



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2023

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: Cpt. Sean Land, Paul Brickett, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Debbie Woodbury, Matt DiPirro, Olga Leonard

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Ellie McQuarrie

Guests Present: Bryan Blew, Kristen Fiester, Karen Romo, Chrissie Doss, Tiffany Romero, Sarah Guthrie, Debra Barcellos, Megan Atkinson

Staff Present: Sheila Baker, Kristina Allen, Lisa Bello, Lynn Rumfelt, Joe Lynch

Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:36 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. **Confirm Covid emergency and vote to extend option for teleconferenced BHB meetings as now required by AB361:** Rosemarie Smallcombe indicated that the California Governor is planning to drop the COVID emergency on February 28, 2023, which will mean that if in fact it is dropped, our next meeting will need to be held in person. Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to approve, and Paul Brickett seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, none abstained. Vote was unanimous to confirm COVID emergency and extend option for teleconferenced meetings.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2023 (attachment):** Cpt. Sean Land made a motion to approve minutes, and Paul Brickett seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, none abstained. Minutes for January 4, 2023 were approved.

V. **Public Comments:** None

VI. **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, Lisa Bello (lbello@mariposacounty.org) or Katie Cotter at 1-209-966-2000 if you're interested in helping. Olga Leonard indicated she was interested again this year in volunteering.

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

1. **Mariposa Heritage House:** Debra Barcellos reported. They were able to feed 70 individuals and served 453 lunches. They have done outreach at the encampment however it has not been very successful as a lot of the individuals are resistant to services. The Recovery Coach Academy is full for the first time ever.
2. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** No report.
3. **Connections:** No report.
4. **Probation:** Matt DiPirro reported. Tim Bennett sat in for Matt at our last BHB meeting. Tim has submitted his application to apply to become a board member so that Matt can step down. Tim should be able to attend for the March meeting. Tim is a great person and has worked with the county for fifteen years; he brings a lot to the table. One of the newer probation officers is Carelli Gomez, and she is doing Behavioral Health Court. The Adult Team Meetings have started again, and meetings are now held in-person.
5. **Native Solutions:** No report.
6. **Mariposa Safe Families:** Megan reported. It has been very busy the last few months. In early January 2022 the Youth Empowerment Conference had 60 youth. The event was 1 day and offered 8 workshops with different speakers and presentations. There are now 30 youth in the Friday Night Club. They are in the process of planning out the 2023 conference with Behavioral Health. The Family Resource Center has been revamped with new computers and printers. They are open from 9:30am – 4:30pm at their location on 8th and Jones Street. The Youth Center is now open for breakfast as the high school has a late start on Friday mornings. 35 youth came in for breakfast. The plan is to host the breakfast two Fridays a month. Sixteen youth are enrolled every Tuesday and Thursday at the youth center after school program. All programs are going very well.

C. **Old Business:**

1. No items.

D. **New Business:**

1. **Receive letter of intent, review and make recommendations for appointment of Sheila Baker to Local Mental Health Director:** The BHB received a letter of intent from Sheila Baker to review and make recommendations for her appointment as the Local Mental Health Director. Sheila spoke on her behalf. She graduated with a Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology in 1999. She started working in the schools initially and then worked with groups, individuals, and families prior to obtaining her license. Rosemarie Smallcombe asked Sheila about provisions in the WIC. There will not be a need for a waiver as Sheila is licensed and has been for many years. She is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), and she meets criteria for the position. Paul asked if she would still be the Mental Health Deputy Director for Mariposa County and she said yes that she will still have her role as Deputy Director for Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. Sheila would maintain both titles: Local Mental Health Director and Deputy Director of Behavioral Health & Recovery Services. It is the intent moving forward for the Deputy Director



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position to also hold the position of the Local Mental Health Director.

Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to approve, and Paul Brickett seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, none abstained. Vote was unanimous to appoint Sheila Baker as the new Local Mental Health Director.

2. **Vote to submit recommendation to the BOS to approve Tim Bennett as a member of the Behavioral Health Board:** Paul Brickett suggested the board have some knowledge of the applicant's background before we vote. Matt DiPirro suggested that he comes to the meeting with Tim in case someone has questions. Paul would like to see a resume or something similar in the future. Cpt. Sean Land suggested that maybe the team meets on the side to review the process. Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to approve, and Paul Brickett seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, none abstained. Vote was unanimous to submit recommendation of Tim Bennett to the BOS for becoming a BHB member.
3. **Mariposa Heritage House Presentation:** Health Care Navigators Tiffany Romero and Sarah gave an update relative to MHH services. They spoke about the drop-in center can be used for meals, showers, use of tablets for tele-med appointments, peer support, recovery coaching, as well as a place for social activities. They work with homeless individuals and assist with specialty appointment transportation. Their transportation fixed route is open to any Mariposa Community member. Brochures are being updated. The team at Heritage House also provide case management for clients. They have also received a grant for incentives from Anthem Blue Cross to help the clients become self-reliant. The overview also included a summary on how they collect milestone data for housing clients in response to a question from Paul Brickett.
4. **Consider removing "Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts" as a standing agenda item:** Cpt. Sean Land indicated that the board is looking for what the contract service is and the tracking of the validity of that contract. The BHB has been considering reviewing contracts monthly due to the quantity even though the Action Plan indicates quarterly. Moving forward it can be done quarterly. Cpt. Sean Land also stated we did not need a motion to change anything and that we could start reviewing the contracts quarterly starting in April. Item F on the agenda should be removed on the next meetings' agenda.

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

1. On January 26, 2023, the Federal Centers for Medicaid (Medi-Cal) and Medicare Services notified California that they will be the first state in the nation to offer a targeted set of Medicaid (Medi-Cal) services for youths and adults in state prisons, county jails and youth correctional facilities for up to 90 days prior to release. This is an expansion of the Inmate Exclusion that limited inmates to receiving inpatient hospital care as the only service that could be covered by Medi-Cal. It was noted by Kristina Allen that they are working on this item with the jail medical staff. They are also working with the jail to apply for funding that will increase services provided by our Eligibility Teams.

F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly): Not discussed (see *New Business* above, number 4).

G. Staff Reports:

1. **Acting Director of HHSA:** Joe Lynch reported:
 - i. BHRS has a new MHSA 3-year plan that is due 6/30/23. We are in the beginning stages of planning what we will change and/or keep. Will discuss more in the April meeting.
 - ii. Currently negotiating to use the Charter School Building for North County. This building is about 6,000 square feet and can hold various different government agencies. We will be able to expand our services without the use of using general funding. It has the room to have 20 offices.
 - iii. Encampment update: Joe has reported to the BOS the success of housing people. It is recognized there was a setback with vandalism at the cemetery. There will be a campaign to get to the fundamental reason why people are homeless. More to come on this.
2. **Director of Health Services:** Kristina Allen reported:
 - i. BHRS reorganized the supervisors and staff.
 - ii. Last Friday were interviews for a Program Administrator; an offer will go out this week. This role will oversee Jail Based Services and TCM.
3. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker reported:
 - i. We have identified and secured a new Supervisor for the Children's team, Jillian Rodriguez has transferred from Child Welfare Services.
 - ii. Kyle Jenkins has moved from the TRAC team to Supervisor of the Adult team.
 - iii. Rebecca Ballinger, Psychiatric Registered Nurse, will oversee the TRAC team.
4. **Financial:** No report.
5. **Quality Assurance:** No report.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on March 1, 2023 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Lisa Bello

Recording Secretary

Approved by the Behavioral Health Board on 4/5/2023