



GENERAL MEETING Minutes

Thursday, April 19, 2017 • 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Kings County Behavioral Health Hope Room

Call In #: 559-852-2020 Participant Collaboration Code: 123761

- **Meeting called at 1:00 p.m.**

- **Welcome and Introductions**

Julie LeFils, Coordinator

- *Those present introduced themselves with 33 people in attendance*

- **Announcements**

- *Community Needs Assessment– ‘Got Needs’ is underway. Contact Julie if your organization would like to participate..*
- *HCI Platform – The new KPPF website is looking great! The soft launch may happen sometime next week. Julie will send out a link to all KPPF members when it’s ready.*
- *Annual Meeting – Our Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Hanford.*
- *Julie LeFils gave an update on the KPPF workgroups and upcoming meeting dates.*

- **Board Voting**

Debbie Grice, Chair

- *Minutes from March Meeting*
 - *Crystal Hernandez motioned to approve the March minutes, second Julia Patino, one abstention, motion carried.*

- **Organization Spotlight**

- *Child Protective Services* *Elizabeth Perla, Social Service Practitioner*
 - *CPS takes several calls per day utilizing tools to help them determine how they answer the claim.*
 - *Physical abuse is non-accidental.*
 - *Child does not have to have a visual injury for CPS to respond. Response if a caretaker's actions are likely to cause physical injury.*
 - *General neglect is inadequate clothing, hygiene, medical needs, mental health needs, parents leaving children with unfit supervision.*
 - *CPS needs to know what the direct impact is on the child(ren).*
 - *Emotional abuse, domestic violence between parents/adults qualifies as emotional abuse to the child.*

- *Sexual abuse can be directly to the child from parents/adults, siblings or if the parents allow a registered sex offender near their children, or access to porn, etc.*
- *If the report meets criteria CPS responds immediately (within 2 hours) or within 10 days. If not, it is noted in the system as history.*
- *Social Workers make 2 attempts within 10 days*
- *The goal of CPS is to support & keep families together while looking out for the best interest of the child. Some strategies include using solution-focused strategies.*
- *CPS New Unit – Family Engagement & Support Unit*
 - *Child & Family team meetings where families can bring anyone they want (e.g. friends, family, pastors, etc.) to discuss concerns, what works, next steps.*
 - *This helps to determine how the agency will proceed with everyone's input.*
 - *CPS first locates family for children to stay with if they must be removed from the parents.*
 - *Placement support matches children & families to provide permanent plan for the child.*
 - *Family Team Meetings can be called at any time in important decision making such as initial removal of child, or placement changes, children returning home.*
- *CPS reports law enforcement issues to law enforcement.*

- **Presentations and Discussion**

- *Avenal Research/Study Findings* *Ahmad Bahrami, Behavioral Health*
 - *Findings:*
 - *Based on self-reports/assessments three quarters of those who need mental health care services reported never needing mental health;*
 - *40% of participants reported experiencing high level of exposure to childhood trauma which puts them at a higher risk of developing health and mental health problems (ACEs measures of prevalence of childhood trauma (adverse childhood experiences));*
 - *Nearly half (45%) of the participants met the criteria for depression/anxiety (using the Kessler Psychological Distress Scale-K10);*
 - *50% of the research participants didn't know where to go for mental health care services;*
 - *42% of the participants are considered to be at a clinically significant risk of drinking or alcoholism (based on the CAGE screening tool).*
 - *Key Issues:*

<i>Language for some</i>	<i>Access (transportation)</i>
<i>Cultural barriers/taboo</i>	<i>Stigma</i>
<i>Knowledge of services (lack of)</i>	<i>Eligibility (for some)</i>
<i>Community engagement</i>	<i>Limited scope of services</i>
 - *Recommendations:*
 - *Develop a culturally and linguistically competent sensitive mental health literacy program aimed at educating residents about mental illness;*
 - *Develop a culturally and linguistically competent literacy program aimed at educating the residents about mental health and its role in overall quality of life;*
 - *Use social media and other means to provide information on where to access mental health care;*
 - *Develop and implement curriculum to connect the community and current mental health care entities by non-traditional settings (e.g., BBQ- "comidas") to assist with destigmatizing mental health/illness.*
 - *Next Steps:*
 - *The research findings are being shared with the community and participants in Avenal on Feb 22, 2017.*
 - *Shared here with the Behavioral Health Advisory Board*

- *Study Session for the Kings County Board of Supervisors on March 7, 2017*
- *Kings Partnership For Prevention (March Meeting)*
- *Resource Development Associates (RDA) in the MHSA 3 Year Planning Process.*
- *Available to the public via the www.kcbh.org*

- **The Crisis in Syria**

Martin Beslic, Global Youth Service Project

- *Syria is one of the most ancient countries.*
- *June 2000 - President Assad dies and is succeeded by his second son, Bashar who is a lethal tyrant. He murders anyone who doesn't like him and says anything against him.*
- *The Revolution of anti-government demonstrations began in March of 2011. But the peaceful protests quickly escalated after the government's violent crackdown, and armed opposition groups began fighting back.*
- *By July, army defectors had loosely organized the Free Syrian Army and many civilian Syrians took up arms to join the opposition.*
- *More than six years after it began, the war has killed a reported 470,000 people. Bombings are destroying crowded cities and horrific human rights violations are widespread. Basic necessities like food and medical care are sparse.*
- *The people of Syria have fled the country just to live.*
- *Desperate people do desperate things resulting in higher crime rates because they are forced to steal for basic survival needs.*
- *Germany took in many Syrian refugees.*
- *4.8 million Syrian refugees have been ignored.*

- **Roundtable Sharing**

- KCWA to hold an Elder Abuse Awareness event in June. Contact any KCWA coalition member to participate.
- Storybook Garden Farm to Table Dinner coming in August
- Champions has hired a new Doctor!
- Anthem Blue Cross Medi Cal Managed Care Business is celebrating 20 years!
 - Their Community Advisory Committee is looking for participants
 - Looking to educate schools, churches, organizations
 - Invite them to events 30 days in advance
- The Episcopal Church Soup Kitchen now serves sack lunches on Sundays from 1:30-2:30pm
- Koinonia, First Baptist Hanford and First Presbyterian Churches hosting Serve Day on Saturday, May 6th. Contact Aaron Medeiros for more information at aaron@kchanford.com
- KCAO Fruit & Veggie Fest – Saturday, May 20, 2017 – 10am – 2pm at Hanford Cost Less Food Co.
- Brandman University offering Bachelor of Science in Computing/Information Technology
- Tune In and Tune Up-FREE Car Emissions Test & Inspection - May 6th 8am-12pm – Grants available to purchase new car!
- Caring for Kids is hosting FREE Carousel rides at Thursday Night Market on May 4th
- 5K Bubble Fun Run for Asthma Awareness – June 10th at Woodward Park in Fresno
- Kings United Way - Day of Caring – April 28th – Volunteers needed!
- Safe Kids Day – April 28th – Needs volunteers to be Class Guides – Contact Darcy Pickens
- Syringe Exchange Program is held on Tuesdays from 2-4pm at K.C. Health Dept. It's starting slow as they are building trust.
- SART DV Task Force - next meeting in July on Secondary Trauma
- Rebecca Russell-Adventist Health is working on Diabetes Among Friends curriculum. She is working with Scripts to become a Master Trainer for the program. Date to come!
- World Link Student Exchange Program needs host homes/families

- **Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 pm**