



Mental Health Board

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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**January 9, 2014
Meeting Minutes
12:00 – 1:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Lisa Carisio, Paul Perry, Lori Ritter, Julia Crespi,
Jennifer Gamble, Janet Bibby, Ruth Catalan, Jeremy Briese

Members Excused: Ronika Johnson

Members Absent:

Guests: Michael Bishop, Ruth Sellers, Jerry Salazin

Quorum: Yes

Interim Director: John Lawless

Interim Deputy Director: Ann Conrad

Staff: Angela Phillips, Social Worker Supervisor I
Donna Shimer, Recording Secretary

I. Meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Lisa Carisio, Chair

Public Comments

Michael Bishop came as a follow up to Chevon Kothari's presentation at a previous meeting regarding the Small County Community Dialog Grant, that Mariposa was awarded. Chevon had discussed putting on a short 1 day 2 hour luncheon/dinner event that centers around a film that dispels many misconceptions around Mental Illness. Community members will be invited and a panel to discuss any stereotypes or stigmas that exist and enlist community support. At Chevrons' presentation there was discussion on involving the Mental Health Advisory Board. Michael asked if anyone from the Advisory Board would like to be on the community panel and to meet with him to review the materials and the DVD and to present to the Advisory Board at next months meeting on how to proceed going forward and to present this to the public in May, which is Mental Health Awareness month. Lisa, Lori and Janet stated that they would like to participate on the committee.

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Janet Bibby made a motion to approve the November 7, 2013 meeting minutes. Ruth Catalan seconded the motion and motion was passed.

III. **Reports:**

A. **Interim Director (John Lawless):** N/A

B. **Interim Deputy Director (Ann Conrad):** Ann informed the Advisory Board that the Social Services Aid position has been filled. Ann let the Advisory Board know that Human Services has applied for a Triage Grant, and is waiting to see if it will be approved. The purpose of this grant is to allow Human Services Crisis Workers to work with the Sheriff's Office as part of a team of first responders on 5150 calls and to go into the jails and provide more services than we currently are providing. This grant will also let Human Services hire two (2) part time staff to support with our crisis response unit. One will help support the night shift and one will help support the day shift. Lori Ritter asked Ann what the status was regarding hiring Mental Health Clinicians. Ann informed the Advisory Board that currently there are no applicants for the positions. There was a discussion about this. She also updated the Advisory Board that a current employee who has been out on leave will be returning March 3 on a limited capacity. This employee will only be able to work 5 hours a day, 5 days a week. There was a discussion on this topic. Ruth Catalan asked Ann what steps Human Services is taking in regards to the public release of the Grand Jury Report. Ann discussed with the Advisory Board what Human Services is in the process of doing to rectify the Grand Jury's findings.

C. **Social Worker Supervisor I (Angela Phillips):** Angela discussed with the Advisory Board her visit to the Methodist Church and Open Arms. She informed the Advisory Board that the ROAD House is doing well.

D. **Board Chair (Lisa Carisio):** Lisa noted that there have been some changes with the Advisory Board, with Meghan Kehoe resigning and Jeremy Briese's term expiring in February. She hopes that Jeremy will extend his term or have someone in mind to replace him if he chooses not to return. If Jeremy does want to continue to be on the Advisory Board, Donna will put his reappointment on the agenda for February's Meeting.

E. **Financial Report (Pat/Cindy):** Cindy handed out two reports to the Advisory Board to review. One was MHSA for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and the other was the MHSA Monthly Tracking Report. She went over the reports with the Advisory Board.

IV. **Old Business:** N/A

V. New Business:

- A. Stakeholders Meeting – MHSA Three Year Plan:** Janet Bibby asked if there were any changes. Donna informed the Advisory Board that the only changes were the figures the State has required be attached to the plan. There was a discussion regarding the Workforce Education and Training (WET) part of the MHSA Three Year plan.
- B. Appointment of Mental Health Board member to New Director Hiring Panel:** Ruth Catalan made a motion to appoint Lori Ritter to attend the parliamentary interviews for the Hiring of a new Director of Human Services, with the understanding that whoever the panel decides on must come before the Mental Health Advisory Board for approval prior to the vote of the Board of Supervisors. Jeremy Briese seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- C. Visiting Horizons Clinic:** Due to Ruth Catalan and Jennifer Gamble having to leave early, Lori Ritter asked that this item be left on the agenda for next months meeting when all the board members are present to discuss this item.

VI. Committees Report:

- A. Suicide:** Lori Ritter discussed with the Advisory Board her discussion with someone at the Suicide Prevention of San Joaquin Valley. Ann informed the Advisory Board that a Social Services Aide and a Clinician will be attending a week long training to become trainers in Mental Health First Aid. That will give Human Services 3 trainers in total. There was further discussion in regards to training teachers and sheriff department personnel in Mental Health first aide. Ann also discussed with the Advisory Board the outcome of the Death Review in regards to the two suicides, one young man from the high school and one adult female.
- B. Homeless:** Lisa Carisio informed the Advisory Board the she received a report from the Business group that due to the cold weather things have quieted down, but every once in a while there will be someone sleeping on a door step; however, there hasn't been any trouble lately like the ones in recent months.
- C. Recruitment:** Lisa Carisio informed the Advisory Board that she is still on the lookout for new members to join the board, and encouraged other board members to do the same.

- VII. Adjournment:** Ruth Catalan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 pm. Julia Crespi seconded the motion, motion passed.

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on **February 6, 2014** at the Mariposa County Human Services Mariposa Room from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Submitted,

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APPROVED