



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 2024

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, Olga Leonard, Ellie McQuarrie, Rosemarie Smallcombe

Members Excused: Mike Charman

Members Absent: Loretta Milne

Guests Present: Monica Martinez, Amber Scroggins, Dana Hallet, Summerlynn Marquez, Manuel Flete Medina, Kareli Gomez, Juli Jines, Dana Hallet, Brandon Stump, Eva Adams, Megan Atkinson, Kristen Fiester, Marcia Burton

Staff Present: Sheila Baker, Adrienne Beas, Dina Garrett, Jillian Rodriguez, Randy Ridenhour, Jinger Feuerstein, Laura Glenn, Saxon Amborn, Tom Werner

Quorum: Yes

Mission Statement: The mission statement was read by Megan Atkinson.

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting started approximately 12:31 by Paul Brickett, Chair. Roll call and introductions were made.
- II. **Public Hearing:** Jinger Feuerstein conducted the Public Hearing to receive public input, review, and make recommendations for submission of the Draft Mariposa County MHS Annual Plan FY 2024-2025. Ellie asked a question about the Family Visitor Program and the lack of participants. Sheila responded with, we have received applications for visitors and have a couple registered visitors, but there is a lack of participants. Ellie suggested advertising at the John C Fremont clinics and the bus department. Ellie made a suggestion to put flyers at the Senior Center. It was discussed that some people don't want to have visitors at their home because they fear they will be judged.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2024 (attachment):** Ellie made a motion to approve minutes. Paul asked if a decision had been made to accept Eva Adams as a board member. Rosemarie responded with Eva has not been approved by the board. It was discussed that the bylaws do not say applicants have to attend a couple of meetings before becoming a board member, but it is something that should be added to the revised by-laws. Add to next meeting agenda to vote on excepting Eva Adams and Dana Hallet as new board members of the Behavioral Health Board. Rosemarie will sort out the By-laws with Daniele Bondshu. Juli Jines from Mountain Crisis made a correction on page three of the May meeting minutes. Julie reported art classes are not at Connections, they are at the Safe House. Rosemarie seconded the motion to approve May meeting minutes. We moved forward without taking a vote.

Adrienne brought it up at the end of the meeting and a vote then took place. All members present voted “aye,” none were opposed, none abstained. Minutes for May 1, 2024, were approved.

IV. Public Comments: None

V. Agenda Items

A. Announcements: None

B. Old Business: Ellie made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 BHB Annual Report and Olga 2nd the motion. All members present voted “aye,” none were opposed, none abstained. The 2023-2024 BHB Annual Report was approved.

C. New Business: Board members voted to keep Paul Brickett as Chair and Olga Leonard as Vice Chair. All members present voted “aye,” none were opposed, none abstained.

D. Staff Reports:

1. **Director of HHSA:** None

2. **Director of Health Services:** None

3. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila gave report. Joe Lynch was approved by the Board of Supervisors to be the CAO (County Administrative Officer) for Mariposa County. Effected immediately, Kristina Keheley will be Interim Director of Health and Human Services. Cooling Centers will be opened at all 5 libraries in the county. Bottled water will be provided. Mental First Aid training will be held in North County on June 12th at the Greeley Hill Community Center from 8-5. If interested, contact Jillian Rodriguez or Claudia Radonic. A minimum of 5 participants are needed, or the class will be canceled. A flyer will be shared in an email with the BHB group. Sheila introduced Tom Werner-TRAC Supervisor, Saxon Aborn-Adult Team Supervisor and Jillian Rodriguez-Children's Team Supervisor. Tom was asked to share his experience. He replied, he came from Stanislaus County and worked on the Crisis team for 9 years. He used to live in Oakhurst and is transitioning back to the area. Paul mentioned the encampment has been cleaned up. Sheila reported the next step is to take a look at environmental safety and after it is returned to its natural state the fences will come down.

4. **Financial:** Randy went over fiscal numbers. Rosemarie asked what the process is for carrying funds forward and managing the spending of funds, so the State does not take money back that was not spent. Randy replied, funds are managed to be spent on salaries and funds that did not get spent were probably due to staff vacancies.

5. **Quality Assurance:** Laura Glenn reported QIC (Quality Improvement Committee) is meeting at the end of June. The QIC monitors access to services. If anyone is interested in being part of the committee contact Quality Assurance.

E. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

1. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Summerlynn reported in May they had 1722 individuals that came to their door, gave out 1351 meals, 196 food boxes and 9 emergency food boxes were given out. People are under the impression the pallet homes are available to everyone, but they are actually reserved for the individuals from the encampment. Have had an increase of requests for assistance for energy funds. PG&E has gone up again and people are not able to pay their bills. Heritage House have been referring people to the Health & Human Services Agency. Transportation has been a challenge keeping up with the demand and Heritage House's grant for transportation is ending at the end of this month and next month. If they don't secure more funds, then they won't be able to transport people around town on the fixed route and individual medical transport that gets people to them to medical appointments. Every month on average they transport 81 individuals to their medical appointments.

2. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** Jillian spoke about the great turn-out at the Butterfly Festival. The upcoming event will be a movie night showing “Inside Out” at Mariposa Safe Families. Dinner will be included. The movie event is scheduled for Friday June 21st at 8:00PM.



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3. Connections: None

4. **Probation:** Kareli reported there are 6 participants in Behavioral Health Court. Matt Evans will be starting on Monday as the new Case Manager for Probation. Matt came from the crisis team with Behavioral Health.
5. **Native Solutions:** None
6. **Mariposa Safe Families:** Megan reported they have two youth that are interested in being BHB members that will attend the next meeting. Mariposa Safe Families is partnering with Mariposa Minds Matter to build on family enrichments. Megan passed around some flyers and calendars. Youth Empowerment Center serves 5th-12th grade and will have numerous activities throughout the summer. The Family Empowerment Center serves ages 0-4th grade. In April, the Youth Advisory Group went to the Board of Supervisors and spoke on Alcohol Awareness Month, and they did some activities at the schools and centers. Also in April, the Youth Advisory group announced a proclamation for Friday Night Live Month. Approximately 96 youth are involved in the Friday Night Live program, and it has been expanded to all the schools in the district. Currently they are working on Social Emotional Learning Chapters and at each school location they are working on beautification projects. Woodland Elementary is working on a mural, Mariposa Elementary School is working on a rock garden, and Don Pedro Elementary is working on a bulletin board. On Tuesday, the Proclamation for Flavored Tobacco Education and Advocacy Week will be going to the Board of Supervisors. After School Matters happens twice a week at the Youth Empowerment Center for 5th-12th graders, about 16-20 youth participate each day/session and they do activities such as waterways, cooking, and life skill. Six high school students were awarded \$600 scholarships from the Juvenile Justice Commission. These youths were nominated by the school counselors and were chosen because they had overcome barriers in their lives. Fire and Emergency Preparedness event coming up, flyers were shared. The event will be happening in North County on June 29th and in Mariposa on July 13th. There will be a raffle for a generator at each event. Paul asked how old the 2 youths are that are interested in being a BHB member. Megan replied they are 16 & 17 years old, and they are active in the Youth Advisory Group and Friday Night Live program. Megan also mentioned transportation will be provided.
7. **Ethos:** Amber reported tomorrow, Ethos will be hosting a summer pool party at the town pool. L & J's Tacos will be there. There are a lot of youth graduating high school that participate in Ethos events.
8. **Family Resource Center:** Amber is now the Intro Director for Ethos & Pathos. Amber reported the Single Parents Group just started today with 5 attendees. Planning a BBQ for a family engagement activity in North County this month. Amber will also be working with Ethos to provide activities for youth at this event.
9. **Casa:** Amber reported, Casa is in the beginning stages of their 30-hour Advocate Training. They are boosting up recruitment with advertisements and will be attending outreach events. A second training will be offered mid-summer. Currently, 11 young people are waiting for an advocate.
10. **Mountain Crisis:** Kirsten reported there has been a high volume of restraining orders and survivors needing shelter. There will be volunteer training in July and August for after hour crisis line. Juli Jines is currently counseling 27 people in May; the previous month was 15. Currently counseling 8 youth. Juli is working closely

with Ethos to provide healthy snacks for youth that are hungry due to summer and no school. Working on a bulletin board for youth to put their summer goals on and then they will re-visit goals at the end of summer. Juli is teaching crochet at the Art Support Group at the shelter and focuses on the mental benefits and self-care that is gained from crocheting. Also, still collaborating with Heritage House on Letters to Younger Self which is a social media campaign that will bridge the gap between adults and youth. Should be going live this week. It is in the editing process right now.

11. **Miwumati Family Healing Center:** None

12. **Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to BHB (Action Plan – Goal A4)**

Rosemarie Smallcombe: Proposition One is moving forward. Beginning this summer home key models will be discussed. SB43 is changing the definition of gravely disabled. Sheila mentioned the Board of Supervisors extended implementation of SB43 to 2026, but we will be making plans next year to move in that direction.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned approximately at 2:11PM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held in the Mariposa County Health & Human Services Mariposa Conference Room and via Teleconference, July 3, 2024, from 12:30p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Submitted,

Adrienne Beas

Recording Secretary