



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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MINUTES

October 6, 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, Olga Leonard, Debbie Cook, Sean Land, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Ellie McQuarrie (left early)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Lisa Parker, Tim Bennett, Tiffany Romero, Gonzalo Tafoya

Staff Present: Baljit Hundal, Sheila Baker, Randy Ridenhour, Gosia Gwiazda, Janice Braly, Shannon Gadd, Todd Davidson

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):** Debbie Cook made a motion to approve minutes, and Rosemarie seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed. Minutes for September 1, 2021 were approved.
- III. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Paul Brickett.
- IV. **Public Comments:** None
- V. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **Announcements:**
 - a. **CALBHB/C Teleconferences:** Training on October 8, 2021 at 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and Meeting on October 22, 2021 at 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Registration is free. An email was sent out with info and registration link. Contact the Recording Secretary for further questions.
 - b. **Warning about Fishing Emails:** Warning about "phishing" emails sent last month from mariposacounty.org email.

B. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

- a. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Working on new transportation grants and case management for medical, these will hopefully be ready soon.
- b. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** Every other weekly meeting have consistent participation with members but not community partners. Community partners have not been opting to help at events or staff events. Does something need to be done from the committee – should be more of a community run event. Recommend an agenda item for the next month – should this be discontinued or should something else be done.
- c. **Probation:** Tim Bennett reported Probation is currently trying to ramp up the force – positions for three probation officers and some front office staff are open, even with reduced numbers are manning BH/DC and working with jail and other programs with MAT.
- d. **Connections Shelter:** No report.
- e. **Native Solutions:** Lisa Parker reported hours for DUI program have changed Monday 9-11 and group 1-3, Wednesdays 3-5 and 5-8, Saturday 9-11 and 1-3. State auditors found 4 out of 13 files - referral base that is done that goes to BH, want a better update on when required, other findings were minor. Native Solutions took over FM Wireless prepaid phone shop and Second Chances will now be running this. Low-income lifeline phones are now being provided. Changes have been made and the phone service will now go through Verizon Select Plus which has to be added to an existing phone or clients can purchase phones at \$30. Will be open 6 days a week and take payment for PG&E bills. Second Chances also received a grant for recidivism, felons or 290s, one year of employment and assists in case plan management - asked for an extension as cannot find a location for a shop. Will work with individuals who complete program to have felonies expunged. Attended BOS to receive proclamation with Southern Sierra Miwuks to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples day.
- f. **Mariposa Safe Families:** No report.

C. Old Business:

- a. **Receive updates regarding Patient's Rights Advocate:** Baljit is checking to see if JCF patients' rights advocate could also serve on BHB. Decision needs to be made if BHB will take this. Baljit can draft a proposal for this. Should a work group be created to work on this? Rosemarie would like clarification on what was asked of County Counsel – was the question of appropriateness of BHB taking over this roll? Baljit – yes, contract would clearly define rolls and process. What support is being sought? Baljit asked what the Board would need to know to fulfill the role here; what would this advocate need to do to give BHB information; and how can the agency support this. HHSA would contract with an individual to serve in this position and that person would work with the BHB to ensure that concerns are addressed? We receive complaints – some of these may be a conflict internally, some of these need to go to an advocate, for example complaints about institution; there should be an option available for clients. We provide a letter when complaints are received and would like to provide an outside option. Rosemarie volunteered to review with Baljit. Item is tabled for November meeting.

D. New Business:

- a. **Review Fiscal end of year budget:** Randy Ridenhour provided summary review. First page - MHSA is relatively good at \$257k in the red. This is a report on 2021 and is in pretty good shape. We have realignment that we get transfers from and expect some Medi-Cal money. Paul asked if the report was from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, and Randy confirmed. There are no FY21-22 reports available yet due to new county system. Sgt. Land gave thanks to Lynn & Randy for their assistance with getting JBCT contract through and completed.



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b. Receive 2021 Data Notebook and determine BHB members to

assist: Paul requested volunteers for subcommittee. The topic of the data notebook is diversity. It was recommended that Lisa Parker participate, and Lisa accepted. Debbie Cook also volunteered to assist. Hopefully there will be a copy of the answers to present to BHB at the November meeting. Item is tabled for next month.

- c. **Discussion regarding signage or barriers at Willam Sell Bridge:** This was an item that the suicide prevention committee at HHSA brought up and want thoughts about putting a phone or signage on the bridge. Public Works said that it is doable but there is a process and would have to go through the BOS, and coordinate with CalTrans. Rosemarie has a contact at CalTrans who is able to help get information needed. Does the BHB want to pursue this, and in what fashion? Barriers seem to be the best form of prevention. Paul asked if there have been any recent suicides on the bridge and what is the need. Baljit - when the committee were thinking of what could be done in forms of awareness and prevention, staff thought this would be a place that was in need. Sgt. Land knew of three actual attempts, and some calls. This would be a large expenditure and the need is small for that location. Baljit will research further and report back next month. Item tabled for next month.
- d. **Review goals and objectives of Mariposa Minds Matter and offer direction:** This was covered and will be tabled to agenda for the next month.
- e. **Confirm Covid emergency and vote to extend teleconference option per AB 361:** The BOS acknowledges the need to have this option available for committees to meet and left this to County Counsel. Waiting on the County Health Officer to confirm if in person meetings would be safe. Rosemarie moved that we confirm the Covid emergency and extend, Sean Land seconded the motion. The motion passed with five (5) "ayes" from Paul Brickett, Debbie Cook, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Cpt. Sean Land, and Olga Leonard. Two (2) members were not present (Ellie McQuarrie and Matt DiPirro).

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

- a. **Review and discuss Senate Bill 823- JV justice realignment and how it will impact Mariposa County:** Rosemarie reported that the principals were worked out among supervisors, CPOC and CSAC, and that they are working on the basis that counties that have a need to place high needs individuals that formerly would have been sent to state operated facilities. The DJJ is no longer accepting new placements with the intent to close down in 2023. Any youth still there will need to be relocated at that time. When there is a need for such a placement at this time, the county that identifies the need reaches out to counties that have appropriate treatment/holding facilities and establishes MOU for transportation and treatment of youth. The facility in Tuolumne has been the choice for our county. Mariposa County does not currently have any minors who qualify for DJJ.

F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly): Sheila Baker reported there are no updates at this time.

G. Staff Reports:

- a. **Director of HHSA:** Shannon Gadd reported that she spent a few hours with the crisis team (TRAC) and was very impressed and astounded by the number of calls that they receive. There is great opportunity to do better data tracking on the calls that they receive which will show trends or needs that can be addressed. Rosemarie highlighted the need for better data tracking as October is Domestic Violence awareness month. HHSA is going through strategic planning development to determine how they collect data and implement best practices and how they serve clients. TRAC keeps detailed spreadsheets, but not all of the individuals become clients, and this may be something that can be added to the new EHR but it is not currently provided. TRAC afterhours also provides data on crisis calls they receive. Paul questioned if there is an increase in suicide calls over the last year - the information will have to be sorted through. Sean asked if Sheila Baker should be the Mental Health Director now as she is the Deputy Director, but this is not necessary at this time. Discussion was had regarding the 988 number and how it impacts HHSA services. Baljit will get in contact with County Tech Services.
- b. **Director of Health Services:** Baljit Hundal reported now that Sheila is the Deputy Director of BH she will be transitioning out of Behavioral Health and more into Public Health to learn more about that side of the agency. Lynn Rumfelt and Jinger Feuerstein will report to Baljit directly and are looking to see what they can provide to both branches to ensure equity. Lynn will still be the Quality Assurance Supervisor and looking to see how she can be of assistance to Public Health. From a Behavioral Health standpoint, Baljit is working on learning more about ODS (Organized Delivery System), meeting with Madera County Director to see if they can do a regional approach to ODS. Baljit will also approach Tuolumne County to see what their plan is. The electronic health records database system is still getting worked on. The ODS is a pilot system that California took on to streamline services which opens more services and assistance that we can provide to SUD clients, and opens up more funding. ODS requires more levels of care, which is part of why we are looking at a regional model. These funds will open up resources and allow ways to pay for out-of-county funding.
- c. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker reported she will be working more hand-in-hand with the Child Welfare Services to provide improved child crisis response / Family Urgent Response Services (FURS).
- d. **Financial:** Randy Ridenhour reported earlier in the meeting.
- e. **Quality Assurance:** Lynn Rumfelt – No report.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on November 3, 2021 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Kazzy Brocchini

Recording Secretary