

# **LASSEN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

**Monday June 13, 2022**

**Advisory Board Members Present:** Brady Reed – Member – Via Zoom  
Gary Bridges – Member – In Person  
Michael Hoenig – Member – Via Zoom  
Angela Reed – Member – Via Zoom

**Advisory Board Members Absent:** Curtis Bortle – Member  
Chris Gallagher – Member

**Staff:** Tiffany Armstrong – BH Director – Via Zoom  
Barbara Longo – HSS Director – Via Zoom  
Sarah Bustamante – Admin Assistant – Via Zoom  
Nicole Lamica – Patient Rights – In Person

**Members of the Press:** None

**Other:** Grace Poor – Housing – Via Zoom  
Eric Padilla – IT – Via Zoom  
Mike Hernandez – Judy's House – In Person

- 1. Call to Order:** Behavioral Health Advisory Board called to order at 5:38 pm
- 2. Approval of the Agenda – Action:** Motion- Gary Bridges — Second- Michael Hoenig– All in favor – motion carried
- 3. Approval of the Minutes: May 2022:** – Motion –Gary Bridges– Second – Brady Reed – All in favor – motion carried
- 4. Public Comment: None**
- 5. CAL-AIM: Tiffany Armstrong**
  - a. Presented a 3-minute video and power point – California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CAL-AIM)
    - i. In the very beginning stages of implementing
    - ii. Reform within the State level
    - iii. Presents framework for CAL-AIM
    - iv. Implement a whole-person care approach and address social drivers of health
    - v. Improve quality outcomes, reduce health disparities and drive delivery system transformation
    - vi. Create a consistent efficient and seamless Medi-Cal system

- vii. Community based organizations – working on how and what roll they will play in the process
- viii. Current Medi-Cal clients will not have to reapply – it will be an automatic transition
- ix. Goals:

## GOALS OF CAL-AIM

1. Identify and manage comprehensive needs through whole person care approaches and social drivers of health.
2. Improve quality outcomes, reduce health disparities, and transform the delivery system through value-based initiatives, modernization, and payment reform.
3. Make Medi-Cal a more consistent and seamless system for enrollees to navigate by reducing complexity and increasing flexibility.

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  - x. Managed care plan in Lassen County is Partnership
  - xi. Enhanced Care Management

## WHAT IS ENHANCED CARE MANAGEMENT?

- CalAIM will improve Medi-Cal for people with complex needs and who are facing difficult life and health circumstances. It is focused on breaking down the traditional walls of health care – extending beyond hospitals and health care settings into communities.
- As a key part of CalAIM, Enhanced Care Management (ECM) is a new statewide Medi-Cal benefit available to select "Populations of Focus" that will address clinical and non-clinical needs of the highest-need enrollees through intensive coordination of health and health-related services. It will meet beneficiaries wherever they are – on the street, in a shelter, in their doctor's office, or at home. Beneficiaries will have a single Lead Care Manager who will coordinate care and services among the physical, behavioral, dental, developmental, and social services delivery systems, making it easier for them to get the right care at the right time.

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  - xii. Community Supports
    1. Supports such as housing and medically tailored meals
    2. Fundamental role in meeting needs for health and health related services
  - xiii. New Dental Benefits
    1. Expand key dental benefits statewide
    2. Tool kit to identify risk factors of decay
    3. Fluoride for children and high-risk populations
    4. Initiatives will reward dental providers for preventive services and continuity of care.
  - xiv. Amount of funding allocated for CAL-AIM is unknown
  - xv. BH Delivery System Transformation
    1. DHCS promote better integration with physical health care
    2. Streamline policies
    3. Simplify how services are funded

- xvi. Justice-Involved Adults and Youth
  - 1. Address poor health outcomes and disproportionate risk of illness and accidental death among justice-involved adults and youth as they re-enter their communities

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## CAL-AIM

- Peer support specialists and community health workers will advance California's effort to promote health equity by providing culturally competent services.
- CalAIM will support crucial transitions, including the path from homelessness to housing, from incarceration to community re-entry, and from institutional to home-based care. It will extend Medi-Cal services to people who are incarcerated before their release from county jails, state prisons, and youth correctional facilities, and who are disproportionately people of color.

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## IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF JUSTICE-INVOLVED ADULTS & YOUTH

- CalAIM Justice-Involved initiatives focus on ensuring continuity of coverage through Medi-Cal pre-release enrollment strategies and provide key services to support a successful re-entry into the community. CalAIM will build on existing requirements through new initiatives across jails, youth correctional facilities, and prisons that will:
  - Ensure all eligible individuals are enrolled in Medi-Cal prior to release from county jails and youth correctional facilities by 2023 (this process is already in place in all state prisons).
  - Engage with individuals who meet specific clinical criteria (e.g., pregnant, chronically ill, or behavioral health needs) in the 90 days prior to re-entry to stabilize their health, assess their health, social, and economic needs, and provide intensive care management prepare for a successful re-entry into the community.

### 6. Care Court – Barbara Longo

- a. Organizations are weighing in at this time
  - i. CSAP –letter being sent to the State
    - 1. New court process to engage individuals with schizophrenia and psychotic disorders into treatment via county behavioral health
      - a. Ensure individuals can access local housing resources
      - b. Builds a for all approach
    - 2. Opening a court process and access to services regardless of payer's status
    - 3. Anyone deemed eligible will receive services
- b. Proposal outlined in SB 1338
- c. Barbara and Tiffany will give a presentation in the future
  - i. There will be a Care Court just unsure what it will look like

- ii. Still evolving and changing
- d. Issues with funding and with sanctions
- e. Would like it to start as a pilot program
- f. There must be adequate housing for program to be successful

**7. COVID – 19: Barbara Longo**

- a. Making a comeback
  - i. Many cases coming from Correctional facilities
  - ii. Reporting 20 positive cases
  - iii. No new deaths
  - iv. Seems to be highly contagious but very short lived

**8. Syringe Services Program: Barbara Longo**

- a. Drop boxes located at the Wellness Centers and in Susanville at the fire department
  - i. Currently have 3 – waiting for 3 more
- b. Next step is to have magnetic messaging that can be put on the boxes
- c. Post about syringe boxes on social media
  - i. Think community is confused – thinking this is a needle exchange not just a drop box
- d. Issue a press release to clarify

**9. Department Report: Tiffany Armstrong**

- a. DMC-ODS and SAPTG audits held last week
  - i. Will bring back when report is received back

**10. Cultural Competence: Tiffany Armstrong**

- a. Meeting held last week
  - i. Ways to educate staff
- b. Schedule another meeting for next month

**11. Housing – Grace Poor**

- a. Short staffed – primary case worker is out for a few months
- b. Still working on project with DANCO
  - i. Looking to putting in about 40 units of affordable housing
- c. Program – Whole Person Care
  - i. Enhanced care management is based on the whole person care model
  - ii. Program has been super successful here in Lassen County

**12. Judy's House – Mike Hernandez**

- a. 113 contacts
- b. 281.6 hrs
- c. 16,896 minutes
- d. 11 new individuals
- e. 2 phone contacts
- f. 8 outreaches

- g. Holding trainings every other week with staff
  - i. Improving communication
- h. May 21<sup>st</sup>
  - i. Judy's House and Crossroads went to Greenville and BBQed over 100 hotdogs and fed the community

**13. Board Report:**

- a. **Board Recruitment:** Have lost a few board members this past year
  - i. Invite anyone interested to attend a meeting
- b. **Sub-Committees**
  - i. **Legislation – No Update**
- c. **Data Notebook – Meeting will be scheduled to work on**

**14. Lassen Community College: Brady Reed**

- a. Flying two management positions
  - i. BH Program manager
    - 1. \$160,000 a year for MH services
      - a. Will have to meet a few more requirements
  - ii. Program Manager Student Resources and Basic Needs
    - 1. Expanding the pantry to add toiletries, laundry etc.
- b. Dr. Alverson will be leaving the college

**15. Suicide Prevention: Nicole Lamica**

- a. Out of Darkness Walk
  - i. September 10<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Sponsor packets available
    - 1. Will be emailed out to the board
    - 2. Sponsorship amounts has been lowered
    - 3. To get logo on shirt sponsorship must be submitted by July
  - iii. Bead ceremony
    - 1. Rainbow been will be added – to support LGBTQ population

**16. CAMHPRO – No Report**

**17. Susanville Police Department – No Report**

**18. Lassen County Sheriff's Department – No Report**

**19. Consideration of Future Agenda Items: None**

**20. Next Meeting Date and Time: July 11, 2022 at 5:30pm**

**21. Adjournment: 7:21 pm**