



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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MINUTES

December 8, 2021

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, California 95338

Participation available in-person and via phone conference.

Members Present: Paul Brickett, Debbie Woodbury, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Cpt. Sean Land, Matt DiPirro

Members Excused: Olga Leonard

Members Absent: Ellie McQuarrie

Guests Present: Janice Braly

Staff Present: Baljit Hundal, Sheila Baker

Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Paul Brickett, Chair. Roll call introductions were made.
- II. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Paul Brickett.
- III. **Confirm Covid emergency and vote to extend option for teleconferenced BHB meetings as now required by AB361:** Debbie Woodbury made a motion to vote to extend option for teleconferenced BHB meetings as now required by AB361, and Cpt. Sean Land seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none abstained, none were opposed.
- IV. **Public Comments:** None.
- V. **Agenda Items**
 - a. **Announcements:** None.
 - b. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2021 (attachment):** Cpt. Sean Land made a motion to approve minutes, and Matt DiPirro seconded the motion. Three members – Paul Brickett, Rosemarie Smallcombe and Cpt. Sean Land voted "aye," Debbie Woodbury and Matt DiPirro abstained, none were opposed. Minutes for November 3, 2021 were not approved. **Vote is tabled for next meeting.**
 - c. **Committees and Community Partner Reports**
 - i. **Mariposa Heritage House:** No report
 - ii. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** Janice Braly reported the MMM Committee meets biweekly on Zoom. Outreach and social media posts are ongoing. MMM did

presentation at Ethos on 12/3/2021. Outreach to vets to do presentation regarding stigma is in the works. Plans for 2022 are being made for different events including something in May for Mental Health Awareness month. MMM has been collaborating with the Suicide Prevention and Outreach Team (SPOT). Feedback was given to Janice including having monthly meetings instead of bi-weekly. Suggestion was made to do social media outreach for more community involvement. Sheila mentioned that "stigma reduction" is part of the Mental Health Services Act Plan and efforts for MMM should remain intact until the MHSA plan expires in June 2022, at which time the MMM committee will be reviewed again.

- iii. **Connections:** No report
- iv. **Probation:** No report
- v. **Native Solutions:** No report
- vi. **Mariposa Safe Families:** No report

d. Old Business:

- i. **Review and approve the final draft 2021 Data Notebook (attachment):** Debbie Woodbury made the motion to approve; and Cpt. Sean Land seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, no one abstained. Motion passed.
- ii. **Approve payment of 2021-22 CALBHB/C dues in the amount of \$600 (attachment):** Cpt. Sean Land made the motion to approve; and Debbie Woodbury seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, no one abstained. Motion passed.
- iii. **Review goals and objectives of Mariposa Minds Matter and offer direction:** Feedback was given to Janice Braly (see notes above).

e. New Business:

- i. **Discuss mode of future BHB meetings and take action as necessary:** As per advice from Rene LaRoche's, meetings can no longer be done on Zoom as they are not ADA compliant per state law, unless we provide closed captioning. Baljit suggested doing in-person meetings at the BOS hearing room as there is enough room for everyone to socially distance, and also provide telephone option for those who are concerned about joining in-person. Covid testing is provided in the BOS Lobby on Wednesdays and people can get a 15-minute rapid test prior to the meeting if they want. Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to hold the next BHB meeting in-person at the BOS Chamber, if Recording Secretary is able to reserve the room for that purpose, in conformance and with phone call-in option if room is available. Cpt. Sean Land seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, no one abstained. Motion passed.

- f. **Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to the BHB (Action Plan – Goal A4):** Rosemarie Smallcombe gave updates on various legislative issues regarding foster youth, the Family First Prevention Act, the Child Care Pilot Program, and Public Health.

- g. **Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly):** No report.

h. Staff Reports:

- a. **Director of HHSA:** Shannon Gadd not present – no report.
- b. **Director of Health Services:** Baljit Hundal reported on the following:
 - i. Staff burnout and overwhelmed with pandemic.
 - ii. System of Care starting in January 2022 – will be presented to the BOS.
 - iii. CalAIM Initiative (payment reform and redefining access criteria) is coming from the state, starting January 1, 2022. There is an internal steering committee working on goals and implementation. A consulting firm has



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been secured to help meet objectives. Funding of 616k so far to support efforts. This will be a huge lift for Behavioral Health. Item will go to the BOS on December 21, 2021.

- iv. Crisis mobile unit grant was awarded and will be presented to the BOS on December 21, or in January 2022.
- v. Applied for planning grant of 150k and received at end of November. We will be working with county housing specialist and hope to hire a firm to look at county buildings and how we can make it work better.
- vi. County Website: If you have any feedback about the county website, please contact Baljit Hundal.
- vii. Suicide Statistics: Info will be presented to the BOS in January 2022 regarding outreach and what we can do to prevent suicides.
- c. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker reported on the following:
 - i. BHRS is working on being fully staffed – two new clinicians will join team in December.
 - ii. CalAIM: Access criteria will change, and we will be looking at what we need to do to meet services in the community.
 - iii. Grant for mobile crisis unit: With the 500k grant, we will get a psych registered nurse and a mobile van that will help clients with meds in the field, including homeless folks.
 - iv. SUD Supervisor and MSF did a presentation to school and school board regarding the services that we provide to youth. Feedback was very positive.
- d. **Financial:** Randy Ridenhour or Gosia Gwiazda - no report.
- e. **Quality Assurance:** Lynn Rumpfelt not present – no report.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on January 5, 2022 at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, CA, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary