



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 5, 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, Ellie McQuarrie, Olga Leonard

Members Excused: Rosemarie Smallcombe

Members Absent: Matt DiPirro

Guests Present: Bryan Blew, Summerlynn Marquez, Debra Barcellos, Loretta Milne, Megan Atkinson

Staff Present: Sheila Baker, Kristina Keheley, Randy Ridenhour

Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:33 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 May 30, 2023 Special Meeting for Public Hearing and June 7, 2023 Regular Meeting (see attachments):** Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to approve minutes, and Olga Leonard seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed. Minutes for May 30, 2023 and June 7, 2023 were approved.
- IV. **Public Comments:** Loretta Milne made a comment. The day program for the developmentally disabled adults is doing short weeks because vendor in Oakhurst has problems. Also, disabled adults are having to travel too far. The program that was developed here for adults was in Madera County, but the program fell apart, and other programs fell apart as well. Just recently, they were renting a facility at 8th and Bullion Street, but the rent increased. They lost many disabled adults in the program due to the traveling to Oakhurst for the Day Program via bus. Some of these adults lived as far as Cathey's Valley and Bear Valley. The clients have behavioral issues due to medical conditions and Behavioral Health is very important for these families. I want to see what is available so I can go back and share the information with the families. Megan Atkinson from Mariposa Safe Families shared what really happened with the program and offered assistance. Megan shared they are working to bring the program in under Mariposa Safe Families. She encouraged families to write letters to the CVRC. They understand the clients are dropping out due to the travel. They are meeting with Corrina at CVRC next week on the subject.

V. Agenda Items

A. Announcements: Olga Leonard was reappointed to the BHB with term expiring June 6, 2026.

B. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

1. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Debra Barcelos is leaving, and Summerlynn will be the new program manager. Staff provided for detainees last month, in combination of recovery support/coaching, housing navigation, and did 12 new intakes last year. A total of 146 clients utilized drop-in services, 518 meals were provided to approximately 70 clients last month. They did see an increase in folks utilizing the showers. Folks have had difficulty because of hot weather which has led to increased bad behavior. Staff will be going to Yosemite National Park two times per month on second and fourth Thursday to provide specific services to concessionaire and employees of YNP, especially housing, healthcare, SUD, life skills, etc. September is National Recovery Month. There is a new planning committee that is working on a recovery month event here in Mariposa this September. The committee meets every other Monday; everyone is invited to attend the meetings. They are working on a logo design for the t-shirts. More information is on their Facebook page. Meetings in YNP will be at the medical clinic and the Wellness Center. Debra will find out if the Wellness Center is for employees only. Sheila mentioned that Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) is working to do a wellness center in YNP one time per week.
2. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** No report.
3. **Connections:** No report.
4. **Probation:** No report.
5. **Native Solutions:** No report.
6. **Mariposa Safe Families:** Megan reported. The Resource Center is expanding, and they can have more sessions, family support groups and individual sessions. There are support groups for fathers and mothers and will start additional family support groups with Transformations. There will also be a child grief support group for parents of children with Mental Health needs. Their biggest need is for parents to have a place to go and be with other parents to know they are not alone. These additional groups will be kicking off in late July. Another group will be called Behind the Line for first responders. All youth programs are up and running - Friday Night Live, Club Live, and youth advisory afterschool program. Contracts with SAPT and SAPG; groups are serving youth grades 8–12. Two new team members were hired.

C. Old Business:

1. **Review BHRS Contracts:** Sheila and Randy shared information. The Fiscal Year is just ending, working on getting FY23-24 together and hope to have ready by next meeting. Paul wants anything relevant to people here today. We have ongoing contracts with MHH. Paul heard there are budget issues for MHSA with the state. Sheila reported that the Governor is proposing changes to MHSA and he is calling it a "modernization" reform; however, he did put out 5% going back to PEI and Innovation. The proposal is still in draft and it will go to voters on the ballot next March. If it passes, it will be law in 2025. Sheila said here in Mariposa County we are trying to keep money in treatment programs as it is needed there. There will be a requirement to have a SUD representative and a veteran on the BHB if the bill passes. Sheila mentioned ODS went live on Monday and will be a good asset to the community and our partners.

D. New Business:



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1. **Vote to submit recommendation to the BOS to approve Mike Charman as member of the Behavioral Health Board:** Mike was absent today and there was no vote. Item will be tabled for next month.
2. **Determine BHB Goals for FY23-24 (and vote to approve if necessary):** The Board discussed potential goals including recruitment for new members. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to have a veteran on the Board, and maybe a youth representative. Question was raised as to the age requirement for BHB members. Donya will reach out the Clerk of the Board to find out. Other goals were discussed such as holding meetings in other areas and doing site visits. Item will be tabled for next month.

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

F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly): N/A

G. Staff Reports:

1. **Acting Director of HHSA:** No Report
2. **Director of Health Services:** Kristina Keheley reported. CalAim payment reform went live July 1, 2023. Funds were awarded for housing last week. Kristina will ask Amanda Brum to attend our next meeting in August; will add as a new business agenda item. Discussed screenings that are over the phone; the turnaround time for an appointment is within 10 days. For urgent matters, the TRAC Crisis Team should be contacted. The crisis team can do outreach and help while clients are waiting for appointments. The Behavioral Health "no show" rate is high; but socialization is key.
3. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker reported:
 - i. We are currently asking for exemptions for the SB326 housing reform.
 - ii. Alcohol and drug counsel joined forces. We realize that both need to be combined because they go hand in hand.
 - iii. There will be some changes in the Board and a Veteran will be added to the Behavioral Health Board.
4. **Financial:** Randy gave report (handouts x2)
5. **Quality Assurance:** No report.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on August 2, 2023 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary