



**CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, September 22, 2021

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dawan Utecht – President, Fresno County  
Luke Bergmann – Vice President, San Diego County  
Ruben Imperial – Treasurer, Stanislaus County  
Emi Botzler-Rodgers – Secretary, Humboldt County

Imo Momoh, Alameda /Alternate  
Karyn Tribble, Alameda /Member  
Nani Ellis, Alpine /Alternate  
Karen Klatt, Berkeley /Alternate  
Scott Kennelly, Butte /Member  
Jeannie Scroggins, Colusa /Alternate  
Chris Starets-Foote, Del Norte /Alternate  
Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, El Dorado /Alternate  
Ahmad Bahrami, Fresno /Alternate  
Gabriela Jimenez, Imperial /Alternate  
Leticia Plancarte-Garcia, Imperial /Member  
Meaghan McCamman, Inyo /Alternate  
Stacy Kuwahara, Kern /Member  
UnChong Parry, Kings /Alternate  
Todd Metcalf, Lake /Member  
Jonathan Sherin, MD, Ph.D., Los Angeles /Member  
Yvette Willock, Los Angeles /Alternate  
Connie Moreno-Peraza, Madera /Member  
Galen Main, Marin /Alternate  
Jei Africa, Marin /Member  
Karen Lovato, Mendocino /Alternate  
Stacy Sphar, Modoc /Member  
Robin Roberts, Mono /Member  
Jon Drake, Monterey /Alternate  
Kathryn Eckert, Monterey /Member  
Valerie Cahill, Napa /Alternate  
Priya Mathew, Nevada /Alternate  
Brett O'Brien, Orange /Alternate  
Amy Ellis, Placer /Member  
Jane Ann Zakhary, Sacramento /Alternate  
Ryan Quist, Sacramento /Member  
Michael Knight, San Bernardino /Alternate  
Hillary Kunins, San Francisco /Member  
Tony Vartan, San Joaquin /Member

Paige Greene, Shasta /Alternate  
Sarah Collard, Siskiyou /Member  
Sandra Sinz, Solano /Member  
Bill Carter, Sonoma /Member  
Toni Navarro, Tri-City /Member  
Connie Cessna Smith, Trinity /Member  
Michele Cruz, Tulare /Alternate  
Michael Wilson, Tuolumne /Member  
Dr. Loretta Denering, Ventura /Alternate  
Sevet Johnson, Ventura /Member  
Karen Larsen, Yolo /Member  
Mila Green, Yolo /Alternate

#### MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Hannah Bichkoff, Cal Voices  
Susan Gallagher, Cal Voices  
Steve McNally  
Sally Zinman, Executive Director of CAMHPRO

#### CALMHSA STAFF PRESENT

Amie Miller, Executive Director  
Laura Li, Chief Administrative Officer  
Dawn Kaiser, Director of Managed Care Operations  
Lucero Robles, Director of Quality Assurance and Compliance  
Jeremy Wilson, Program Director & PIO  
Brittany Ganguly, Program Manager  
Michael Helmick, Program Manager  
Mary Scheid, Senior Accountant/ Controller  
Armando Bastida, Administrative Analyst  
Jessica Bell, Program Coordinator  
Courtney Vallejo, Utilization Manager  
Lorena Campos, Associate Program Coordinator  
Brandon Connors, Contract Specialist  
Ashley Perkins, Senior Accountant  
Aileen Dizon, Training Specialist  
Nicole Dona, Peer Program Manager  
Kathryn Gonzalez, Accountant  
Candice Medina, Program Coordinator  
Erik Olson, Web Developer  
Chris Watson, IT System Administrator

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Randall Keen, Legal Counsel, Manatt, Phelps, & Phillips, LLP

Antionette Bedros, Manatt, Phelps, & Phillips, LLP  
Michelle Cabrera, CBHDA  
Elissa Feld, CBHDA

## AGENDA

### A. Open Session

#### 1. Call to Order

President Dawan Utecht called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:01 P.M. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Ms. Utecht directed Laura Li, Chief Administrative Officer of CalMHSA, to take roll.

#### 2. Roll Call and Instructions

Ms. Li tallied Board Members and Alternates in attendance and established a quorum of the Board of Directors.

#### 3. Instructions for public comment and stakeholder input

Ms. Li reviewed the instructions for public comment and noted that items not on the agenda would be reserved for public comment at the end of the agenda. Public comment is called for after each agenda item. Laura Li instructed individuals on the phone to email Laura Li at [laura.li@calmhsa.org](mailto:laura.li@calmhsa.org) to indicate which item they wish to address.

#### 4. Closed Session: *(Gov. Code § 54957.7(a)) The CalMHSA Board of Directors will meet in closed session as permitted by Government Code Section 54957(b).*

*a. Nothing to report*

#### 5. Consent Calendar

President Utecht acknowledged the consent calendar, consisting of the Meeting Minutes from the August 25, 2021, Board of Directors Meetings. Ms. Utecht asked for comments from Board Members. Hearing no comments or questions, she asked for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Upon hearing the motion and second, the President directed Members to vote.

**Action:** *Approval of consent calendar.*

**Motion:** *Toni Navarro, TriCity County*

**Second:** *Connie Moreno-Peraza, Madera County*

**Public Comment:** *None*

**Vote:**

**Yes – 37 Votes**

Karyn Tribble, Alameda County	Meaghan McCamman , Inyo County	Valerie Cahill, Napa County	Bill Carter, Sonoma County
Nani Ellis, Alpine County	Stacy Kuwahara, Kern County	Brett O'Brien, Orange County	Ruben Imperial, Stanislaus County
Karen Klatt, Berkeley County	UnChong Parry, Kings County	Amy Ellis, Placer County	Toni Navarro, TriCity County
Scott Kennelly, Butte County	Todd Metcalf, Lake County	Ryan Quist, Sacramento County	Connie Cessna Smith, Trinity County
Jeannie Scroggins, Colusa County	Jonathan Sherin, MD, Ph.D., Los Angeles County	Michael Knight, San Bernardino County	Michele Cruz, Tulare County
Chris Starets-Foote, Del Norte County	Connie Moreno-Peraza, Madera County	Luke Bergmann, San Diego County	Sevet Johnson, Ventura County
Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, El Dorado County	Jei Africa, Marin County	Sargon Tony Vartan, San Joaquin County	Karen Larsen, Yolo County
Dawan Utecht, Fresno County	Stacy Sphar, Modoc County	Paige Greene, Shasta County	
Emi Botzler-Rodgers, Humboldt County	Robin Roberts, Mono County	Sarah Collard, Siskiyou County	
Leticia Plancarte-Garcia, Imperial County	Jon Drake, Monterey County	Sandra Sinz, Solano County	

**No – None**

**Abstentions – 2 Votes**

*Karen Lovato, Mendocino County*

*Priya Mathew, Nevada County*

**Motion Passed**

**6. Overview of Strategic Initiatives – Informational only**

**7. Electronic Health Record (EHR)**

Executive Director Miller reported the launch of an RFP for a multi-county Electronic Health record and stated she anticipates selecting a vendor and beginning contract negotiation in January 2022. Ms. Utecht asked for comments from Board Members. After hearing comments and questions, she asked for a motion to approve the action. Upon hearing the motion and second, the President directed Members to vote.

**Action:** *Authorize the Executive Director and Board President to jointly execute an agreement with the selected electronic health record vendor(s) in order to carry out the goals of the program. The agreement shall provide that the agreement is contingent upon funding being available and approved from each participant county.*

**Motion:** *Tony Vartan, San Joaquin*  
**Second:** *Todd Metcalf, Lake County*

**Public Comment:**

*One Member of the public made a comment.*

**Vote:**  
**Yes – 35 Votes**

Karyn Tribble, Alameda County	Emi Botzler-Rodgers, Humboldt County	Jei Africa, Marin County	Hillary Kunins, San Francisco County
Nani Ellis, Alpine County	Leticia Plancarte-Garcia, Imperial County	Robin Roberts, Mono County	Sargon Tony Vartan, San Joaquin County
Karen Klatt, Berkeley County	Meaghan McCamman - Inyo County HHS, Inyo County	Valerie Cahill, Napa County	Paige Greene, Shasta County
Scott Kennelly, Butte County	Stacy Kuwahara, Kern County	Priya Mathew, Nevada County	Sarah Collard, Siskiyou County
Jeannie Scroggins, Colusa County	UnChong Parry, Kings County	Brett O'Brien, Orange County	Sandra Sinz, Solano County
Chris Starets-Foote, Del Norte County	Todd Metcalf, Lake County, Lake County	Ryan Quist, Sacramento County	Bill Carter, Sonoma County
Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, El Dorado County	Jonathan Sherin, MD, Ph.D., Los Angeles County	Michael Knight, San Bernardino County	Ruben Imperial, Stanislaus County
Dawan Utecht, Fresno County	Connie Moreno-Peraza, Madera County	Luke Bergmann, San Diego County	Toni Navarro, TriCity County
Connie Cessna Smith, Trinity County	Michele Cruz, Tulare County	Michele Cruz, Tulare County	

**No – None**  
**Abstentions – None**

**Motion Passed**

**8. Alternative to State Hospitals (ASH)**

Executive Director Miller introduced Michael Helmick, CalMHSA Senior Program Manager to discuss the Alternative to State Hospitals Program. Ms. Utecht asked for comments from Board Members. After hearing comments and questions, she asked for a motion to approve the action. Upon hearing the motion and second, the President directed Members to vote.

**Action:** *Authorize the Executive Director to seek proposals to support the implementation of the multi-county alternative to state hospital project; Authorize the Executive Director and Board President to jointly execute an agreement with the selected vendor(s) to carry out the goals of the program. The agreement shall provide that the agreement is contingent upon funding being available and approved from each participant county.*

**Motion:** *Bill Carter, Sonoma County*  
**Second:** *Jonathan Sherin, MD, Ph.D., Los Angeles County*

*Public Comment: None.*

**Vote:**  
**Yes – 38 Votes**

Karyn Tribble, Alameda County	Stacy Kuwahara, Kern County	Valerie Cahill, Napa County	Sandra Sinz, Solano County
Nani Ellis, Alpine County	UnChong Parry, Kings County	Priya Mathew, Nevada County	Bill Carter, Sonoma County
Karen Klatt, Berkeley County	Todd Metcalf, Lake County, Lake County	Brett O'Brien, Orange County	Ruben Imperial, Stanislaus County
Scott Kennelly, Butte County	Jonathan Sherin, MD, Ph.D., Los Angeles County	Ryan Quist, Sacramento County	Toni Navarro, TriCity County
Chris Starets-Foote, Del Norte County	Connie Moreno-Peraza, Madera County	Michael Knight, San Bernardino County	Connie Cessna Smith, Trinity County
Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, El Dorado County	Jei Africa, Marin County	Luke Bergmann, San Diego County	Michele Cruz, Tulare County
Dawan Utecht, Fresno County	Karen Lovato, Mendocino County	Hillary Kunins, San Francisco County	Sevet Johnson, Ventura County
Emi Botzler-Rodgers, Humboldt County	Stacy Sphar, Modoc County	Sargon Tony Vartan, San Joaquin County	Karen Larsen, Yolo County
Leticia Plancarte-Garcia, Imperial County	Robin Roberts, Mono County	Paige Greene, Shasta County	
Meaghan McCamman, Inyo County	Kathryn Eckert, Monterey County	Sarah Collard, Siskiyou County	

**No – None****Abstentions – Jeannie Scroggins, Colusa County****Motion Passed****9. FEMA**

Executive Director Miller introduced Jeremy Wilson, CalMHSA Program Director to discuss the FEMA projects. Ms. Utecht asked for comments from Board Members. After hearing comments and questions, she asked for a motion to approve the action. Upon hearing the motion and second, the President directed Members to vote.

**Action:** *Authorize the Executive Director to accept new disaster relief funds; Authorize the Executive Director and Board President to jointly execute an agreement with the needed services/provider(s) selected through a competitive procurement process.*

**Motion:** *Connie Moreno-Peraza, Madera County*

**Second:** *Karyn Tribble, Alameda County*

**Public Comment:** *None*

**Vote:****Yes – 39 Votes**

Karyn Tribble, Alameda County	Meaghan McCamman, Inyo County	Kathryn Eckert, Monterey County	Sarah Collard, Siskiyou County
Nani Ellis, Alpine County	Stacy Kuwahara, Kern County	Valerie Cahill, Napa County	Sandra Sinz, Solano County
Karen Klatt, Berkeley County	UnChong Parry, Kings County	Priya Mathew, Nevada County	Ruben Imperial, Stanislaus County
Scott Kennelly, Butte County	Todd Metcalf, Lake County, Lake County	Brett O'Brien, Orange County	Toni Navarro, TriCity County
Jeannie Scroggins, Colusa County	Jonathan Sherin, MD, Ph.D., Los Angeles County	Amy Ellis, Placer County	Connie Cessna Smith, Trinity County

Chris Starets-Foote, Del Norte County	Connie Moreno-Peraza, Madera County	Ryan Quist, Sacramento County	Michele Cruz, Tulare County
Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, El Dorado County	Jei Africa, Marin County	Michael Knight, San Bernardino County	Michael Wilson, Tuolumne County
Dawan Utecht, Fresno County	Karen Lovato, Mendocino County	Luke Bergmann, San Diego County	Sevet Johnson, Ventura County
Emi Botzler-Rodgers, Humboldt County	Stacy Sphar, Modoc County	Sargon Tony Vartan, San Joaquin County	Karen Larsen, Yolo County
Leticia Plancarte-Garcia, Imperial County	Robin Roberts, Mono County	Paige Greene, Shasta County	

**No – None  
Abstentions – None**

**Motion Passed**

#### 10. Concurrent Review

Executive Director Miller introduced Dawn Kaiser, CalMHSa Director of Managed Care Operations to discuss the Inpatient Psychiatric Concurrent Review Program and Authorization activities. Ms. Utecht asked for comments from Board members. After hearing comments and questions, she asked for a motion to approve the action. Upon hearing the motion and second, the President directed Members to vote.

**Action:** *Authorize the Executive Director and Board President to jointly execute an agreement with the selected vendor(s) for delegation and/or technical infrastructure to support Inpatient Psychiatric Concurrent Review and Authorization activities. The agreement shall provide that the agreement is contingent upon funding being available and approved from each participant county.*

**Motion: Kathryn Eckert, Monterey County  
Second: Tony Vartan, San Joaquin County**

**Public Comment:**  
*One member of the public made a comment.*

**Vote:**  
**Yes – 34 Votes**

Karyn Tribble, Alameda County	Stacy Kuwahara, Kern County	Brett O'Brien, Orange County	Bill Carter, Sonoma County
Nani Ellis, Alpine County	UnChong Parry, Kings County	Amy Ellis, Placer County	Ruben Imperial, Stanislaus County
Scott Kennelly, Butte County	Jonathan Sherin, MD, Ph.D., Los Angeles County	Ryan Quist, Sacramento County	Toni Navarro, TriCity County
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Dawan Utecht, Fresno County	Robin Roberts, Mono County	Sargon Tony Vartan, San Joaquin County	Sevet Johnson, Ventura County
Emi Botzler-Rodgers, Humboldt County	Kathryn Eckert, Monterey County	Paige Greene, Shasta County	Karen Larsen, Yolo County
Leticia Plancarte-Garcia, Imperial County	Valerie Cahill, Napa County	Sarah Collard, Siskiyou County	
Meaghan McCamman, Inyo County	Priya Mathew, Nevada County	Sandra Sinz, Solano County	

**No – None**

**Abstentions:****Karen Klatt, City of Berkeley****Karen Lovato, Mendocino County****Michele Cruz, Tulare County****Motion Passed****11. Managed Care**

Executive Director Miller introduced Dawn Kaiser, CalMHSa Director of Managed Care Operations to discuss the Utilization Management and Quality Improvement activities. Ms. Utecht asked for comments from Board members. After hearing comments and questions, she asked for a motion to approve the action. Upon hearing the motion and second, the President directed Members to vote.

**Action** Authorize the Executive Director and Board President to jointly execute an agreement with selected vendor(s) in support of Utilization Management and Quality Improvement activities. The agreement shall provide that the agreement is contingent upon funding being available and approved from each participant county.

**Motion: Kathryn Eckert, Monterey County****Second: Leticia Plancarte-Garcia, Imperial County****Public Comment: None****Vote:****Yes – 38 Votes**

Karyn Tribble, Alameda County	Stacy Kuwahara, Kern County	Brett O'Brien, Orange County	Bill Carter, Sonoma County
Nani Ellis, Alpine County	UnChong Parry, Kings County	Amy Ellis, Placer County	Ruben Imperial, Stanislaus County
Karen Klatt, Berkeley County	Jonathan Sherin, MD, Ph.D., Los Angeles County	Ryan Quist, Sacramento County	Toni Navarro, TriCity County
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Emi Botzler-Rodgers, Humboldt County	Valerie Cahill, Napa County	Sarah Collard, Siskiyou County	
Meaghan McCamman, Inyo County	Priya Mathew, Nevada County	Sandra Sinz, Solano County	

**No – None****Abstentions:****Karen Lovato, Mendocino County****Motion Passed****12. SB803 – Peer Certification**



Executive Director Miller explained that CalMHSA is executing an agreement with DHCS on behalf of the counties for the implementation of SB803. She announced that the state has identified a funding source for the first couple of years of implementation. Executive Director Miller introduced Lucero Robles, CalMHSA Director of Quality Assurance and Compliance to discuss the implementation of the Peer Certification Program. Ms. Utecht asked for comments from Board members. After hearing comments and questions, she asked for a motion to approve the action. Upon hearing the motion and second, the President directed Members to vote.

**Action** *Authorize the Executive Director and Board President to jointly execute an agreement with entities to carry out the goals of the program and accept funding from various sources in support of the mission of the Mental Health System.*

**Motion: Tony Vartan, San Joaquin County**  
**Second: Brett O'Brien, Orange County**

**Public Comment:**

*Two members of the public made comments.*

**Vote:**

**Yes – 29 Votes**

Karyn Tribble, Alameda County	UnChong Parry, Kings County	Ryan Quist, Sacramento County	Connie Cessna Smith, Trinity County
Nani Ellis, Alpine County	Connie Moreno-Peraza, Madera County	Michael Knight, San Bernardino County	Michele Cruz, Tulare County
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Chris Starets-Foote, Del Norte County	Kathryn Eckert, Monterey County	Sarah Collard, Siskiyou County	Karen Larsen, Yolo County
Dawan Utecht, Fresno County	Valerie Cahill, Napa County	Sandra Sinz, Solano County	
Leticia Plancarte-Garcia, Imperial County	Priya Mathew, Nevada County	Ruben Imperial, Stanislaus County	
Meaghan McCamman, Inyo County	Brett O'Brien, Orange County	Toni Navarro, TriCity County	

**No – None**

**Abstentions – None**

**Motion Passed**

### 13. President's Report

### 14. Executive Director's Report

Dr. Miller delivered her report, previewing items that will be brought before the board in the future.

### 15. Public Comments

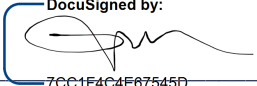
Ms. Li invited members of the public to make comments on non-agenda items.

Public Comments:

*Two members of the public made comments.*

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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President, CalMHSA

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