



Mental Health Board

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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**March 7, 2013
Meeting Minutes
12:00 – 1:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Janet Bibby, Jeremy Briese, Lisa Carisio, Meghan Kehoe,
Lori Ritter, Julia Crespi

Members Excused: N/A

Members Absent: N/A

Quorum: Yes

Director: Jim Rydingsword

Deputy Director: John Lawless

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

Meeting was called to order at 12:06pm by Chair, Meghan Kehoe. Introductions were given.

Public Comments

- I. **Public Hearing regarding 2012/2013 MHSA Plan Update:** Jim Evans with CASA stated that he supported peers working with peers, which they have found really works in CASA. He also had questions regarding what Project Smile program was all about. Carlyn Wice explained what the program was about and how the screen process worked. Janet asked if the dollar amounts for Full Service partners was for all or just Human Services. Jim stated it was just for Human Services only. Janet also asked regarding the Hispanic population (11.05%), if it was a mix of English and Spanish or just Spanish, and if they have access to someone who is bilingual. Jim stated that we have bilingual staff available and Human Services also has access to bilingual speakers. Janet asked if this information needs to be added to the update plan, Jim stated that it will be added as a public comment. She also wanted to add that there is a strong partnership between the homeless and non-agency partners in the community and the road house. Jim Evans from CASA wanted to know more about Differential Response Program, John Lawless and Carlyn Wise informed everyone about the program. Janet Bibby asked if there were any written comments were received from the community, Pat Kuhlman and Donna Shimer stated that none were received. Carlyn

Wice suggested a change on Page 3 under Project Smile, second bullet, instead of "Potential bullies" is should read students in conflict, and also commented that is called Girls Talk, not Girl Talk.

The Public comment Hearing was closed by Meghan Kehoe, it will now go before the Board of Supervisor for approval, then to the State.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS ANY AGENDA ITEM OR COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME. ANY COMMENTS ARE TO BE LIMITED TO FIVE 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.

II Approval of Minutes: Meghan Kehoe noted that a correction needed to be made under Reports, Item C, it should read through not Thru. Janet Bibby made a motion for the February 7th meeting minutes be approved with correction, Lori Ritter seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the Advisory Committee

III Reports:

- A. Director (Jim Rydingsword): Jim informed the Advisory Board that Jim Davis, John Lawless and Cindy Larca met with the State Department of Health Care Services and they have verbally accepted the Corrections Action Plan. The State will send a letter to Mr. Davis, as of yesterday he has not received it, and will be following up on the status of the letter. Once the letter is received, Human Services will go back to the Board of Supervisors for final approval of the Corrective action Plan. Jim also informed the Advisory Committee that Cindy Larca will be reporting in the Final Report that Human Services has received an increase in revenue from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and that the advisory Board should discuss next month what the revenue should be used for.
- B. Deputy Director (John Lawless): John updated the Advisory Committee that the daytime staff is now doing the after hours crisis and have included Mental Health Assistants I, II and III to help cover after hour crisis. John passed out the MOU, a copy of the e-mail sent out to staff and also a list of current staff covering and how many additional staff will be added after they are trained. The new staff will have access to John Phillips, Supervisor of the Crisis department, for help. Human Services is currently working with county counsel and staff to come up with a new pay and qualifications and training. Janet Bibby asked how staff is being scheduled to cover the after hours Crisis. John stated that they are trying to be flexible, and that staff is working together to cover the shifts. John and Jim stated that they will keep the Advisory Committee updated.
- C. Social Worker Supervisor I (Angela Phillips): Angela reported that Amanda Meeks has been going to the homeless center to hand out brochures and doing outreach. She informed the Advisory Committee regarding the After Hours Crisis, that client services will not be compromised, and gave

additional information as to how the daytime staff will be doing the after hours crisis covering.

- D. Board Chair (Meghan Kehoe): Meghan suggested to the advisory committee that they consider not having a July meeting due to the holiday. It will be on the April agenda for the Advisory Committee to discuss.
- E. Finical Report (Pat/Cindy): Cindy and Pat handed out the MHSA for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Monthly Tracking for the month of January and went over it with the Advisory Committee. They informed that Advisory Board that Human Services has received payments from Medi-cal and that they are where they need to be for the Corrective action plan payback. They also informed the Advisory Committee that in February they have received an increase in the MHSA Tax payment. This is money received from the millionaires paying their taxes. They have received \$280,000, and are now \$100,000 ahead of the game. They would like to present the Advisory Committee at next months meeting a list of options on how to use the additional funds. Donna Shimer will make sure the list is in next months board packets.

IV Old Business:

- A. Jeremy Brises discussed with the Advisory Board about getting Human Services to provide services in the Jail. Jim stated that currently services are not available but that Crisis workers are going to the jail in a crisis matter.

V New Business:

- A. **MHB Member Recruitment** – A letter will be available for the Advisory Committee to review. Donna read to the Advisory Board what she received from the Board of Supervisors office regarding membership. She will check with Tracy at the Board of Supervisors office and make sure the By-laws and the information she presented matches and update the Advisory Committee at next months meeting.
- B. **Mobile Meetings** – Jim informed the Advisory Committee that Yes; the Advisory Committee can have mobile meetings. He suggested that they experiment holding one in District 2 (North County) via Go to Meeting either in September or October. The Advisory Committee would like to host their May Meeting at the Road House.
- C. **Grant Mercantile Agency Contract** – Jim informed the Advisory Committee that stated a few months ago regarding Human Services revised Client Services Plan that they currently have some outstanding accounts. County Counsel has approved that Human Service can attempt to collect on accounts up to 4 years old. They would like to have a collection agency collect on the outstanding accounts. This item will be tabled for a month and put on April's agenda for the Advisory Committee to review so that Probation can be included on the contract for collections.
- D. **Sierra Pines Lease Contract Addendum for the Road House** – Jim informed the Advisory Committee that this went to the Board of Supervisors on 3/5/2012 due to it needed to be approved before the Mental Health Advisory Committee's March meeting otherwise they would have been behind in the rent payment and that the Board of Supervisors was in favor of the contract.

- E. **Department of Healthcare Services Performance Contract** – Jim informed the Advisory that this item went to the Board of Supervisors on 3/5/12 for approval due to it had to be back to the state within 30 days and it was approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- F. **Survey-** Next month the Advisory Committee will review what surveys have been used for client and possibly come up with one survey to be placed on Survey Monkey.

VI Adjournment: Lisa Carisio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:35pm. Jeremy Briese seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on **April 4, 2013** at the Human Services Mariposa Room, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Submitted,

Donna Shimer

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