



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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MINUTES

November 3, 2021

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Mariposa County Health & Human Services - Catheys Valley Room
5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, California 95338

Virtual Zoom Meeting
ID 983 6949 5177, Passcode 190979

Members Present: Paul Brickett, Ellie McQuarrie, Olga Leonard, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Cpt. Sean Land

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Debbie Woodbury, Matt DiPirro

Guests Present: Hal Nolen, Lisa Parker, Michelle Wildhaber, Sarah

Staff Present: Lynn Rumfelt, Shannon Gadd, Laura Glenn, Sheila Baker, Baljit Hundal, Todd Davidson, Gosia Gwiazda, Randy Ridenhour

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. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2021 (attachment):** Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to approve minutes, and Rosemarie Smallcombe seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed. Minutes were approved.
- III. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Paul Brickett
- IV. **Public Comments:** None
- V. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **Announcements:**
 - a. **More phishing and hacking; discuss computer security issues:** Security issues have been addressed in previous emails - do not open suspicious emails and do not click on links. County IT team has increased monitoring and vigilance for hacks and beefed up the firewall. It was suggested to invite IT to a BHB meeting for updates.

B. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

- a. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Sarah reported 242 meals were served in October. The Health Care Navigation Program was started, and a few referrals have been received. Drivers are being trained and hope to start fixed route in a few weeks. Individual route will go live on December 1.
- b. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** No report.
- c. **Connections Shelter:** Hal reported shelter is at full capacity (20 beds), and 5 individuals are on the wait list. There has been a new trend recently where the ratio of men vs women has shifted and there are more women in the shelter than there are men. Also, efforts are continuing to clean up creek site and do outreach for houseless individuals who are camping by the creek - give them alternatives for housing. Shelter now has ability to do COVID testing.
- d. **Probation:** No report.
- e. **Native Solutions:** Lisa Parker reported November is Native American Heritage month. A state audit of the DUI program revealed four findings which were taken care of. DUI schedule has changed – see website for times. The DUI program has a case manager who helps participants with barriers such as child support and getting drivers licenses. Women's group is weekly on Thursdays at 10am. FM Wireless is now at Native Solutions – can assist with government phones and loading service on cell phones. North Fork Rancheria has rented space to meet with Native American clients and assist with pandemic relief funds - Native Americans who are enrolled with a tribe can apply. Assistance was given to two families through the Home Key Program for temporary housing which will help them until they find stable housing. Assistance is also available for landlords. Madera office is up and running. Tomorrow the Christmas tree will be blessed at the Stage Stop at 12 pm and then tree will be sent to Washington D.C.
- f. **Mariposa Safe Families:** Sheila reported a message from Megan Atkinson that MSF received a grant to implement new program called Mothers Empowering Mothers. More info will be coming soon.

C. Old Business:

- a. **Confirm Covid emergency and vote to extend option for teleconferenced BHB meeting as now required by AB 361:** Unable to vote - no quorum.
- b. **Review and approve the draft 2021 Data Notebook (attachment):** Lynn, Paul and Debbie filled in most of the answers; a few questions are still blank and are waiting for reports. Data Notebook is due on November 30, 2021. Options were discussed and it was decided to bring final draft to BHB meeting on December 1, 2021 and approve for submission to the state on the same day. **TABLED.**
- c. **Receive updates regarding Patient's Rights Advocate:** Baljit Hundal sent out a draft document prior to the meeting today – document reviews roles and responsibilities. Baljit will run it by County Council. BHB members were encouraged to review the document and give feedback to Baljit within next two weeks.
- d. **Receive update on Suicide Prevention at William Sell Bridge:** Paul reported there was a newspaper article last week - someone jumped from the bridge and died. Baljit will get more information and do a presentation at the BHB meeting probably in January 2022.
- e. **Review goals and objectives at Mariposa Minds Matter and offer direction:** Discussed committee is mostly county staff and would like to see more community involvement. MMM has been involved with the Suicide Prevention and Outreach Team and are working with JCF Hospital and Alliance. Lynn mentioned that stigma reduction is written into the MHSA plan and committee should remain intact until at least end of the fiscal year – June 2022. Stigma reduction does not necessarily have to be done by a "committee." MMM Committee Chair was not able to attend today for updates. **TABLED.**



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D. New Business:

- a. **Receive update for Mental Health Services Act WET Program:** Presentation was given by Laura Glenn. Questions were answered. This is just an update for the Workforce Education and Training program and no action is required today. A special meeting will need to be scheduled in the future and then it will need to go to the Board of Supervisors.
- b. **Approve payment of 2021-22 CALBHB/C Dues in the amount of \$600 (attachment):** Unable to vote – no quorum.

E. **Review and Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to the BHB:** Rosemarie Smallcombe reported a new law AB 640 that deals with extended foster care eligibility to age 21. Another law was about elder abuse – sharing info with federal agencies to help investigate incidents of abuse and protect elders. More information about these laws is on the CSAC website. Rosemarie will send link to Shannon. Note from Shannon in the chat: *On AB636 about Protecting elder and dependent adults - this is simply adding federal law enforcement and local code enforcement to the list of entities APS can share information. APS services are confidential and therefore the ability to share info is restricted. Just provides more opportunity for collaboration. In my opinion, an excellent step forward.*

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

G. Staff Reports:

- a. **Director of HHSA:** Shannon Gadd - no report.
- b. **Director of Health Services:** Baljit Hundal reported that Mariposa County is now onboard with the Cal AIM statewide initiative and an internal steering committee is reviewing goals and objectives - how it will impact agency and how it will be implemented. Baljit suggested this be a standing BHB agenda item as it is implemented so that feedback can be given; Rosemarie suggested starting in January or February.
- c. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker reported that BHRS is in a good position with staffing and hope to be fully staffed by the first of the year.
- d. **Financial:** Randy Ridenhour and Gosia Gwiazda reported that new reports are not coming out yet but that transfers were done to clear up the negative balances. The budget sheet was reviewed, and questions were answered.
- e. **Quality Assurance:** Lynn Rumfelt gave quick report with data from the QA team. Donya will send out report in email after the meeting.

VI. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on December 1, 2021 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary