



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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MINUTES

July 7, 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: Ellie McQuarrie, Paul Brickett, Debbie Cook, Olga Leonard, Cpt. Sean Land

Members Excused: Rosemarie Smallcombe

Members Absent: Ron Schmidt, Matt DiPirro

Guests Present: Hal Nolen, Megan Atkinson

Staff Present: Lynn Rumfelt, Baljit Hundal, Sheila Baker, Shannon Gadd, 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 June 2, 2021 (attachment):** Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to approve minutes, and Debbie Cook seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed. Minutes for June 2, 2021 were approved.

III. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Paul Brickett

IV. **Public Comments:** None

V. **Agenda Items**

A. Announcements:

- a. A public hearing is scheduled at a Special Meeting of the BHB on July 8, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., in the BOS Chamber Room, to receive public input, consider, and approve submission of the Mental Health Services Act annual update 2021-2022. **A quorum of the BHB will need to be present.** (Attachment)

B. Old Business:

- a. **Receive updates regarding Patient's Rights Advocate under purview of BHB; discuss and take action as necessary:** Baljit Hundal and Lynn Rumfelt met with County Council, Steve Dahlem, and are waiting to hear back from him. We will wait for Mr. Dahlem to advise. Item is tabled for next meeting on August 4, 2021.

C. New Business:

- a. **Continue discussion (from June 2, 2021 meeting) regarding the agenda item for Committee/Community Partner Reports and determine how reports should be delivered to the BHB; take action as necessary:** Different ideas were discussed to prevent running out of time at the end of meetings and not giving enough time for committees and community partners to report to the BHB. Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to move the Committee/Community Partner Reports up on the agenda under announcements; Debbie Cook seconded the motion; all members present voted "aye," none were opposed. Motion passed.

D. Review and Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to the BHB: Baljit Hundal reported that soon clients will be able to access their electronic health records (EHR) due to a piece of legislation called the 21st Century Cures Act. One component of interoperability allows clients to use smart devices to utilize an app to link to their EHR. The idea is to allow clients the ability to coordinate their own care. Mariposa is currently set up with the accessibility to implement this regulation and are working on the rollout.

E. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly): Lynn Rumfelt presented mockup contract report to get feedback from the Board and what they want to see on a full analysis. Baljit Hundal suggested an end-of-year fiscal report to be presented to the Board annually at end of fiscal year. Lynn will talk with Fiscal, but claims are still coming in and we won't get a report until approximately the end of September. Lynn will follow-up with the Board next month when Fiscal thinks the report will be finished.

F. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

- a. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Abby Miller reported doors are open 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Services provided include showers, meals, transportation, support groups. Tiffany Romero was introduced as the Substance Use Navigator. The Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program is being rolled out. Abby will forward more information to the Recording Secretary to share with the Board in an email. Ellie mentioned Idle Wheels would like to have flyers posted there.
- b. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** Janice Braly reported the MMM had a booth at the Butterfly Festival and handed out materials – did outreach. Data is being gathered. MMM is considering participating at the county fair.
- c. **Probation:** Athena Land reported there are currently three vacancies for parole officers. Restrictions are being decreased and probation will be in the field more.
- d. **Connections Shelter:** Hal Nolen reported contract was approved by the BOS. There are currently 24 guests at the shelter, and outreach is being done to bring in guests from the homeless camps.
- e. **Native Solutions:** No report.
- f. **Mariposa Safe Families:** Megan Atkinson reported office is fully open to public, 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Services include a family enrichment program, computers, commodities to those in need, education with school to prevent underage drinking and drug use. Friday Night Live did a PSA on social media – driving under the influence, and underage drinking. There is an Afterschool Matters Program for grades 5-12 two days a week, 12 to 2pm, calendar is on Facebook and webpage.

G. Staff Reports:

- a. **Director of HHSA:** Shannon Gadd reported recent increase in suicides and HHSA is keeping a close eye on this issue and will be doing outreach in September for National Suicide Awareness month.
- b. **Director of Health Services:**
 - i. Baljit Hundal elaborated on the increase of suicides, last year there were 6, this year so far we have had 7. Efforts will be made for suicide prevention



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by doing outreach - including PSA's on radio, social media, newspapers and at local events. Debbie Cook will accept printed material to publish in the North County newspaper which reaches about 5500 people. All clients in Behavioral Health will receive suicide screenings before each service, and community partners will be asked to use the screening tool also to identify anyone who might need help. Cpt. Land emphasized there has also been an increase in overdoses recently and wants to help efforts with outreach. Baljit extended an invitation to anyone who wants to help with outreach to attend the planning today at 2pm meeting. Baljit will report out demographics of suicides in next 1-2 months, but wants to be careful to keep everything confidential in our small community.

- ii. Cooling Centers will be set up this weekend to help people who do not have air conditioners.
- iii. Senior Center is still closed, and is working to get permission to open soon.
- c. **Financial:** Gosia Gwiazda reported 2021 fiscal year is finished but still receiving invoices and will get some as late as August. Donya will share report in email after the meeting.
- d. **Quality Assurance:** Lynn Rumfelt reported that QA is working on external quality review and dedicating time to that. No report today.

VI. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be held on August 4, 2021 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary