



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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MINUTES

April 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, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Lt. Sean Land, Paul Brickett, Olga Leonard, Pam Hawkins

Members Excused: Debbie Cook, Matt DiPirro

Members Absent: Ron Schmidt

Guests Present: Megan Atkinson, Debra Barcellos

Staff Present: Lynn Rumfelt, Laura Glenn, Janice Braly, Sheila Baker, Shannon Gadd, Baljit Hundal

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 March 3, 2021 (attachment):** Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to approve minutes, and Lt. Sean Land seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed. Motion passed and minutes for March 3, 2021 were approved.
- III. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Paul Brickett
- IV. **Public Comments:** Dr. Eric Sergienko gave an update on COVID-19 and the blueprint that will be rolled out by State of California for vaccinations. Our local vaccine clinic is at the fairgrounds, open usually on Thursdays and Fridays. Go to mariposacounty.org and follow links to the COVID page to register. Vaccines are also available at Rite Aid.
- V. **Agenda Items**
 - 1) **Announcements:**
 - a) May is Mental Health Awareness Month
 - b) Pam Hawkins submitted letter of resignation as of May 1. Thank you for your service on the BHB!
 - 2) **Old Business:**

- a) **Make plans for presentation at BOS on April 13, 2021:** Paul Brickett and Baljit Hundal said they will go to the BOS meeting to help present. A representative from Fiscal will be invited to answer any questions. Outreach to the community will be done by Baljit so the public can provide additional comments and feedback. Baljit will bring a fact sheet to the meeting. The letter from the BHB to approve participation in AB1976 Mental Health Services Outpatient Treatment (AOT) was reviewed. Lt. Sean Land made a motion to accept the letter as written, and Olga Leonard seconded the motion. Members – Rosemarie Smallcombe, Lt. Sean Land, Paul Brickett, Olga Leonard and Pam Hawkins voted “aye,” Ellie McQuarrie abstained, Debbie Cook, Matt DiPirro and Ron Schmidt were not present to vote. The motion passed 5-1.

3) New Business:

- a) **Determine date of presentation of BHB’s annual report to the BOS:** The BHB was in consensus to present on May 11, 2021. Paul Brickett will write a summary and give to Lt. Land to write the annual report. Report will be reviewed at the meeting on May 5, 2021 and then submitted to the BOS. Ellie requested a copy of last year’s report – the Recording Secretary will send in email to Board members.
- b) **Receive from Baljit Hundal a letter of intent to apply for position of local Mental Health Director:** The letter from Ms. Hundal was reviewed and the Board discussed requirements of the MH Director. Question was raised if this should be a separate position with someone else hired to fill the position. Shannon Gadd endorsed Ms. Hundal, even though she is not licensed, and explained she has the experience necessary to meet qualifications. Ms. Gadd further explained the position of MH Director is that of a “point person” for Mariposa County to the State and someone who has responsibility to oversee mental health services – which are the same responsibilities that Ms. Hundal is currently fulfilling. Lt. Land made a motion that the BHB support the recommendation (to the Board of Supervisors) that Baljit Hundal be the local Mental Health Director, and Rosemarie Smallcombe seconded the motion. Members – Rosemarie Smallcombe, Lt. Sean Land, Paul Brickett, Olga Leonard and Pam Hawkins voted “aye,” Ellie McQuarrie abstained, Debbie Cook, Matt DiPirro and Ron Schmidt were not present to vote. The motion passed 5-1.
- c) **Receive and review Mariposa County Mental Health Services Act Annual Update:** Laura Glenn explained the BHB will need to host a public hearing to review the years plan. Currently the plan is in the stakeholder process and is an informative presentation to get feedback. Laura will have the Recording Secretary send out a survey for next month. TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING.
- d) **MHSA State Innovation Project presentation:** TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING.
- e) **Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) Presentation:** Janice Braly presented and answered questions.

4) Review and Discuss Substance Use Disorders (SUD) Issues/Activities: Debbie Barcellos reported

- a) **Certified Addiction Counseling Conference** - on April 20 & 21. If interested, register through CCAPP.
- b) **Recovery Coaching Academy** - last week of this month and in June virtually.
- c) **Substance Use Navigator** – MHH and JCF agreed to provide Substance Use Navigator to do Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program services at the Jail

5) Review and Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to the BHB:

- a) Rosemarie Smallcombe reported the state is working on the \$750 million grant for new beds for a variety of mental health and substance use services. CSAC is concerned about increase in cases we are seeing as we emerge from the



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pandemic and are looking to develop best practices out to counties. Will continue to track and keep everyone posted.

- b) Baljit Hundal mentioned the American Rescue Plan Act will have a positive impact financially for mental health and public health – we'll be looking into this more and will keep everyone posted.

6) Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly): Contracts Report will be sent out in email by the Recording Secretary.

7) Committees/Community Partner Reports:

- a) **Mariposa Heritage House:** No report
- b) **Mariposa Minds Matter:** No report
- c) **Probation:** No report
- d) **Connections Shelter:** No report
- e) **Native Solutions:** No report
- f) **Mariposa Safe Families:** Megan Atkinson reported all youth-related programs (Friday Night Live, Club Live, and the After School Matters Program) are still going well and are active; MSF accepted three proclamations on 4/6/2021 for the following: Child Abuse Prevention Month, Alcohol Awareness Month, and California Friday Night Live Month. We ask that you all join us on Friday 4/16/2021 for "Wear blue in support of Child Abuse Prevention." Please send us pictures of you and/or your team sporting blue on the 16th! You can send them to our Mariposa Safe Families Facebook page or via matkinson@mariposasafefamilies.org; MSF has teamed up with Native Solutions for Alcohol Awareness Month and are holding a daily scavenger hunt in support of Alcohol Awareness. Please visit our Mariposa Safe Families or Native Solutions Facebook page for more information.; and lastly, THANK YOU to everyone who joined us at the Safe at Home Fair on March 27th!!

8) Staff Reports:

- a) **Director of HHSA:** Shannon Gadd reported Project Room Key ended on March 31. It was open 369 days, served 87 individuals, isolating and quarantining visitors and community members, provided linkage to mental health services and housing. In the end, 17 individuals found housing – one of them had been chronically homeless for over 20 years. Thank you to the team for their work!
- b) **Interim Director of Health Services:** Baljit Hundal – no report
- c) **Financial:** Randy Ridenhour – will send out budget report in email
- d) **Quality Assurance:** Lynn Rumfelt – no report

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on May 5, 2021 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Donya Evans
Recording Secretary

Approved 5/5/2021