



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

of Mariposa County
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Minutes

February 4, 2026
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Mariposa County Health & Human Services ~ 5362 Lemee Lane Mariposa, CA 95338

Members Present: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Paul Brickett, Mike Charman (Virtually), Dana Hallett, Sarah Matlock

Members Excused: Jesse Salcedo, Eva Adams

Members Absent:

Guests Present: Bryan Blew, Megan Atkinson, DPO Brocchini, Heather Livingston, Jerry Johnson, Isaac Camerlinga, Melina Winchester.

Staff Present: Laura Chase, Stacey Lynch, Saxon Amborn, Stephanie Topping, Stephanie Dumford, Jillian Rodriguez

Confirmed Quorum: Yes

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order at 12:32 by Rosemarie Smallcombe, Chair. Roll call was taken by Lindsey Guenthart.

II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- A. Draft Minutes of 1/7/2026 meeting (Attachment)

Dana Hallett made a motion to approve minutes. Paul Brickett seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye," none were opposed. Minutes for 1/7/2026 were approved.

III. **Public Comments**

Rosemarie read the statement:

Persons wishing to address any agenda item or comment on any item not on the agenda may do so at this time. Any comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Please state your name and address (optional). For items not on the agenda, no action will be taken at this time. If it requires action, it will be referred to staff and/or placed on the next agenda.

- Safe Families provided an update on the youth program. They operate a Youth Vault closet that includes hygiene products and essential items. Staff presence at youth sites will be increased. The youth center is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, as well as before school on Fridays. New youth continue to enroll, with an increase in participation following the closure of ETHOS. The program is seeking additional funding. The connection with HHSA is well received, and the collaborative working relationship is appreciated.

IV. **Announcements**

-Paul states CAL BHB hold a training every year for members. Held in Sacramento and paid expenses for one member to go. April 17-18 is next training. Secretary to forward email with information to members.

-HHSA staff announce that Michael Wilson no longer with agency. Saxon Amborn is Interim BHRS Deputy Director.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is required to participate in this meeting, please contact Recording Secretary at 1-209-966-2000.

V. Old Business

- A. Discussion and Direction Regarding Projects of Importance to the Behavioral Health Board. High-Impact Projects the BHB Can Lead (with County Partnership) (Attachment)

VI. New Business

- A. Discussion surrounding how Behavioral Health Board members can support HHSA Staff in preparation for the BHSA Integrated Plan. (standing item)

-Rosemarie asked the Board how they can best support HHSA staff and referenced the BHSA survey that was distributed.

-HHSA staff reported that the survey has closed; however, feedback on programs can still be submitted through the June deadline.

-Rosemarie suggested adding the BHSA Implementation Plan (IP) and budget to next month's agenda, if ready for dissemination by the meeting date.

-HHSA staff outlined next steps, which include a 30-day public comment period. The public comment results can be shared with the Board to help guide outreach and community engagement. A public hearing with the BHB will follow. HHSA staff requested assistance in increasing attendance at the public hearing.

-HHSA staff agreed to share the timeline provided by DHCS outlining the State's expectations.

-Paul asked why the BHSA Implementation Plan was not provided to the BHB members for the February meeting.

-HHSA staff responded that they are not yet in a position to provide the plan. Once the CAO approves the draft, it may be shared with Director approval.

-Rosemarie requested that a timeline of the IP be shared with BHB members once available.

-HHSA staff emphasized that the BHSA document is a true draft and that BHB members will have opportunities to provide feedback through the June deadline.

-HHSA staff stated they will provide the IP as soon as possible.

-Community member raised the question regarding survey results.

-HHSA staff reported that feedback indicated a need for improved marketing of services and better access to services.

-Rosemarie requested that the Public Information Officer (PIO) attend a future meeting to explain HHSA's public outreach efforts.

-Rosemarie asked partnering agencies present to share feedback they have received from the community.

-One response indicated a perception that HHSA staff may not be concerned with public opinion; recent Health Summit and survey feedback were discussed.

-HHSA staff welcomed continued feedback during the BHSA draft development period.

-Safe Families requested copies of the survey to distribute at their events.

-Rosemarie suggested redistributing the survey and current survey results to the group, followed by a listening session that includes partnering agencies.

-Rosemarie also suggested partnering agencies present how funding is used for their programs.

-Safe Families proposed holding this discussion during the public comment portion of the June BHB meeting and expressed interest in partnering with HHSA staff at their events throughout the year to support public feedback efforts.

-A community member and Safe Families offered to distribute surveys at food distribution events throughout the year.



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- HHSA staff stated it would be helpful to provide clarity on state mandates versus areas where HHSA has discretion in serving the community, as HHSA staff cares greatly for their clients
- HHSA staff shared that an outreach program was conducted last year, with two staff members engaging in the community throughout the year. Challenges included limited public willingness to engage initially, though follow-up responses were received later.
- HHSA staff noted that partnering at community events would be beneficial, subject to state funding restrictions.
- Sarah Matlock stated that the school district would welcome HHSA staff hosting events on school campuses to engage with youth.
- HHSA staff advised that the stakeholder process begins each fall for the following fiscal year.
- Rosemarie will consult with COB regarding identifying BHRS-related contracts with partnering agencies.
- Sarah will share the LCAP budget with the group.

- B. HHSA staff present HHSA's organizational chart (Attachment)
-Items not discussed

VII. Staff Reports Pertaining to Behavioral Health (maximum 5 minutes)

- A. Director of HHSA- None
- B. Director of Health Services- None
- C. Deputy Director of Behavioral Health- None
- D. Finances- None
- E. Quality Assurance- None

VIII. Adjournment @ 1:30PM

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held in the Mariposa County Health & Human Services Mariposa Conference Room and via teleconference, March 4, 2026 at 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Submitted,

L. Guenthart

Recording Secretary