



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING **DRAFT** MINUTES

May 6, 2026

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

Members Present: Jesse Salcedo, Paul Brickett, Mike Charman, Sarah Matlock, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Eva Adams

Members Excused: Dana Hallett

Guests Present: Heather Livingston, Dana Swarth, Megan Atkinson, Lisa Parker, Tom Lyden

Staff Present: Laura Chase, Todd Davidson, Lynn Rumfelt, Kristina Kehely, Saxon Amborn, Tara Davis, Sarah Higgs, Malena Palmer, Maureen McCormick, Lindsey Guenthart

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Confirm Quorum

The meeting was called to order at **12:31 PM** by Chair Smallcombe. A quorum was in attendance.

II. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- A. Parker/Native Solutions stated that she was disappointed that the County BH refused to provide a letter of support for her organization's \$500K and \$5 million grant proposals, based on the stated reason that many of the proposed services already fall within the scope of the County. She noted that the NS proposal wasn't intended to duplicate existing resources but expand them, and she expected a more collaborative process. Nevertheless, NS was continuing with their application.

III. Public Hearing

A. Conduct public hearing to receive public input, review and make recommendations for submission of the Draft "Mariposa County Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Integrated Plan (2026-2029)"

Amborn and Chase gave a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the three-year draft Integrated Plan that will be implemented beginning July 1st, 2026.

Discussion followed the presentation. Chase noted that with the community feedback, they only received about 20 surveys, despite attempts to engage the community. Adams asked if BHB was deploying crisis teams with first responders, and Kehely noted that TRAC teams have been active for years, partnering with the Sheriff's department.

Parker asked about the full-service partnership and the services provided. Higgs said they provided narcotics treatment programs: organizations must be licensed to provide methadone, and HHSA wasn't, so they contracted with outside partners in Merced and Fresno for treatment because they're seeing walk-in clients daily. Lyden asked if clients had to travel to Merced or Fresno daily for treatment, and Higgs confirmed. He also asked why HHSA doesn't use JCF for methadone and suboxone treatment, and Higgs answered that JCF no longer has a medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program. Discussion continued

on the protocols and response-times for clients in crisis, when Smallcombe directed the committee to return to the presentation.

Smallcombe noted that outreach is critical, and the team needed to get out into the community and utilize nonprofits and the school district to reinforce the message of services available. Mariposa Safe Families noted that they did “warm hand-offs;” felt the community needed more investment in youth programs and veteran support services. Attendees discussed various methods to promote services and engage the community. Keheley noted that town halls were planned for July to advertise the fall opening of North County services, and noted there will be a room in the new building for BHSA. The offices will be open 5 days a week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a schedule of services available.

Smallcombe asked if there were other public comments, and there were none. She noted that the BHB committee wasn’t compliant with its by-laws, as it lacked a member who is 25 years or younger, but she is working on recruiting. She stated that the committee would have a vote at the next meeting to participate in remote meetings. Chase stated they will be accepting feedback before presenting the IP to the Board of Supervisors, and encouraged attendees to use the QR code on the presentation to respond. Guenthart will send the code to the board.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Draft Minutes of April 1, 2026, meeting (Attachment)

-Due to time constraints, this item was not addressed. It will be brought back to the June 3rd, Behavioral Health Board meeting for approval.

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)

-not discussed

B. Discussion surrounding how Behavioral Health Board Members Can Support HHSA Staff in Preparation for the BHSA Integrated Plan (standing item)

-not discussed

VI. Staff Reports (maximum 5 minutes)

-not discussed

VII. Committees and Community Partner Reports (max. 5 minutes)

-not discussed

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Mariposa County Health & Human Services Mariposa Conference Room and via teleconference, **June 3, 2026, from 12:30 to 1:30 PM.**

IX. Adjournment

Smallcombe adjourned the meeting at **1:47 PM.**