



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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MINUTES

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

February 2, 2022

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Mariposa County Health & Human Services - Mariposa Conference Room

5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, California 95338

Teleconference Zoom Meeting (Audio Only)

1-669-900-6833, Meeting ID 983 6949 5177, Participant ID #, Passcode 190979

Members Present: Paul Brickett, Debbie Woodbury, Ellie McQuarrie, Matt DiPirro, Olga Leonard, Rosemarie Smallcombe

Members Excused: Cpt. Sean Land

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Megan Atkinson, Lisa Parker, Therese Williams, Tiffany Romero

Staff Present: Lynn Rumfelt, Sheila Baker, Baljit Hundal, Gosia Gwiazda, Sydney Forga

Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m. by Paul Brickett, Chair. Roll call was done.
- II. **Mission Statement:** Paul Brickett read the mission statement.
- III. **Confirm Covid emergency and vote to extend option for teleconferenced BHB meetings as now required by AB361:** Debbie Woodbury made a motion to confirm the Covid emergency and extend option for teleconferenced BHB meetings, and Rosemarie Smallcombe seconded the motion. A vote was taken by roll call. Paul, Debbie, Olga, Rosemarie and Matt voted yes. Ellie voted no. There were no abstaining votes. The motion passed 5 to 1.
- IV. **Public Hearing:** Lynn Rumfelt gave a brief presentation of the Draft Mariposa County MHSA Annual Plan Amendment 2021-2022 for the Workforce Education and Training (WET). Public input and recommendations were received, and questions were answered. The PowerPoint presentation is available upon request.
- V. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2021, December 8, 2021, and January 5, 2022 (attachments):** Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to approve minutes for November 3, 2021, and Paul Brickett seconded the motion. A vote was taken by roll call. Members Paul, Olga, Rosemarie, Ellie and Matt voted "aye," none were opposed, Debbie abstained. Minutes for November 3, 2021 were approved. Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to approve minutes for December 8, 2021, and Debbie Woodbury seconded the motion. A vote was taken by roll call. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, none abstained. Minutes for December 8, 2021 were approved. **The meeting for January 5,

2022 did not have an established quorum and no business was conducted; therefore, does not meet requirements to approve meeting minutes.

VI. Public Comments: None

VII. Agenda Items

A. Announcements: None

B. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

- a. **Mariposa Heritage House:** No report.
- b. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** Not present.
- c. **Connections Shelter:** Not present.
- d. **Probation:** Matt DiPirro reported that Probation hired two new officers and is in the process of hiring one more. Matt shared how officers are trained in mental health and help probationers in Behavioral Health Court.
- e. **Native Solutions:** Lisa Parker reported new staff were hired. Men's Support group is back on Fridays at 10am. DUI program is going strong – license approved. Info is available on website.
- f. **Mariposa Safe Families:** Megan Atkinson reported programs are going well. A youth summit is being planned for this summer-fall. MSF was awarded innovation grant for mothers' support group which will start in March. Family Enrichment Center is still open and taking precautions for Covid.

C. Old Business:

- a. **Receive Suicide Prevention Presentation:** Baljit Hundal gave update regarding efforts for suicide prevention including the organization of a Suicide and Prevention Outreach Team (SPOT) by Health & Human Services and inviting community partners to participate. Activities by the SPOT team have included mass mailers, social media posts, presentations at rural schools, flyers at the gun shop and at other local businesses, flyers at the county fair, radio PSAs, television PSAs, and a suicide risk tool, plus many other activities. Plans for SPOT for 2022 include doing more outreach to veterans and continuing social media posts, etc. Suicide statistics in 2021 rose to 12, average is 6, and highest previous was in 2017 at 9. Baljit reviewed all the suicide reports from SO and looked for common themes or clues, anything that would shed light on what we can do different and decrease stats in 2022. Common themes were: 1) in 2020-2021, majority of suicides were via guns; 2) majority of victims were NOT behavioral health clients; and 3) breakdown by age: 6 were age 40 years and under, 4 were 40-50 years, 5 were 50-60 years, 1 was 60-70 years, and 2 were 70+ years. Feedback was given to Baljit for ideas including banners in yards. Baljit mentioned BHRS will start going out on suicide calls with SO to assist. SPOT meetings are once a month on the third Wednesday at 3pm – if interested please contact Donya Evans. Rosemarie suggested that SPOT should form a partnership with Area 12 Agency on Aging – Baljit said she would talk to Julie who oversees Adults. Rosemarie mentioned communities such as Fish Camp or Wawona have social media groups and maybe doing something that is more community-focused rather than broad and general – Baljit will reach out to Lizz Darcy about messaging. Baljit mentioned that a crisis mobile van is being purchased, and a psych R.N. and full-time clinician will be hired, and assigned to the crisis team, to do work in the field.

D. New Business:

- a. **Re-evaluate location and time of BHB meetings and determine best options:** Skipped – will table for next meeting.



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b. **Vote to use tele-interpreter services at BHB meetings to be able to use Zoom video meetings and maintain ADA compliance:** Skipped – will table for next meeting.

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

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

G. **Staff Reports:**

- a. **Director of HHSA:** Not present.
- b. **Director of Health Services:** Baljit Hundal reported Joe Lynch is the new acting interim director of HHSA and will invite him to the meeting next month. Systems of Care training will move forward, and strategic planning will be finalized later in the year.
- c. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker – skipped.
- d. **Financial:** Randy Ridenhour or Gosia Gwiazda – skipped.
- e. **Quality Assurance:** Lynn Rumfelt - skipped.

VIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at Mariposa County Health & Human Services Mariposa Room and via teleconference on **March 2, 2022 at 12:30 to 2 p.m.**

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary