



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2025

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 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, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Loretta Milne, Eva Adams, Dana Hallett

Members Excused: Jesse Salcedo

Members Absent: Olga Leonard, Mike Charman

Guests Present: Danielle Bondshu, Isaac Camorlinga, Willow Merrell, Jazion Adkins, Megan Atkinson, Lisa Parker, Melina Winchester, Donna Rangel

Staff Present: Sheila Baker, Stacey Lynch, Kristina Keheley, Jillian Rodriguez, Adrienne Beas

Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m. by Paul Brickett, Chair. Roll call and introductions were made. Paul Brickett confirmed the quorum.
- II. **Mission Statement:** The mission statement was not read. Paul suggested for people to read the mission statement on their own.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 4, 2024 (attachment):**
- IV. **Public Comments:** No report.
- V. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **Announcements:** The annual report was due on April 1st, but there is a grace period until the end of the month before any consequences are enforced. The annual report, which is prepared by the executive team—primarily Paul and supporting volunteers. Paul mentioned if you are interested in volunteering to let him know.
 - B. **Old Business:** None
 - C. **New Business:**
 1. Stacey noted that the Mental Health Director position in question would typically report to her. As the position will remain unfilled and Stacey is licensed, she is able and willing to take on the associated responsibilities. expressed a strong passion for behavioral health and affirmed their commitment to the board's mission. Stacey looks forward to increased involvement and exploring ways to enhance the services provided. This work will be ongoing. The goal of this transition is to maintain continuity of services for both the agency and its providers. Rosemarie Smallcombe made a motion to recommend Stacey Lynch to the Board of Supervisors to serve as the Local Mental Health Director. The motion was seconded by Loretta Milne. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Loretta Milne volunteered to be Vice Chair. Paul made a motion to elect Loretta Milne as Vice Chair. BHB members voted. The motion was approved unanimously. Paul mentioned his term for Chair is up in June and a new Chair will need to be elected at the next meeting.

D. Staff Reports:

1. **Director of HHSA:** Kristina Keheley reported. County is facing budget cuts from the State and Federal level. Currently looking into the budgets to see how that's going to affect us. Public Health is being impacted by budget cuts. Interviews were completed to replace Sheila as the Deputy Director of BHRS after Sheila retires.
2. **Director of Health Services:** Stacey Lynch reported. Stacey committed on Budget cuts: CDPH, which is the public health side and also DHCS have assured us that the base funding is staying the same. At the moment they're pulling back right now on augmented funds and all of the Covid added funds and those were never intended to be long term.
3. **Deputy Director of BHRS:** Sheila Baker reported. Some funding for BHRS will be expiring in June. Sheila's last day of work is May 9, 2025, and last BHB meeting is May 7, 2025. Sheila thanked everyone and the youth guest for attending BHB meeting and told them their voice is appreciated. BHRS has a couple of intern clinicians that will be on boarding as full-time clinicians. One of them is a counselor on the SUD team and will be joining the Mental Health side as a Co-Occurring clinician meaning they can treat both, SUD and Behavioral Health. The other intern will be joining the adult team for Behavioral Health. Sheila gave an update on PAD program which is a pilot program for Psychiatric Advanced Directive. PAD is a legal document that has a patient's preference for future mental health treatment.
4. **Financial:** No report.
5. **Quality Assurance:** No report.

E. Committees/Community Partner Reports:

1. **Mariposa Heritage House:** No report.
2. **Mariposa Minds Matter:** Jillian Rodriguez reported. Mariposa Minds Matter had a sign-up sheet available for volunteers to help with the Mariposa Minds Matter booth at the Butterfly Festival on May 3-4, 2025. They are also recruiting members and have been taking walks around town to talk with people and businesses to promote Mariposa Minds Matter. Meeting take place every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:00PM. Contact Adrienne or Jillian if interested in volunteering.
3. **Connections:** No report.
4. **Probation:** No report.
5. **Native Solutions:** Lisa Parker reported. Trade has expanded to Trade Recovery Center. They are a 3.5 treatment center designated for Mariposa County. Still getting kinks out but will be taking applicants in 3-4 months. The Trade Recovery Center will be a 24-hour center with 12 beds, 6 and 6 co-eds also with level of care of having destinations for families. Parents will be able to have their children with them. Being a 3.5 treatment center they are able to provide MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) services. Native Solutions was awarded a grant to expand their DUI program to include Poly Substances. They also have a Merced office that offers child abuse and endangerment classes. They have a couple of graduates enrolled in college for substance use. Recently received \$10,000 donation through the Kaiser Foundation. All Native solutions board member positions are filled, 5 board members total.
6. **Mariposa Safe Families:** Isaac Camorlinga reported. Just finished Illuminate Youth Summit which happened March 20, 2025. They had 70 youth participants from all the schools in Mariposa. 25 different partners and organizations came out to support and share programs with the youth. Some organizations were teaching kids how to cook and teaching them the dangers of tobacco, and Fentanyl and



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how drunk driving impacts people and their families. There was also information on what to expect from Merced College and how you can transfer credits to other universities and colleges. Yesterday youth attended the FNL month and Alcohol Awareness Month Proclamation. Played a video for FNL month and youth read a message.

7. **Mariposa Family Resource Center:** No report.
8. **Ethos:** No report.
9. **Mountain Crisis:** Melina Winchester reported. Melina started doing individual counseling with people and they plan on getting group counseling started. Preparing for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and planning on doing outreach with community partners.
10. **Miwumati Family Healing Center:** No report.
11. **Casa:** No report.
12. **Veterans Representative:** No report.
13. **Discuss Policy/Legislative Issues Relevant to BHB (Action Plan-Goal A4):**
Rosemarie Smallcombe reported. There are a lot of bills that have been introduced to the legislature in Sacramento. The governor still has a heavy emphasis on reducing and preventing homelessness. Rosemarie will be attending the California State Association of Counties Legislative Conference and will share information with Adrienne. Sheila mentioned there is a lot of new amendments to watch for. One of them is to increase the Care Court criteria. Currently Care Court treats mainly Schizophrenia, and the future bills will include Bipolar.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30PM

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on June 4, 2025, at Mariposa County Health & Human Services from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Submitted,

Adrienne Beas