



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2022

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

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

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Members Present: Paul Brickett, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Debbie Woodbury, Matt DiPirro, Ellie McQuarrie, Olga Leonard

Members Excused: Cpt. Sean Land

Members Absent: Jennifer Gamble

Guests Present: Bryan Blew, Sarah Guthrie, Lisa Parker, Karen Romo

Staff Present: Joe Lynch, Kristina Allen

Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m. by Paul Brickett, Vice 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:** Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to confirm Covid emergency and extend teleconferenced BHB meetings, and Debbie Woodbury seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed or abstained. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2022 (attachment):** Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to approve minutes, and Debbie Woodbury seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed or abstained. Minutes for November 2, 2022 were approved.
- V. **Public Comments:** None
- VI. **Agenda Items**

A. Announcements: None

B. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

1. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Sarah Guthrie reported the drop-in center last month served 152 individuals, 24 unduplicated were managed for housing, 12 in groups, 247 hot meals were served, 247 brown bags were handed out, 59 showers, 13 laundry and 19 served for encampment/houseless.
2. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** No report.
3. **Connections:** No report.
4. **Probation:** Matt DiPirro reported that Behavioral Health Court (BHC) has ten participants in program and Today Is A New Day has three. Athena Land has been the BHC officer; however, will be transitioning duties to new officer – Kareli Gomez. Paul Brickett asked Matt if he will continue to represent the BHB or if Ms. Gomez will – Matt will find out and follow-up at next meeting. Bryan Blew asked if BHC is an open or closed court – Matt replied it is closed.
5. **Native Solutions:** Lisa Parker reported. NS has been working with county to get contract going for open sober living facility home called TRADE in Mariposa County. House was donated and it will be a 8-bed facility with potential for 12 beds. Acquisition infrastructure grant funds will be used to fund program. Anticipate treatment licensing within next 90 days. NS has been conducting DUI classes in-person and are approved to do them via telehealth in event instructors are ill. Last quarterly audit had no findings from state or county. Supervised visitations still moving forward – have new contract in Merced County.
6. **Mariposa Safe Families:** No report.

C. Old Business: None.

D. New Business:

1. **Receive Brown Act Guide (Rev. 09/22) for review and discussion at next BHB meeting on January 4, 2023 (attachment):** Rosemarie Smallcombe mentioned the Clerk of the Board said rules will be changing with respect to board meetings starting January 1, 2023. Current law is expiring, and new law will take effect with regards to how the Board will conduct meetings in the future. Rosemarie will ask the Clerk of the Board to do some research and reach out to Donya.

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

1. **CARE Court (Community Assistance and Recovery Empowerment) Act:** To be set up like Behavioral Health Court and Drug Court, but CARE Court will focus on a very narrow subset of population. Seven counties (including Tuolumne County) are in the process of establishing new processes for CARE Court by October 1, 2023. There is some resistance as some feel it will take away people's rights. On Friday morning, CSAC will hold a webinar on CARE Court. Rosemarie will share info with Donya to forward to everyone how they can attend.
2. **988 Suicide and Crisis Line:** State law will move forward with implementation of the 988 Line. The first step is requirement that HHS convene as an advisory group. A lot of details need to be worked on.
3. **Medi-Cal Alternate Healthcare Plan:** The DHCS proposed to enter into a direct contract with Kaiser Permanente as a Medi-Cal managed care plan with certain geographic regions in the state effective January 1, 2024. Kaiser is to consult with counties and health plans where Kaiser operates. Joe said that County Organized Health System (COHS) will be meeting again, and he will give updates.
4. **SOC (System of Care):** Legislation went through to make it easier for multidisciplinary teams to share information about clients.



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5. Rosemarie Smallcombe was asked to represent Mariposa County along with HHS Analyst at the California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly): Skipped

G. Staff Reports:

1. Acting Director of HHSA: Joe Lynch

- i. **Brown Act:** Starting January 1, 2023, there are three important things to mention. 1) Quorum be present in-person. 2) Members may only teleconference for just causes (see Brown Act Guide). 3) Members may only teleconference a limited number of times. The BHB will need a quorum (5 members right now) in-person to meet quorum at meetings going forward starting next month. Rosemarie will have Danielle put something together and run it by County Counsel before sending it to different committees and boards.
- ii. **Randy Ridenhour (Fiscal for Health Services):** Is out and will be out for some time. Health Services will be contracting with Pat Kuhlman to come in and keep things rolling. If there are any concerns from the community about bills not getting paid, please contact Kristina Allen.
- iii. **Clinician Salaries:** Health Services will be going to Human Resources for review of raising salaries and stipends for mental health clinicians in the hopes of getting more applicants and filling vacant positions.
- iv. **Dr. Harry, Psychiatrist:** Is retiring from the jail system. We need to go to the Mariposa County BOS to authorize him as a retired annuitant so he can stay with the county. If it doesn't pass, we will have to use a locum tenens or other services. Joe will keep the BHB updated.
- v. **Homeless in Mariposa County:** Issues with homeless population created conversation at the BOS meeting yesterday. Will continue to work with Alliance and other community-based organizations to help as many individuals as possible. Housing continues to be at the forefront of Human Services' work.
- vi. **Transformations Afterhours Crisis Services:** Paul asked about the presentation from Chrissie Doss – presentation will be on January 4, 2023.

2. Director of Health Services: Kristina Allen

- i. **Behavioral health stakeholder meetings for MHSA 2023-2026:** Summary will be done and hope to have at next BHB meeting.
- ii. **Interviews for supervisor in Behavioral Health:** Interviews will happen soon and hope to have someone in place by January.
- iii. **Mental Health Clinicians:** New clinician is starting on December 15 and will work on the Childrens Unit. Another applicant is being interviewed next week.
- iv. **BHRS case manager:** Case manager who is in master's program will provide clinical supervision working in the jail two days a week for internship – will start next week.
- v. **Crisis Team (TRAC):** Started doing ride-alongs with Sheriff Office (SO) a few weeks ago. Reports from SO are positive as this provides extra outreach in community.

- vi. **CalAIM:** In the works, but with Randy's absence there are struggles. Lynn Rumfelt is working on this, and things are going in the right direction. A new screening tool will be implemented in January 2023.
 - vii. **National CLAS Standards (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services):** Sheila Baker and team are working on completion of plan by years end.
 - viii. **Creekside Outreach:** Case managers continue to do daily check-ins with residents.
- 3. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** No report.
 - 4. **Financial:** No report.
 - 5. **Quality Assurance:** Report will be sent out via email after the meeting. Paul suggested a dashboard on website for updates on statistics (like the one for Living Free Initiative that Kristina did in the past). Kristina offered to put something together for now while HHSA works on a communication exchange (which is being worked on again after a pause). The communication exchange will include data dashboard for all services provided by HHSA.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on **January 4, 2023** at Mariposa County Health & Human Services, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary