



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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MINUTES

September 1, 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, Debbie Cook, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Matt DiPirro, Ellie McQuarrie, Olga Leonard

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Cpt. Sean Land

Guests Present: Tiffany Romero, Megan Atkinson, Kathy Hefner

Staff Present: Shannon Gadd, Lynn Rumfelt, Sheila Baker, Rachel Gren, Baljit Hundal, Randy Ridenhour, Gosia Gwiazda

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 August 4, 2021 (attachment):** Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to approve minutes, and Rosemarie Smallcombe seconded the motion, with one correction be made - Brendan Sweeney be changed to Brenda Sweeney. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed. Minutes for 8/4/2021 were approved.
- III. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Paul Brickett.
- IV. **Public Comments:** None
- V. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **Announcements:**
 - a. Pay respects to BHB member, Ronald Schmidt, who passed away in July. A moment of silence was held in his honor.
 - b. New Deputy Director of BHRS is Sheila Baker. Congratulations!
 - B. **Committees/Community Partner Reports:**
 - a. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Kathy Hefner reported multiple groups are being offered - a calendar of events will be shared in an email. MHH was awarded a grant for navigation and transportation services. Shannon shared info on Lichen grant –

HHSA has been working with Alliance regarding loop in town and coordinating to ensure services are not duplicated. There are no concrete plans for North County, but opportunities for them are being looked at. Olga asked if services will be provided in Spanish or other languages – Kathy will find out. Lynn mentioned it is okay to use Google translator for transportation services. Paul suggested a route schedule be provided in Spanish.

- b. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** Sheila reported that MMM has been actively involved with the Suicide Prevention and Outreach Team and they are doing a BOS proclamation on September 15 for suicide prevention awareness month and working on other events coordinated with JCF. Baljit suggested placing item on the BHB agenda to offer direction with goals and objectives to the MMM. Rosemarie asked that flyers and other messaging to be sent to BOS.
- c. **Connections:** No report
- d. **Probation:** Matt DiPirro reported SB-823 closed Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). DJJ was a prison for children and is now going away. Not sure yet who will provide oversight and accountability – things will trickle down to individual counties to provide housing and services for DJJ minors. Tuolumne County has a facility which is shared with other Motherlode Counties. Paul suggested putting an item on SB 823 on agenda in future.
- e. **Native Solutions:** No report
- f. **Mariposa Safe Families:** Megan Atkinson reported the new school year is kicking off and Club Live and Friday Night Live are starting up again. After School Matters is available for grades 7-12 after school – offering life skills and different projects, and recently did PSA on TVs in town for underage drinking, working with schools on educating admin and staff on youth alcohol use. Family Enrichment Center is open - requiring masks and social distancing. Computers and local resources, job calendars, etc., are available to those in need, including food commodities. All Dads Rock support group is still active, and looking to start a mom's program soon. Grant received to do campaign against flavored tobacco.

C. Old Business:

- a. **Receive updates regarding Patient's Rights Advocate under the purview of BHB; discuss and take action as necessary:** Baljit reported waiting for approval from Steve Dahlem.
- b. **Receive updates regarding suicide prevention and outreach efforts:** Recent local suicides are being investigated by Sheriff Office. Rosemarie mentioned multiple individuals recent concern for veterans. Baljit will look into what additional support HHSA can give to vets. Shannon has also been trying to figure out how to support vets with limited resources currently in Mariposa. BOS approved letter of support for veterans - asking for an increase in funding.

D. New Business: None

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

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

G. Staff Reports:

- a. **Director of HHSA:** Shannon Gadd had no report
- b. **Director of Health Services:** Baljit Hundal reported the increase in COVID cases is impacting 5150 assessments done at the hospital and BH is trying to work something out with JCF. Also there is a verbal agreement with Marie Green Center in Merced to pay for bed at their facility and are waiting to hear more. Will also use crisis stabilization unit to place clients.
- c. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker reported the suicide prevention awareness campaign started today – there will be social media posts, PSA's on the



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tv's at local businesses, and a mass mailer sent out to all county residents. There is a plan in place to backup the crisis team and sheriff's office in case number of calls increase. Will send out invitation for SPOT team meeting today at 4pm if anyone wants to join.

- d. **Financial:** Randy Ridenhour and Gosia Gwiazda reviewed the budget report with the BHB and answered questions. Report was sent out via email.
- e. **Quality Assurance:** Report will be sent out via email.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on **October 6, 2021** at Mariposa County Health & Human Services, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary