



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2023

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Mariposa County Health & Human Services – Mariposa Conference Room
5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, California 95338

Members Present: Ellie McQuarrie, Paul Brickett, Matt DiPirro, Cpt. Sean Land

Members Excused: Rosemarie Smallcombe

Members Absent: Olga Leonard

Guests Present: Melissa Horn, Bryan Blew, Shannon Shiells, Christine Doss, Kareli Gomez

Staff Present: Sheila Baker, Jillian Rodriguez, Laura Glenn, Kristina Keheley, Joe Lynch

Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:29 p.m. by Cpt. Sean Land, Chair. Roll call introductions were made.
- II. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Cpt. Sean Land
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2023 (attachment):** Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to approve minutes, and Matt DiPirro seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed. Minutes for February 1, 2023 were approved.
- IV. **Public Comments:** None
- V. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **Announcements:**
 1. **Butterfly Festival at Mariposa Fairgrounds on May 6-7, 2023:** Mariposa Minds Matter will have a booth and need volunteers. Please contact Donya Evans or Katie Cotter at 209-966-2000 if you're interested in helping.
 2. On February 7, 2023, the BOS appointed Timothy Bennett to the BHB for a 3-year term expiring on February 7, 2026. Follow-up: It was announced today that plans have changed, and Mr. Bennett will not be a member of the BHB. Kareli Gomez will be attending BHB meetings but will not be joining as a member. Cpt. Sean Land will reach out to Probation regarding a representative from Probation.
 - B. **Committees/Community Partner Reports:**
 1. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Melissa Horn reported. Drop-in center served 242 clients, 64 clients received housing navigation services, 1225 meals were served to

101 unduplicated individuals, 160 food boxes to 83 households, 53 unduplicated clients utilized Recovery Support Services (peer counseling, relapse prevention) 291 times. Healthcare navigation has 51 clients enrolled. Transportation had 53 unduplicated individuals made 596 trips on the fixed-route ADA vehicle. Anger management program ongoing 12-week course with open enrollment, 2 participants right now. Life skills classes are ongoing and developing Wellness Center (art, meditation, music, stress relief, etc.). Health care navigator working at jail to provide services to inmates.

2. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** Katie Cotter reported. The group has been meeting twice a month and recently gave a presentation on body image and its impact on mental health. They previously showed a movie that had a good turnout last October-November, and plan to show it again in North County in the spring. Two other movies called "A New State of Mind" and "Inside Out" are planned for later this year. MMM needs to get approval from the BHB for "A New State of Mind" and will put it on the agenda for May. The group would also like the BHB to approve their mission statement and logo. Paul raised a concern that the current mission statement doesn't support mentally ill individuals and their co-dependence, but Katie pointed out the statement is inclusive of all groups. MMM is also working on the Butterfly Festival and needs volunteers, including Paul and Olga. Donya will send email to schedule volunteers.
3. **Connections:** No report.
4. **Probation:** Matt DiPirro reported and introduced Kareli Gomez. Probation is excited to announce they now have a social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, and maybe Snapchat. Chris Wimpee left the department and Matt will cover his position (at the schools) until vacant position is filled. Kareli will be working with Behavioral Health Court and will be attending BHB meetings.
5. **Native Solutions:** No report.
6. **Mariposa Safe Families:** Megan Atkinson could not attend meeting today but gave written update. Both Youth Empowerment Center and Family Resource Center continue to be open to the public with all services and programs are on track and going well. MSF along with Club Live and Youth Advisory Group accepted a proclamation for Alcohol Awareness Month (April) from the BOS on April 4, 2023. MSF also received proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month. MSF team and youth from After Schools Matters (ASM) planted blue pinwheel gardens around town on April 4, 2023. Second annual Alcohol Awareness Month "Bingo Night" is set for April 28, 2023, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Also on April 28, 2023, at 9:30am, there will be a raising of the children's memorial flag at the MSF office, and all are invited to join.

C. Old Business:

1. **Review and discuss BHRS Contracts (to be done quarterly):** Per Joe Lynch, the county is looking to pool contracts. This will allow them to send clients to hospitals as needed. More info will be provided at the next meeting. ***TABLED**

D. New Business:

1. **Assign person(s) to write and present the 2023 BHB Annual Report to the BOS; and determine date of presentation to the BOS; take action as needed:** It was agreed that Cpt. Sean Land and Paul Brickett will work on the report and submit to the BHB next meeting for approval.
2. **Receive update of the MHSA FY23-24 Plan and schedule date for public hearing:** Jinger Feuerstein reported QA is in process of finishing the 3-year plan for 23-26 fiscal year. Once finalized, the plan will be posted for 30 days for a public review. A public hearing will be scheduled during a BHB meeting immediately following the 30-day review. The plan will then go to the BOS for approval and then submitted to the state – deadline is June 30, 2023.



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

F. Staff Reports:

1. **Acting Director of HHSA:** Joe Lynch reported
 - i. Governor has planned to allocate \$1 billion from MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) to be used for housing and homelessness programs. For the county, this means that \$727,000 will be redirected from MHSA to housing initiatives. If the legislation goes through, county will need to pivot and create a new plan. This change will affect PEI, Innovation, and other programs. Joe will keep everyone updated as things progress.
 - ii. The local Mental Health Director latter is going back to the BOS to be ratified.
2. **Director of Health Services:** Kristina Keheley reported
 - i. BHRS is working on recruitment for a full-time mental health clinician position in North County.
 - ii. Quality Assurance team in BHRS is expanding.
3. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker reported
 - i. Good news! Jillian Rodriguez is the new Social Worker Supervisor II for the Children and Family Unit. Jillian has been tasked with recruitment efforts at the Career Fair at Fresno State on April 20, 2023.
 - ii. Email was received from the state regarding preliminary implementation for Organized Delivery System (ODS). This program will expand Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services to the community utilizing peer support and case management. Todd Davidson is the supervisor of the SUD Team. SUD issues in the community were discussed including candy marijuana and Narcan training for school staff, bus drivers, coaches. Kristina and Sheila will reach out to schools to address issues.
 - iii. The Children & Family Unit will be rolling out the HOPE Project at five rural schools in April-May. The program focus is on suicide awareness and prevention in grades 7 and 8.
4. **Financial:** Joe Lynch reported budget for FY22-23 will be finalized next week and will go to the BOS. An advance copy will be presented to the BHB.
5. **Quality Assurance:** Sarah Higgs reported on statistics for quarter 3 (January-March 2023). Sheila Baker added it has been difficult the past few months. A lot of extra work was happening on weekends and in the evenings, and lot of staff were impacted from the storms. The Crisis Team required increased staffing. Sean asked if substance use associated with the disasters was being investigated - Sheila replied this will be considered. Transformations after hours services had 25 calls on one Saturday with people in crisis. There was an increase of med services by 10% during the quarter.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2023 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Danya Evans

Recording Secretary

Approved by the Behavioral Health Board on 5/3/2023