



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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MINUTES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

March 2, 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: Paul Brickett, Ellie McQuarrie, Cpt. Sean Land, Matt DiPirro, Olga Leonard

Members Excused: Debbie Woodbury, Rosemarie Smallcombe

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Megan Atkinson, Debra Barcellos, Shannon Bridges

Staff Present: Sheila Baker, Joe Lynch, Janice Braly, Lynn Rumfelt, Sydney Forga

Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m. by Paul Brickett, Chair. Roll call introductions were made.
- II. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Paul Brickett.
- III. **Confirm Covid emergency and vote to extend option for teleconferenced BHB meetings as now required by AB361:** Cpt. Sean Land made a motion for such, and Matt DiPirro seconded the motion. Members Paul Brickett, Cpt. Sean Land, Matt DiPirro, and Olga Leonard voted "aye," Ellie McQuarrie voted "no." There were no abstaining votes. Motion passed with a vote of 4:1.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2022 (attachment):** Discussion: Debra Barcellos mentioned that Tiffany Romero from MHH was present at the February meeting and the minutes indicated MHH was "not present." Correction will be made to the minutes to reflect this. Ellie McQuarrie made a motion to approve minutes with the correction, and Cpt. Sean Land seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed. Minutes for February 2, 2022 were approved.
- V. **Public Comments:** None
- VI. **Agenda Items**

A. Announcements:

- a. **Reminder:** Ethics Training is due for BHB Members.
- b. **Butterfly Festival on April 23-24:** Mariposa Minds Matter will have a booth and need volunteers. Ellie expressed interested in participating. Matt will extend invitation to Probation at the Divisions Meeting. Please contact Donya if you're interested in helping.

B. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

- a. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Debra Barcellos reported the drop-in center served 488 individuals last year; 21 in Drug Court. Substance use supports are offered including SUD peer counseling and recovery coaching. Jail services are also offered. MHH continues to offer individual therapy and group therapy, in-person and virtually. Transportation to AA meetings has resumed. Substance use navigator and MAT recovery have seen a total of 19 clients since inception of partnership.
- b. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** Janice Braly reported MMM continues to meet twice a month on first and third Thursdays at 3pm virtually. Community partner representation has increased in last couple of months. MMM is making plans to have a booth at the Butterfly Festival in April. Presentations continue – next ones will be at Ethos and Native Solutions.
- c. **Probation:** Matt DiPirro reported Probation is making plans to have a PO at the Jail to facilitate with multiple needs including Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), Probation to Employment program, and classes to get inmates ready to transition out in the community. Goal is to have a case plan for offenders in Jail so when they come out there is a plan in place. Probation is also trying to find a way to do pretrials on weekends and looking at contract with court for pretrials.
- d. **Connections Shelter:** No report
- e. **Mariposa Safe Families:** Megan Atkinson reported all youth programs are going well. Plans are in the works for a youth summit this year. Family Resource Center is open to the public. MSF will go to the BOS in April to accept proclamation for alcohol awareness month. This year MSF is partnering with MHH for alcohol awareness activities in April. PSAs and community engagement activities are being planned. The Safe at Home event will be on April 9 at the fairgrounds – everyone is invited. MEMs program will start the end of March or early April. A van is being purchased to assist with transportation. Sheila mentioned the BHRS SUD team will also be doing PSAs in April.
- f. **Native Solutions:** No report.

C. Old Business:

- a. **Re-evaluate time and location of BHB meetings and determine best options:** The Board agreed to continue BHB meetings at original time and place – on the first Wednesday of each month, 12:30 to 2pm, in the Mariposa Room. No action taken.

D. New Business:

- a. **Assign person(s) to write and present the BHB Annual Report to the BOS:** It was agreed that Paul Brickett and Debbie Woodbury will write the report and Cpt. Sean Land will present it to the BOS. No action taken.
- b. **Discuss HHSA Director Resignation:** Baljit announced this at last meeting, and it was in the newspaper. Shannon Gadd resigned, and Joe Lynch is the new acting director of HHSA. Joe Lynch confirmed that Shannon did indeed resign, and that the BOS closed session was done to accept her resignation. At the same session, the BOS decided to have Joe as the acting director. Joe opened the time for questions. Paul asked about the BOS session yesterday to determine course of



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director for HHSA. Joe replied this was needed in order to post the position of HHSA Director, and the plan is to fill the position by 3/31/2022, but it will depend on candidates and interviews, etc. Clarification was made between Baljit's position as Health Services Director and the HHSA Director position.

E. Review and Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to the BHB: No report.

F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly): Sheila reported she is starting the process of reviewing contracts for renewal on 6/30/2022 and should have more info at next meeting.

G. Staff Reports:

a. **Acting Director of HHSA:** Joe Lynch reported:

- i. State has recently made changes in Covid regulations. The CDC and California Public Health have changed to a community tracker method for Covid. Mariposa is currently at medium. Masks are no longer required, only recommended. During the pandemic there were quite a few emergency proclamations for procedures that are now being walked back. All executive orders are being rescinded 75% done, other 25% will end 3/31/2022. There are some regulations that we are not sure how to change; for example, how we do telehealth video conferencing to do clinical work, and not sure if that will continue. We are working through regulations to help understand which will be permanent, modified or rescinded. At this time, we do not have a list but will report back to this board for any changes in services and impact.
- ii. There are three strategies at HHSA: SOC, Strategic Planning and Covid response. Paul feels more needs to be done to encourage vaccines to save lives and feels there is a component related to BH.

b. **Director of Health Services:** Baljit Hundal – no report.

c. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker reported:

- i. BHRS will be shifting to more in-person services.
- ii. Masks still required at the clinical sites such as Family Services Center, the Community Health Center/Public Health, the North County HHSA office, and during transportations.
- iii. Grants received for additional telehealth equip, zoom licenses, cell phones, and expansions in staffing. A more formal presentation is coming on Cal-AIM in April or May.
- iv. Application for ODS (Organized Delivery System) for SUD program is in the works to be able to expand SUD services - hope to go live this summer.

d. **Financial:** Randy Ridenhour or Gosia Gwiazda: No report

e. **Quality Assurance:** Lynn Rumpfelt reviewed the report that was sent out in email yesterday.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2022 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary

Approved 5/4/2022