



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2023

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Mariposa County Health & Human Services – Mariposa Conference Room
5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, California 95338

To attend via telephone, call 1-669-900-6833, then at the prompts enter the following:
Meeting ID 985-9834-5239, participant ID #, passcode 123456

Members Present:

Paul Brickett, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Loretta Milne, Ellie McQuarrie, Olga Leonard

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Mike Charman

Guests Present:

Jamie Berry, Monica Martinez, Shane Bonner, Megan Atkinson, Hal Nolen, Karli Gomez,
Tyson Wellcome

Staff Present:

Adrienne Beas, Aryn Fisher – Brouillette, Saxon Amborn, Sheila Baker, Randy Ridenhour,
Rebecca Ballinger

Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by Paul Brickett, Chair. Roll call introductions were made.
- II. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Paul Brickett.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 1st, 2023 (attachment):** Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to approve minutes, and Rosemarie Smallcombe seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, none abstained. Minutes for November 1, 2023 were approved unanimously.

IV. Public Comments:

- A. Jamie Berry made a statement with regard to the Crisis Hotline and an interaction she felt as though went poorly between a family friend and the Crisis Team during Thanksgiving.
Sheila noted a contractual change to the After Hours Crisis team, effective January 2024, while changes to the day-time crisis team will occur in April or May of 2024 which

establishes greater coverage of field response 24/7, 365. Sheila intends to further discuss the incident at a later time.

Ellie McQuarrie inquired about that lack of County providing direct services on weekends, and when there is coverage, it is not provided by the County but instead through a contract with a third party, Transformations.

- B. Further statements from Sheila were made about the Mobile Crisis Unit and a proposed start date of January 2024. This is to increase field response and direct care with a mental health provider.
- C. Reminder of the use of 988, the National Mental Health and Suicide Hotline

V. Agenda Items

A. Announcements: None

B. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

1. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Not Present

2. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** No Report

3. **Connections:**

Hal Nolen presented, stated that he has seen an increase of guests at Connections interested in engaging with Behavioral Health

Noticing 2/3 men and 1/3 women, and a significant increase in adults 50 years or older. Appears to be trending toward seeing more individuals experiencing Homelessness and it is projected to continue in the coming years.

In the process right now, working with HHSA, to obtain Pallet Shelters on site at Connections. There will be both non-ADA and ADA Compliant units. This is a cross-agency collaboration (HHSA/Alliance for Community Transformations/ Sheriff's Department, etc.) to help with closure of the Frank Wilson Encampment.

4. **Probation:**

Probation has new members in Behavioral Health court, reported for both phase I and phase II

5. **Native Solutions:** No Report

6. **Mariposa Safe Families:**

Seeing an increase in both Youth and Family Center to assist with food insecurity MSF provided 80 Thanksgiving meals, partnered with Mariposa Martial Arts Academy, provided 200 meals. Parents as Teachers Home Family Program initiative. New section at the Library to provide resources to Resource Families

7. **Ethos**

Working with Miners Roadhouse and Rotary Club with a food program to provide meals. Ethos held a clothing drive, today 12.06.2023, which they usually do annually, and did tie dye session with the youth Adopt a Teen Program, 60+ sponsors have come forward to assist. Included a video presentation for the FRC which is co-directed by both Tyson and Monica. It was stated that there has been confusion between the Family Resource Center and Mariposa Safe Families as they are both designated as Mariposa Family Resource Centers, and that they both support each other. This helps to fill gaps in services within Mariposa County.

C. Old Business:

1. Family resource video reviewed.

2. SVS is Oakhurst teamed up with Mariposa Safe Families and CVRC and held a listening session.

3. Reviewing the Fiscal Report, with Randy Ridenhour (FY 2023-2024), Revenue is exceeding Expenses at this time. Report ran, 12/05/2023, presented 12/06/2023 Historically, realignment funds are generally used more for SUD funding than they



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are Mental Health SUD peer support can now be billed, this will help with an increase in revenue.

D. New Business: No Report

E. Review and Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to the BHB:

1. SB43 and discussion with the future bill, reviewed by Rosemarie Smallcombe, she deferred this Topic to Sheila Baker.

F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly):

1. No report

G. Staff Reports:

1. **Acting Director of HHSA:** Joe Lynch, not present, no report
2. **Director of Health Services:** Kristina Keheley, not present, no report
3. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker
 - i. Recognition of Saxon Amborn, the new Supervisor for the Adult team
 1. Saxon will be working with the Wellness Center, it is now open 5 days a week, as well as in Yosemite (Every Thursday) and in Greely Hill at the Red Cloud Library, (Every Friday)
 - ii. Currently low on Clinicians
 1. All time low of clinicians currently with 3
 2. Working to contract out more of the case load to other licensed professionals via "bi-directionals"
 - iii. SB43 Presentation
 1. Deferral to be presented to the Board of Supervisors meeting, next week on December 12th, 2023. Goal to defer until January of 2026, 46 other counties are doing this exact process to defer the bill.
 2. Highlighted the expansion of Gravely Disabled to include individuals experiencing "Severe SUD". At this time, there is no financial budgetary action provided by the State. "Severe SUD" is also not yet defined by the state.
4. **Financial:** Held during Old Business via Randy Ridenhour (Item C.3)
5. **Quality Assurance:** No Report

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on January 3rd, 2024 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Aryn A Fisher - Brouillette

Recording Secretary