



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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MINUTES

March 3, 2021

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Mariposa County Health & Human Services - Catheys Valley Room
5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, California 95338

Zoom Meeting ID: 983 6949 5177

Members Present: Debbie Cook, Ellie McQuarrie, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Lt. Sean Land, Paul Brickett, Olga Leonard, Pam Hawkins, Matt DiPirro

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Ron Schmidt

Guests Present: Debra Barcellos, Tyson Wellcome, Scott Seymour, Hal Nolen, Kyle Jenkins

Staff Present: Shannon Gadd, Janice Braly, Rachel Gren, Sheila Baker, Baljit Hundal, Kizzy Brocchini, Todd Davidson

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 February 3, 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 February 3, 2021 were approved.
- III. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read out loud by Paul Brickett
- IV. **Public Comments:** None
- V. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **Announcements:**
 - a. CALBHB/C Statewide Teleconference on March 5, 2021, 1:30 to 3pm
 - B. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Receive report from AOT Subcommittee on recommendations of AB1976 Assisted Outpatient Treatment:** The first recommendation of the Subcommittee to the BOS on 2/3/2021 was to opt out of AOT as they felt services are already offered to the community and there is concern regarding the fiscal impact of starting this new program. The Subcommittee then had a second meeting on 2/25/2021 for stakeholder feedback and further discussion. At that meeting, staff presented an overall explanation of AOT program services, pros and cons, and services that are

currently provided here in Mariposa County, and then time was opened for discussion. It was the consensus of the group that there has been a small population that are not well-served and that AOT would help fill that gap. There is some controversy surrounding the referral process in that participants can be referred to the AOT program by family members, friends, etc.; however, the individual would have to meet certain criteria before being accepted into the program. There was a question raised as to involuntary drug treatment to which AB1976 states "involuntary medication shall not be allowed absent a separate order by the court pursuant to Sections 5332 to 5336." According to the DHCS Letter 20-075, counties may elect to participate or opt-out of the AOT program. The Board discussed how to present this to the BOS. Rosemarie Smallcombe suggested doing a formal determination with the BOS. Baljit Hundal added that community could give more feedback at the BOS meeting. Lt. Sean Land made the motion "as part of the AOT Subcommittee we recommend participation in AB1976 and to bring a presentation to the BOS with reasons for this decision. Rosemarie Smallcombe seconded the motion." Further discussion regarding participating in AB1976 was made. It was brought up that legal defense, probation and court will also be involved in AOT and concern was brought up again about the fiscal impact to all county departments involved. Rosemarie Smallcombe said she would speak with County Counsel regarding costs and legalities. A vote was made by the Board, eight (8) out of nine (9) members voted to recommend to the BOS to participate in AB1976; one (1) member, Ron Schmidt, was not present. Motion passed to make recommendation to the BOS to participate in AB1976 Assisted Outpatient Treatment.

C. New Business:

- a. **Vote to make recommendation to the BOS to reappoint Ellie McQuarrie and Debbie Cook to the BHB:** Rosemarie Smallcombe made the motion to reappoint Debbie Cook and Ellie McQuarrie, and Lt. Sean Land seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, no one abstained. Motion passed.
- b. **Sierra Quest Presentation:** Scott Seymour gave a presentation on the history of Sierra Quest and the youth services that are provided there.
- c. **Ethos Presentation:** Tyson Wellcome gave a presentation on the services that are provided for youth at Ethos.
- d. **TBS Services Presentation** by Rachel Gren: Skipped

D. Review and Discuss Substance Use Disorders (SUD) Issues/Activities: Skipped

E. Review and Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to the BHB: Rosemarie Smallcombe talked at last meeting about the Governor's proposal of \$750 million for BH housing and state is working on final budget to be presented to Legislature. Preliminary data is now available which shows huge increase in teen depression, overdose deaths and suicides. Domestic violence and child abuse are also on the rise due to the pandemic. Baljit mentioned she will be more involved with CBHDA and goal is to get into legislative items and how they apply to us locally.

F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly): Skipped

G. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

- a. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Debra Barcellos
- b. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** MMM has grown in membership over the past couple of months to 20+. They have been working on a community survey to how best



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message various age groups throughout the county; and are also making plans for the Butterfly Festival this summer.

- c. **Probation:** Matt DiPirro reported Probation is partnering with Motherlode Job Training and the Jail to develop program for employment opportunities for inmates upon their release.
- d. **Connections Shelter:** No report
- e. **Mariposa Safe Families:** No report
- f. **Native Solutions:** No report

H. Staff Reports:

- a. **Director of HHSA:** No report
- b. **Interim Director of Health Services:** Baljit Hundal reported she is planning to apply for MH Director. Recording Secretary will send out bylaws to the BHB to refer to for roles and responsibilities of the Board in this matter.
- c. **Financial:** Recording Secretary will send out the fiscal report in an email.
- d. **Quality Assurance:** Recording Secretary will send out the report in an email.

VI. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on **April 7, 2021, 12:30 to 2pm**, at Mariposa County Health & Human Services and virtually on Zoom

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary