



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

of Mariposa County
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MINUTES

January 6, 2021

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Zoom Virtual Room

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

Members Excused: Ellie McQuarrie

Members Absent: Ron Schmidt

Guests Present: Lisa Parker, Hal Nolen, Debra Barcellos

Staff Present: Lynn Rumfelt, Sheila Baker, Baljit Hundal, Shannon Gadd, Kyle Jenkins, Randy Ridenhour

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 done.

II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2020 (attachment):** Pam Hawkins made a motion to approve minutes, and Debbie Cook seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed. Minutes for December 2, 2020 were approved.

III. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was read by Paul Brickett

IV. **Public Comments:** None

V. **Agenda Items**

A. **Announcements:** Paul Brickett plans to attend BHB training on the 15th.

B. **Old Business:**

- a. Complete 2020-2021 Action Plan: The Board discussed what data they would like to review in regards to contracts and how often they would like to receive reports. Lynn Rumfelt will bring a report to next meeting for review and further determination. Tabled for February 3, 2021.

C. **New Business:**

- a. Discuss and determine if BHB members will take the lead for AB1976 (Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program): It was determined the BHB is required to make a

determination to opt in/out of the AOT program for Mariposa County and then make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors before May 31, 2021. It was suggested a subcommittee be formed to meet and discuss further. It was also suggested to invite the Judges to participate in the subcommittee. Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to establish a subcommittee to address the question of whether we should recommend to the BOS that we opt in/out of the AOT that is defined by AB1976 and that the subcommittee will include Lynn Rumfelt, Sheila Baker, Kyle Jenkins, Lisa Parker, Matt DiPirro, Lt. Sean Land, and any members of the community that staff recommend. Lt. Sean Land seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed, no one abstained. Lt. Land will send out email for best date and time for committee to meet. The subcommittee will meet and report back at the next BHB meeting in February.

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

- a. Debra Barcellos reported that Mariposa Heritage House is making plans for upcoming Recovery Coach Academy at the end of March – first of April.
- b. Sheila Baker reported that due to the new law (AB1950) that was passed on January 1, 2021 and adjustments to time frames for participants in Probation, Drug Court and Behavioral Health Court matrices were revised and accepted by Mariposa County Courts.

E. Review and Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to the BHB: Rosemarie Smallcombe shared and reviewed the 2020 Legislative Platform for Mariposa County with the Board, with particular emphasis on Health & Wellness (page 6). Board members were encouraged to review the document and give feedback.

F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly): Discussed earlier in Old Business (pertaining to Action Plan Goal B)

G. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

- a. **Mariposa Heritage House:** No report
- b. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** No report
- c. **Connections Shelter:** Hal Nolen reported the shelter is running at 95% capacity but numbers change daily. If anyone has a referral, please call ahead of time to check for availability.
- d. **Probation:** Matt DiPirro reported changes being made regarding the new AB1950 law and decreased length of terms for participants. Approximately 66 participants are being released from Probation as of January 1, 2021 and more will be released in the near future. Per Sheila Baker, 11 participants have been released from Drug Court. Participants have the option to remain in programs voluntarily.
- e. **Mariposa Safe Families:** A survey was sent out to the high school administrator to determine their needs for services (alcohol and tobacco use) at school. MSF is working on After School Matters program which is in a lull right now because kids are on vacation, but expect to pick up again soon.
- f. **Native Solutions:** Lisa Parker reported:
 - i. Working with California Indian Health Board to become a coalition for local tribes in the area and this was granted along with MOU's which allows NS to apply for funding under opioid task force. Priority is to provide a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program in Mariposa County and a LCSW was hired to help develop the program.
 - ii. Contract for DUI program is in the works with Mariposa County, waiting for approval from the BOS. A second location has been secured which will be used for DUI classes.
 - iii. Family Visitation Center assists families and Child Welfare Services with supervised visits and safe exchanges.



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- iv. Licensed and certified to do DOT drug testing - rapid swabs and rapid urine tests.

H. Staff Reports:

- a. **Director of HHSA:** Shannon Gadd gave COVID-19 update - cases continue to climb. If you have questions you can reach out to our team.
- b. **Interim Director of Health Services:** No report
- c. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** No report
- d. **Social Worker Supervisors:** Lynn Rumfelt and Sheila Baker reported
 - i. COVID Debriefing Group provides support/counseling to staff and families affected by COVID stress, deaths, etc.
 - ii. Targeted Case Management (TCM) program is launching soon - a specialized service for members of community who meet specialized criteria. Lynn will send out flyers to BHB when they're ready.
 - iii. Systems of Care and Adult Systems of Care programs are up and running.
 - iv. Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Program helps clients who are discharged from psychiatric hospitals and get follow-up appointments to provide stability.
 - v. Outreach continues to be provided to support community partners at Project Room Key and at Shelter.
 - vi. Telehealth services for ongoing behavioral health and substance use treatment are continuing.
 - vii. Skills for Better Living – virtual on-line group continues to meet weekly.
- e. **Financial:** Randy Ridenhour shared the MH Budget Report of January 2021 which was reviewed and questions were answered.
- f. **Quality Assurance:** Statistical Report was reviewed with Lynn Rumfelt and questions were answered.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on February 3, 2021 at Mariposa County Health & Human Services, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Submitted,

Donya Evans

Recording Secretary