



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 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: Cpt. Sean Land, Paul Brickett, Ellie McQuarrie, Debbie Woodbury, Olga Leonard, Matt DiPirro

Members Excused: Rosemarie Smallcombe

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Jennifer Gamble, Bryan Blew, Megan Atkinson, Lisa Parker, Karen Romo

Staff Present: Sheila Baker, Gosia Garcia, Joe Lynch, Katie Cotter, Baljit Hundal, Sarah Higgs

Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. by Cpt. Sean Land, Chair. Roll call introductions were made.
- II. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Cpt. Sean Land.
- III. **Confirm Covid emergency and vote to extend option for teleconferenced BHB meetings as now required by AB361:** Matt DiPirro made a motion to extend option for teleconferenced BHB meetings, and Sean Land seconded the motion. All members present (Sean Land, Paul Brickett, Ellie McQuarrie, Debbie Woodbury, and Matt DiPirro) voted "aye," none were opposed, none abstained.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 3, 2022 (attachment):** Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to approve minutes, and Debbie Woodbury seconded the motion. All members present (Sean Land, Paul Brickett, Ellie McQuarrie, Debbie Woodbury, and Matt DiPirro) voted "aye," none were opposed, none abstained. Minutes for August 3, 2022 were approved.
- V. **Public Comments:** Ellie McQuarrie asked what's happening with the homeless camp at the end of Frank Wilson Road. Joe Lynch responded there was an emergency ordinance put in place that allowed for camping on public land and in order to reverse this there will need to be

a declaration, which is being worked on, but there is no time frame yet for reversing the ordinance. There are less individuals at the encampment now because some of them have been housed.

VI. Agenda Items

A. Announcements:

1. An item is on the BOS agenda for September 13, 2022 to have Jennifer Gamble approved as a BHB member.
2. Date changed: Proclamation for National Suicide Awareness Month will be presented by the BOS on Monday, September 9, 2022 at 9am in the HHSA Mariposa Room.

B. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

1. **Mariposa Heritage House:** No report.
2. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** Katie Cotter reported MMM took a hiatus for two months in the summer but are now back to work. Participation is low again and are encouraging members to get back to meetings. An outreach event is planned at the Senior Center on 9/13/22, will do presentation on mental health stigma and suicide awareness, will gather data with post-data questionnaires.
3. **Connections:** No report.
4. **Probation:** Matt DiPirro reported there is a rally in Sacramento today for National Recovery Month and that Probation (Athena and Mayra) along with MHH and other community partners are attending. Athena submitted application for BHB membership to the BOS, but first will need to be put on agenda and approved by BHB – will do in October.
5. **Native Solutions:** Lisa Parker reported license was received for DUI program in Oakhurst. Quarterly audit was just completed with no findings (this is different from annual state audits). Native Solutions is recognizing National Recovery Month and encouraging tribes to participate. PC1000 now transitioned from county, no new enrollments, but did get a couple of referrals, class schedules are ready. Cooperating lease was signed for property about 3 months ago for a Silver Living facility which will have 8 beds for sober living, anticipating opening doors on Oct 1, still working on bylaws and P&Ps. Visitations in collaboration with the county continue as well as custodial families. A grant was received for visitation program to upgrade electronics and will be able to emphasize more on video and phone call chats for parents who are incarcerated. Halloween is coming and NS will be working with MSF on activities, including trunk-or-treating on Oct 31. Paul Brickett asked about Props 26 and 27, to which Lisa replied that tribes adhere to major P&Ps throughout the state and federal guidelines, that these props allow online gaming which opens the doors for a lot to happen and is a sore subject with a lot of negatives, and she will vote “no” on these propositions.
6. **Mariposa Safe Families:** Megan Atkinson reported that MSF has been busy with Oak Fire recovery and the start of the new school year. Fire recovery support is being offered to local families at Bootjack Fire Station on Sep 30 – free supplies will be handed out (clothing, appliances, furniture, linens, etc.); and then on Oct 1, will open to the public for donations (which will go to families). Back-to-school event in August was successful – school supplies and backpacks handed out to kids. Happy to announce that the expanded office and Youth Empowerment Center on the corner of 8th and Jones will open on Oct 1, and an open house is planned for early November. Trunk-or-treating will be on Oct 31 at the courthouse – keep an eye out for the flyer and registration form. MSF was approved to host Youth Empowerment Conference on Nov 19 at the fairgrounds (will team up with MADD and Casey’s Pledge).

C. Old Business:



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1. Review and give feedback for draft 2022 Mariposa County Data

Notebook (attachment): Joe's answer to question #23 will be added to the draft. Two other questions are pending answers. Final draft will be completed and submitted at the next meeting.

2. **Presentation with discussion and direction of Stakeholders Focus Group on Planning Grant:** Baljit Hundal this is not ready to present. Tabled for meeting in November.
3. **Consider and approve Mariposa Minds Matter event "Veteran's Movie Night – The Forgotten Battalion":** Katie Cotter gave a detailed overview of the documentary "The Forgotten Battalion" and that MMM wants to show the movie to the community along with having one or two lived experience speakers (vets). The focus will be on stigma and suicide awareness for veterans. Date and venue for the event are still to be determined. Paul Brickett made a motion to approve having the MMM movie event, and Sean Land seconded the motion. All members present (Sean Land, Paul Brickett, Ellie McQuarrie, Debbie Woodbury, Matt DiPirro, and Olga Leonard) voted "aye," none were opposed, none abstained.

D. New Business: None

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

F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly): There was discussion regarding what information is needed and what questions are being asked to help the Board understand general funds vs grants, what specific changes have been made in past years, if contracts are increasing compared with services, how has expenditure on grants changed over the years, are we spending more, and if so, why. Joe Lynch said he could get details and answers to questions. Baljit Hundal will also ask the QA team to work on this. Joe recommended anchoring the quarterly review of contracts in May, with subsequent contract reviews in August, November, and February. The next quarterly review will be in November.

G. Staff Reports:

1. Acting Director of HHSA: Joe Lynch reported:

- i. Actively pursuing new HHSA office in North County – are in appraisal stage to purchase or lease site, looking at Greeley Hill.
- ii. HHSA director moves are being made. Director Julianne Sims will move from Human Services to Administration. Director Baljit Hundal will move from Health Services to Human Services and will continue covering Health Services until new director is selected. Joe would like to have a member of the BHB be on the interview panel (probably end of September, first of October) for the new Health Services Director. Once transition is complete, candidates will be brought to the Board for review and recommendation for a new local Mental Health Director.
- iii. Afterhours crisis services contract started with Transformations Counseling & Community Services. Joe expressed the need to strengthen community capacity by developing services and programs and then transition them over to local businesses to better serve the community (like they did with

the DUI program going to Native Solutions). Sean Land made a note to have Transformations do a presentation to the BHB in November.

- iv. Creekside Terrace Apartments are now filled thanks to the “No Place Like Home” grant with 11 units designated for mental health clients. Plans are in the works with Self Help Enterprises to develop three additional sites with 100 more units – calling it the Field of Dreams (55 acres located next to HHSA).
2. **Director of Health Services:** Baljit Hundal reported:
- i. She will continue to oversee Health Services until a new director is selected.
 - ii. Baljit will continue to be the lead for the Cal-AIM program.
 - iii. Paul Brickett asked for an update on AOT and CARE Court, and Baljit replied that CARE Court is pretty much a done deal and will be mandatory but that we need to consider if we want to keep AOT or opt out.
 - iv. BH staff positions: There are not a lot of applicants for positions - clinicians and case managers. Jenny Gamble asked Baljit about a position and they will talk more offline.
3. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker reported:
- i. Since last month there have been two new hires on the BH team – both are mental health aides (peer supports), one on the SUD team and one at the Wellness Center. There is also potentially a new MH Assistant III (extra help) coming on board on the Children’s Unit.
 - ii. Suicide Prevention and Outreach Team (SPOT) has been working on campaign for September – National Suicide Awareness Month and proclamation will be received from the BOS on Sep 19th. Activities will include mass mailers will be sent out to all county residents, tv ads in local businesses, flyers at the fair and local businesses, PSAs on social media, articles in newspaper, presentation at the Senior Center, etc.
 - iii. Cal-AIM regulations continue to be implemented.
 - iv. MHSA is beginning stakeholder process with surveys and getting feedback from the community on the next three-year plan for 2023-2026.
 - v. Monitoring info coming out for CARE court, SB1338, but will not start in first phase with seven other counties.
 - vi. Counseling is being offered to county staff for Oak Fire support.
4. **Financial:** Gosia Garcia went over the MH Board Report with Budget (attachment) and will present the final 2021-2022 financials next month.
5. **Quality Assurance:** Sarah Higgs went over the BHB report (attachment).

VII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on October 5, 2022 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary