CA

April 18-21, 2023: Sacramento, CA

June 13-16, 2023: Southern California, CA

October 17-20, 2023: San Francisco, CA

Meeting was adjourned at 12:24 pm.