



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 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: Ellie McQuarrie, Cpt. Sean Land, Paul Brickett, Matt DiPirro, Debbie Woodbury, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Olga Leonard

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Athena Land, Bryan Blew, Marcus Newman, Jennifer Gamble, Debra Barcello

Staff Present: Sarah Higgs, Sheila Baker, Gosia Garcia

Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Cpt. Sean Land. 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:** Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to approve option for teleconferencing, and Sean Land seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, none abstained. Vote was unanimous 7:0.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 1, 2022 (attachment):** Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to approve minutes, and Sean Land seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, none abstained. Minutes for June 1, 2022 were approved.
- V. **Public Comments:** Marcus Newman asked how many adults in Mariposa County are diagnosed with PTSD. Sheila responded that latest statistics show there are 1 in 8. Brian Blew commented that due to the Oak Fire, community members have experienced trauma. Sheila agreed this is relevant now.

VI. Agenda Items

A. Announcements:

1. Athena Land from Probation will be transitioning to join the BHB.
2. Joint Information Committee (JIC) is working on messaging for mental health care.
3. September is National Suicide Awareness Month. The Oak Fire put a hold on some of the work, but team is simultaneously working on messaging for social media and newspapers, etc.
4. Proclamation for National Suicide Awareness Month will be presented by the BOS on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 10am in the HHSA Mariposa Room.

B. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

1. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Debra Barcelos reported that plans continue for the bus ride to the Recovery Happens Rally at the California State Capitol on September 7, 2022.
2. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** Janice Braly reported that the MMM team has been on a break but will resume meeting in August and make plans for future events including the movie event for veterans – Forgotten Battalion. Donya will send email out with info on how to stream the movie.
3. **Connections:** No report.
4. **Probation:** Matt DiPirro reported Probation is taking steps to provide case management services and will have case manager at the jail who will identify needs of inmates prior to releases. Probation has assisted DA to collect data on how well we are doing and areas for improvement. Athena will get info and bring it back to the BHB.
5. **Native Solutions:** No report.
6. **Mariposa Safe Families:** No report.

C. Old Business:

1. **Discussion and direction of Mariposa County Data Notebook 2022: Impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on Behavioral Health Needs and Services; due October 28, 2022 (attachments x3):** Sean Land asked for volunteers to work on the data notebook and bring back to the BHB for approval in September. Paul Brickett, Rosemarie Smallcombe and Debbie Woodbury volunteered. Donya will help coordinate a meeting time.
2. **Presentation with discussion and direction of Stakeholders Focus Group on Planning Grant, by Baljit Hundal:** Tabled for next meeting.
3. **Consider and approve Mariposa Minds Matter event “Veteran’s Movie Night – The Forgotten Battalion:”** Vote will be tabled for next meeting. Information on how to stream the movie online will be sent out in email.

D. New Business:

1. Vote to submit recommendation to the BOS to approve Jennifer Gamble as a member of the Behavioral Health Board: Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to approve, and Debbie Woodbury seconded the motion. All members present voted “aye,” none were opposed, none abstained. Vote passed unanimously 7:0.

- E. Review and Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to the BHB:** Rosemarie Smallcombe reported a lot has been proposed by Senator Susan Eggman that relates to mental health issues. Rosemarie will give update at next meeting. 988 suicide and crisis lifeline began 7/16/22. CARE Court - the BHB should understand what is being proposed. Matt DiPirro suggested having Pete Judy address CARE Court with the BHB and can schedule for the meeting in September. Sheila Baker mentioned that Baljit Hundal had brought up at the last meeting the possibility of opting out of Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) due to CARE Court, so we don’t have two programs. CARE Court will be mandated and AOT is optional.



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F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly): The list of contracts was handed out previously. Paul Brickett asked how the annual total budget increased over the year and how spending has changed over the years. Sean Land reminded everyone that grants play a significant role in spending and a deeper dive might be required – to separate what is grant-funded versus funds that come out of the general fund. Joe Lynch did a presentation regarding this to the BOS and Rosemarie Smallcombe might have a digital copy. Gosia Garcia will run the numbers for contractors and come back to next meeting with more answers. What is the information we need to address concerns that are being raised? Paul asked about the number of contracts over the years, whether they are increasing or decreasing. Because of various pieces of legislation there is more money coming in for mental health related services, homelessness, substance use, etc., and more money is flowing into counties now than in past, and we are spending more now than we did 6 to 8 years ago. Gosia mentioned there are now more mental health clinicians and number of staff is growing. Brian Blew made a comment that BHRS is working smarter with contractors now than they have before to provide better coverage in a greater way at a lower cost; having contractors provide services saves money rather than having employees, and it is better for the community because they have more options and clients feel better going to contractors sometimes than to the county. Native Solutions started doing PC1000 on July 1, 2022. If anyone is interested in RFPs (request for proposal), Rosemarie will ask staff to provide and send out via email. For comments, best to go through the Board of Supervisors office or CAO's office. Gosia will check with Randy Ridenhour to get updated list of contracts and send out.

G. Staff Reports:

1. **Acting Director of HHSA:** Joe Lynch not present.
2. **Director of Health Services:** Baljit Hundal not present.
3. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker reported:
 - i. A lot has been on hold due to the Oak Fire. The Local Assistance Center (LAC) has been a success and is being extended to tomorrow – 9am to 7pm, to provide support to community members who were impacted by the fire. The response has been amazing, and Sheila expressed her gratitude to everyone helping.
 - ii. BHRS is in the process of hiring two new peer supports – one for Children's & Family Team and one for SUD Team.
 - iii. Conversation about trend - less employees are interested in working for public services and more employees want to telework. As telehealth continues beyond Covid, this is something that all counties will be looking at in order to retain staff in the future.
 - iv. Jail-based services (provided by HHSA) started on July 1 and have been very successful so far – they do med management, nursing, and clinical program.
4. **Financial:** Gosia Garcia reported fiscal year 21-22 is still a little behind due to Covid. All adjustments have been made by the Auditor's office but there might be a few invoices left which will go through in next couple of weeks. Gosia will have Donya send out report in email.
5. **Quality Assurance:** Sarah Higgs gave report.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on September 7, 2022 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary

Approved 9/7/2022