



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 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, Ellie McQuarrie, Jennifer Gamble, Olga Leonard, Matt DiPirro

Members Excused: Debbie Woodbury, Lt. Sean Land

Members Absent: Rosemarie Smallcombe

Guests Present: Michael Matheson, Walter Wall, John Hensley, Megan Atkinson, Karen Romo, Hal Nolen, Tiffany Romero

Staff Present: Todd Davidson, Sheila Baker, Sylena Schendel, Baljit Hundal

Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:35 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:** Not confirmed – no quorum.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2022 (attachment):** Not approved – no quorum.
- V. **Public Comments:** None
- VI. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **Announcements:**
 1. Jennifer Gamble was appointed a three-year term as member of the BHB on September 13, 2022. Congratulations!

B. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

1. **Mariposa Heritage House:** John Hersey announced MHH will be integrating a conflict resolution for recovery and relapse prevention curriculum into the Wednesday morning 10:30am Relapse Prevention Group starting November 1. Group is open to all community members in recovery.
2. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** No report.
3. **Connections:** Hal Nolen reported there will be an all staff meeting at Alliance on October 28, and all programs will shut down approximately 4-6 hours that day. Guests will be asked to leave 9am to 4pm on that day and alternative places to go will be offered. Any questions, please reach out to Hal.
4. **Probation:** Matt DiPirro reported there are currently 9 clients in Behavioral Health Court. Mental Health American (MHA) is recognizing mental health during October to raise awareness of the mental health crisis. Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW) falls on October 2-8. Information can be accessed on mh.national.org.
5. **Native Solutions:** No report.
6. **Mariposa Safe Families:** Megan Atkinson reported that office remains fully staffed. The keys were received for the new Youth Empowerment Center on Jones Street and an open house will be happening soon. All youth programs will be run out of the Youth Center. Sixteen youth will attend FNL Youth Summit in Anaheim next month, collaborating with kids and leaders from around the state. Red Ribbon Week is last week of October and BOS proclamation will be received on October 25 and lots of activities are planned for kids K-12. Trunk or Treat will be October 31 at the courthouse. Youth Empowerment Conference will be on November 19 at the fairgrounds all day – flyer will be sent out this week to partners. Commodities are distributed at main office – if you know someone in need, please send them over. Continued support for local families affected by the Oak Fire is being offered.

C. Old Business:

1. **Review and approve final draft of 2022 Data Notebook (attachment):** Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to approve the draft 2022 Data Notebook, and Jenny Gamble seconded the motion. All members present (Paul Brickett, Ellie McQuarrie, Matt DiPirro, Olga Leonard, and Jenny Gamble) voted “aye,” none were opposed, none abstained. Donya Evans will submit the 2022 Data Notebook to the state.

D. New Business:

1. **Receive and approve DMC-ODS Implementation Plan, by Todd Davidson (attachment):** After the presentation, points of discussion included program implementation and program benefits including care coordination services to assist SUD clients. The target go-live date is April-July 2023. Mariposa County has been waiting many years to have this funding opportunity. It will help pay for residential placements and support individuals who need a higher level of care than we can provide here. Approval of the Implementation Plan was not needed from the BHB.
2. **Collaborative Courts presentation, by DA Walter Wall:** Michael Matheson gave presentation of a data study that was done by the District Attorney office and Probation. In general, data showed the BH Court and Drug Court (Collaborative Court) programs have had successful outcomes and a positive influence on the lives of the participants. The study resulted in recommendations to standardize the programs and make processes for BH Court the same as Drug Court. Sheila Baker added she would like to have BHRS collaborate in future studies. Paul Brickett suggested having a regular partner from Collaborative Court program attend BHB meetings. The PowerPoint presentation will be shared after the meeting in email.

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

F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly): Skipped – to be done quarterly.



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G. Staff Reports:

1. **Acting Director of HHSA:** Joe Lynch not present.
2. **Director of Health Services:** Baljit Hundal reported
 - i. She will be changing positions to Director of Human Services and transitioning out of Health Services. Interviews were done last week for new Director of Health Services and decision will be made soon.
 - ii. The Jail Based Services Program is going very well, and we are getting a lot of positive feedback from the deputies and management at the jail. There is a full-time mental health clinician there along with staff from Public Health. The next phase is to introduce the Public Assistance side of the agency to help inmates as they come in and are discharged.
3. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker reported
 - i. Wellness Center now has dedicated staff and is open in-person at the FSC on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, 1-3pm. Also, there will be Bingo at the Senior Center from 1-3 on October 25.
 - ii. BHRS has been working with school district on new grant for the school behavioral health incentive program, and consultant interviewed clinicians and case managers to gather information for needs assessment. More information will be coming shortly how we can improve and provide services along with school district.
 - iii. Infrastructure grant is being used for consultant to evaluate building space. There will be interviews with staff regarding office space and how to maximize efficiency as the agency continues to expand.
 - iv. BHRS has been experiencing an increased number of referrals in past few months, although not all met criteria. In August there were 90 referrals, with 45 assessments done, in September there were over 60 referrals, and in October it looks like we will match or surpass that.
4. **Financial:** Randy Ridenhour not present. See report that was submitted in email.
5. **Quality Assurance:** Sylena Schendel reported for QA. See report. Paul Brickett asked if future reports to the BHB could include similar data as the QIC meetings – such as no-show rates for clinical appointments, delays in getting services, etc.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on November 2, 2022 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary