



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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MINUTES

August 4, 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, Ellie McQuarrie, Matt DiPirro, Rosemarie Smallcombe

Members Excused: Debbie Cook

Members Absent: Cpt. Sean Land

Guests Present: Debra Barcellos, Kathaleen Hefner

Staff Present: Baljit Hundal, Lynn Rumfelt, Randy Ridenhour, Gosia Gwiazda, Sheila Baker

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 July 7, 2021 (attachment):** Olga Leonard made a motion to approve minutes, and Ellie McQuarrie seconded the motion. Members Paul Brickett, Ellie McQuarrie and Olga Leonard voted "aye," no one was opposed, Rosemarie Smallcombe and Matt DiPirro abstained. Minutes for July 7, 2021 were approved.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2021 (attachment): Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to approve minutes, and Matt DiPirro seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," no one was opposed, no one abstained. Minutes for July 16, 2021 were approved.

- III. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Paul Brickett
- IV. **Public Comments:** None
- V. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **Announcements:** None
 - B. **Committees/Community Partner Reports:**

- a. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Debra Barcellos reported the CMSP planning grant earlier in the year, for gathering info on how to better improve healthcare outcomes in homeless community and recently incarcerated people, was approved. MHH will now be able to bring on a health care navigator and transportation division for services to individuals who need linkage to services. The sustainability plan is in the works and hope to partner with county on training and other partnerships. Plant-a-row drop-offs of fresh produce are on Mondays. Kathy Hefner, substance use counselor, is back two days a week, and is doing two support groups. An events map will be shared in email after the meeting. Life skills development groups and workshops are also being offered to individuals to help them maintain housing.
- b. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** No report
- c. **Probation:** Matt DiPirro reported a correction from notes at last meeting – there are three vacancies in Probation (not Parole). Restrictions were decreased; however due to COVID, spiking restrictions are now being increased, but still business as usual and going out in the field. Also will be hiring new office assistant.
- d. **Connections Shelter:** No report
- e. **Native Solutions:** No report
- f. **Mariposa Safe Families:** No report

C. Old Business:

- a. **Receive updates regarding Patient's Rights Advocate under the purview of BHB:** Baljit Hundal reported she has not heard from County Counsel and hopes to report back next meeting. **Tabled for September 1, 2021.**

D. New Business:

- a. **Discussion regarding suicides and overdose prevention in county:** Sheila Baker reported the Suicide Prevention & Outreach Team (SPOT) is working on messaging for September – National Suicide Prevention Month. The team came up with a logo and the slogan "Connect to Care" and messaging will include videos and PSAs posted on social media, a PSA on TVs at local businesses, a mass mailer that will go out to all Mariposa County residents, articles in newspapers, radio PSAs, and more. Also a suicide risk assessment tool will be used by Health & Human Services as well as other community partners to assess individuals for risk of suicide. The SPOT team meets every Wednesday at 4pm – please contact Donya Evans if you're interested in participating. Mariposa Minds Matter is partnering with SPOT and will also collaborate with JCF for other events. Debra Barcellos said that MHH would like to be involved - Donya will send her and Tiffany a calendar invite. Rosemarie Smallcombe suggested reaching out to Agency on Aging to solicit members to be a part of the SPOT. Rosemarie also mentioned Cece Jackson and Phyllis Wilson at the school might also be interested in helping – although target audience right now for suicide prevention is older adults and the Children's SW Supervisor at BHRS is currently working with the schools right now on suicide prevention. Brenda Sweeney, Chair of Commission on Aging at the Senior Center, was also suggested to be invited. Rosemarie mentioned the BOS has a social media presence and suggested they could help – please send messages to Rene LaRoche. Rosemarie can also send out to Advisory Planning Committees and other local groups/boards/commissions. **Paul Brickett asked that this remain an open topic for the next meeting.**
- b. **Discussion regarding COVID-19 and vaccinations in the county:** Concern was expressed by Paul Brickett that 60% of county residents are not fully vaccinated and presented two proposals to the Board. 1) Advise BOS to require all county employees to be vaccinated. 2) Recommend HHSA and BOS remove all Facebook postings and replace with a link to appropriate county website pages and statements that postings have been removed because Facebook conveys much



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false info regarding vaccinations. Discussion ensued. Legalities of the proposals were questioned. Rosemarie Smallcombe mentioned that county employees have been required to fill out vaccine attestations. Efforts are being made by Public Health to increase number of individuals to get vaccinated – setting up vaccination clinics in different areas in the county and implement mobile unit to go to individuals homes.

E. Review and Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to the BHB: Rosemarie mentioned governor's budget was passed. There are other pieces of legislation that have been signed into law that provide funding for local public health jurisdictions and hospitals. There is a proposal for BH hospital infrastructure and additional funding for youth 25 and under. Not sure if handling felony incompetency to stand trial wait list is an issue in our county or if we have people waiting for those determinations. Baljit stated the agency works with the jail on the Jail Based Competency Treatment program (JBCT), but hospitals are not taking conserved clients any more. If clients are not successful in JBCT, they are referred to conservatorship.

F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly): No updates.

G. Staff Reports:

- a. **Director of HHSA:** Shannon Gadd – not present
- b. **Director of Health Services:** Baljit Hundal announced that interviews are in the works for a new Deputy Director of BHRS and hope by next month to have the position filled.
- c. **Financial:** Randy Ridenhour or Gosia Gwiazda reported there are still a lot of outstanding receipts with the state which will be taken care of as they reimburse for services. Baljit shared that last year Insync took over the electronic health records system in BH and is a lot better than prior system; however, on the fiscal side there have been struggles with a lot of outstanding payments due to vendor's lack of understanding how things work in California. It will take 4-6 weeks to get payment once state approves. Randy reported they are working out the kinks in Insync and making progress, and hope to get claims fixed soon. The BHB budget report was reviewed and questions were answered.
- d. **Quality Assurance:** Lynn Rumpfelt will send out report in email after the meeting.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

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

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary