



# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

of Mariposa County  
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## MINUTES

February 3, 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:** Paul Brickett, Ellie McQuarrie, Debbie Cook, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Olga Leonard, Lt. Sean Land, Matt DiPirro, Pam Hawkins

**Members Excused:** Ron Schmidt

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** Lisa Parker, Audra Signes, Hal Nolen

**Staff Present:** Shannon Gadd, Lynn Rumfelt, Baljit Hundal, Sheila Baker, Rachel Gren

**Quorum:** Yes

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. by Paul Brickett, Chair. Roll call introductions were made.
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2021 (attachment):** Pam Hawkins made a motion to approve minutes, and Rosemarie Smallcombe seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed. Minutes for January 6, 2021 were approved.
- III. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read aloud by Paul Brickett
- IV. **Public Comments:** None
- V. **Agenda Items**
  - A. **Announcements:** None
  - B. **Old Business:**
    1. **Receive report from Lynn Rumfelt on data the BHB wants to review regarding contracts and how often the BHB would like to receive reports:** Ms. Rumfelt shared a BH Contracts Report and feedback was given by the Board. Paul Brickett asked for a list of individual contracts and Ms. Rumfelt said she could provide that at the next meeting. Mr. Brickett asked what the total budget is for contracts compared to budget for in-county expenditures? Lynn will find out and bring answer to next meeting. No action was taken.

2. **Receive report from AOT Subcommittee regarding AB1976 (Assisted Outpatient Treatment) Program:** Lt. Sean Land reported the consensus of the Subcommittee was to opt out; however, Judge Fagalde expressed valid points to opting in. It was recommended by the BHB that the AOT Subcommittee meet again and bring a final recommendation to the BHB meeting on March 3, 2021. Baljit Hundal suggested having a public forum so that community members can give input. Final recommendations will be taken to the BOS in April for resolution. No action was taken.

**C. New Business: None**

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

1. Congratulations to Native Solutions for obtaining the DUI contract. Tentative date for handoff is March 1, 2021.

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

1. Rosemarie Smallcombe reported the Housing Policy Advisory Committee is looking for new members. If you know anyone who is interested, please contact Ms. Smallcombe.
2. Governor of California proposed grants in amount of \$750 million for behavioral health housing (sober living, locked facilities, etc.) to build capacity statewide for adults and children. Counties are concerned about increased cost of inpatient psych treatment and there are not enough beds at different facilities - COVID is draining resources and it takes longer to get placement for clients. Baljit Hundal reported that on the children's side this is a hot issue. Child welfare reform looked at moving group homes to Short-term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs). There were 200 children placed in out-of-state group homes and at the end of last year the state decided that counties had to bring every one of them back within 45 days. Hopefully some of the grant will help place these children. \*Lynn Rumfelt suggested inviting Sierra Quest Group Home to do a presentation at the next BHB meeting. Matt DiPirro suggested inviting Tyson Wellcome from Ethos to do a presentation. The Board asked staff to extend invitations to these individuals at upcoming BHB meeting. Rosemarie Smallcombe suggested to extend the length of time for the next BHB meeting to allow enough time for presentations. Lt. Land made the motion to have a 2 hour meeting on March 3, 2021. Rosemarie Smallcombe seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed.

**F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly):** Reviewed above.

**G. Committees/Community Partner Reports:**

1. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Audra Signes reported MHH is now opening up appointments to clients and is still serving as a food pantry.
2. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** No report
3. **Probation:** Matt DiPirro reported Probation will be working with Motherlode Job Training to come up with a plan for prison-to-employment program.
4. **Connections Shelter:** Hal Nolen reported there are currently 15 guests with about 6 on the wait list. Housing navigators work with shelter to place guests in housing.
5. **Mariposa Safe Families:** No report
6. **Native Solutions:** Lisa Parker reported Positive Parenting Program classes have started and there are a couple seats still available. Family Visitation Center and Indian Child Welfare collaboration was able to help advocate and reunify a family recently. NS still doing family visitations and is in the process of hiring a couple monitors to help assist with supervisions.



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## H. Staff Reports:

1. **Director of HHSA:** Shannon Gadd reported Baljit Hundal has transitioned to the new Director of Health Services (overseeing Behavioral Health and Public Health). Congratulations!
2. **Interim Director of Health Services:** Baljit Hundal will begin to share CBHDA info at BHB meetings
3. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** No report
4. **Social Worker Supervisors:** Rachel Gren asked to be put on the agenda for next month to do a presentation on TBS Services
5. **Financial:** Randy Ridenhour's report will be sent out in email to the BHB
6. **Quality Assurance:** Lynn Rumfelt's report will be sent out in email to the BHB

VI. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on **March 3, 2021, 12:30 to 2:30 pm**, at Mariposa County Health & Human Services

Submitted,

*Donya Evans*

Recording Secretary