



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2023
12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Mariposa County Health & Human Services – Mariposa Conference Room
5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa, California 95338

To attend via telephone, call 1-669-900-6833, then at the prompts enter the following:
Meeting ID 985-9834-5239, participant ID #, passcode 123456

Members Present: Paul Brickett, Ellie McQuarrie, Olga Leonard, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Mike Charmin, Loretta Milne

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Megan Atkinson, Tyson Wellcome, Kareli Gomez, Monika Martinez

Staff Present: Sheila Baker, Lisa Bello

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 Mike Charmin.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2023 (attachment):** Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to approve minutes, and Loretta Milne seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed. Minutes for September 6, 2023 were approved.
- IV. **Public Comments:** None
- V. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **Announcements:** Paul Brickett reminded the group that we have a hard stop at 2:00pm; as everyone needs time to speak.
 - B. **Committees/Community Partner Reports:**
 1. **Mariposa Heritage House:** No report.
 2. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** No report.
 3. **Connections:** No report.

4. **Probation:** Kareli Gomez reported that Probation attended National Night Out and it was very successful. The plastic ax game was a lot of fun and the kids really enjoyed it. It was a nice event; JCF was there, Today is a New Day was there. Probation has been attending football games to help with crowd control.
5. **Native Solutions:** No report.
6. **Mariposa Safe Families:** Megan Atkinson reported MSF also attended National Night Out. Kudos to California Highway Patrol for 13 youth and 4 adults heading to Anaheim for the 10th Leadership Conference. Megan will have a full report for all at the November board meeting. They are also preparing for Red Ribbon Week. This is a recognition and awareness of drug use prevention that has been going on for about 20 years now here in Mariposa. The youth are excited for this week to happen. Aftercare school program has started. Teaming up with state council on mental disabilities – will coordinate listening sessions with early start and early intervention programs, etc., to talk about what we are seeing, what's working and not working, and formulate a plan of action and move forward.

C. Old Business:

1. **Update on Social Vocational Services (SVS) legwork by Yolanda Cruz on Mariposa location (tabled):** Next steps are the listening sessions in late October to early November with state council and addressing the needs. SVS continues with same procedure; hub is in Oakhurst, and clients are still being bused to various locations. Not all clients came back. Still concerned about they are renting someone else's facility. Loretta feels a visit is needed.
2. **Review and discuss finances FY23-24 (tabled from 9/6/23):** Sheila Baker reported. At board meeting yesterday involving housing and new rates that Behavioral Health is charging, want to explain why, we had a public hearing yesterday to give opportunity to public to ask questions. We had rate increases past year due to changes that Cal-aim made. Starting July 2023, another piece of initiative was to change the way that billing is done for Medi-Cal (payment reform); for example, we can no longer bill for transportation or documentation time. 2.4 million was approved yesterday for Organized Delivery System – will be able to expand Substance Use Disorder (SUD) staff and intensive outpatient treatment.
3. **Review and discuss goals and age requirements for BHB members (tabled from 9/6/23):** Sheila will bring back answers at next meeting.

D. New Business:

1. **Review 2023 Mariposa County Data Notebook Survey and establish committee to complete, due November 30, 2023 (attachments x3):** Meeting will be held to complete the data notebook – committee will be Chair and Vice Chair, and a member from QA team.

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

1. Rosemarie mentioned that CARE Court went into effect on Sunday 10/1/2023 for 8 counties (includes Tuolumne County) for folks who have severe mental health issues. Sheila said a team will be organized to begin plans to implement CARE Court in Mariposa County.
2. Yesterday the BOS made another step forward to implement the new county organized health system. Central California Alliance for Health will be located in the HHSA building and will be Medi-Cal provider for Mariposa County. Go live date will be 1/1/2024.

- F. Review and Discuss BHRS Contracts (Quarterly):** Discussed – again the question is what do we want to know or what information do we want provided? Sheila will bring report back at next BHB meeting. BHB proposed to ask Randy Ridenhour to provide a report that will show the service providers and the amounts for FY22-23.



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G. Staff Reports:

1. **Acting Director of HHSA:** Joe Lynch – Not present, no report.
2. **Director of Health Services:** Kristina Keheley - Not present, no report.
3. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker reported (see above).
4. **Financial:** No report.
5. **Quality Assurance:** No report.

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

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

Submitted,

Lisa Bello

Recording Secretary