



## *Mental Health Board*

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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**March 1, 2012  
Meeting Minutes  
12:00 – 1:30 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Janet Bibby, Jeremy Briese, Ruth Catalan, Joey Curti,  
Jennifer Gamble, Eleanor Keuning, Emma Levy, Lori Ritter

**Members Excused:** Meghan Kehoe

**Members Absent:** Betty Corradi, Timothy Greer

**Guests:** Lisa Carisio, Pete Judy

**Quorum:** Yes

**Director:** Jim Rydingsword

**Deputy Director:** John Lawless

**Staff:** Michael Bishop, Social Worker Supervisor II  
Donna Shimer, Recording Secretary

I. Meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Chair, Lori Ritter.

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.

### Public Comments

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Ruth Catalan made a motion to approve the December 1, 2011 minutes. Eleanor Keuning seconded and the motion was passed.

### III. Reports:

- A. Director (Jim Rydingsword): Jim discussed with the board in detail the CA EQRO Report. A copy was passed around for the board members to look at. Donna will e-mail to board members.
- B. Deputy Director (John Lawless): John reported that the AOD Supervisor was laid -off due to the state cut funding. Human Services will still provide AOD Services. He also informed the board that Michael Bishop will be retiring. His last day is May 14<sup>th</sup> and that they will not be replacing his position. Traditional Mental Health will be divided between CSOC and APS. John and Jim informed the board that Behavioral Health had a mandatory meeting on Wednesday Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> and was informed for the new changes in Traditional Mental Health. They discussed the idea of having a Walk-in Clinic for assessments, Assessments for new children being placed in foster care will be mandated due to the Kadie A court suit currently going on and later down the road assessing children who are currently in foster care, and That Behavioral Health now has a contract with Lu Ellen to practice independently. Clients with a GAF of 50 or higher will be transferred to her. John and Michael will be reviewing her office next week to make sure it is up to state codes.
- C. Social Worker Supervisor II (Michael Bishop): N/A
- D. Board Chair (Lori Ritter):
  - Developing Goals - Lori discussed with the board to start thinking about developing goals the board would like to accomplish.
  - Training - Lori talked about what was discussed at the training they had on February 11. One significant point is that County Board of Supervisors and Mental Health Board will now be reviewing mental health plans for the county. The county will no longer be submitting to the state for initial approval. There will be a training on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7:30pm at the Sheriff's office. Donna was asked to send a copy of the training materials to the board and have some copies available at the next meeting.

### IV. Old Business:

A. Butterfly Festival -The festival this year will be Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 5pm and on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm. Lori informed the board that the fair grounds staff will set up tables and canopies for the groups this year. Board members will need to sign up for what days they would like to help out at the booth. Ruth Catalan stated that she would like to work the booth both days and Lori Ritter stated that she will be available to work the booth on Saturday afternoon. Lori stated that she still has activity items left over from last year. She asked John Lawless and Jim Rydingsword if she were to buy more activity items for this year's booth can she get reimbursed. They said yes.

### V. New Business:

- A. MHSA Corrective Plan update - Jim Rydingsword: Jim Rydingsword discussed this with the board. Handouts were passed out. This is the 2011-2012 audit. The information in the report reflects a 5 year model.

Jim will let the board know at next month's board meeting of any and all updates to this plan. There will be a public BOS meeting on this on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

- B. Workforce Training and Education Plan for MHSA: Jim Rydingsword discussed this in detail with the board. There was a handout passed out. There is a Public Hearing regarding this on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the BOS. Jim Rydingsword asked the board if they would like to changes to be discussed at the March 27<sup>th</sup> public meeting or wait till the April 24<sup>th</sup> BOS Public Meeting. Eleanor Keuning made a motion to cancel the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and have the changes discussed at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ruth Catalan seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the board.
- C. Suicide Prevention Training: Lori Ritter informed the board that she is in the process of scheduling a 2 day training through Debbie Denoto, Madera County. There is room available for up to 30 people. Donna Shimer will let Lori Ritter know what days the Mariposa Room at Human Services is available in April.
- D. New Member Application/Resignation of Timothy Greer: Lori Ritter made a motion to accept Lisa Carisio's application to become a Mental Health Board Member, Ruth Catalan seconded. The motion was passed. Timothy Greer's resignation will be sent to the BOS.
- E. Regional Trainings: Jeremy Briese reported to the board that due to state funding that the COM Board is now doing trainings via webinars. There is a face to face training on April 21 in LA and that the board will pay for hotel stay, meals and travel for one representative to attend. He also informed the board that suicide is high on their list of concerns. They have also been looking into Community Courts for Mental Health and the homeless. Counties are really looking into this due to it is Less expensive. Orange County started doing this and it has helped out a lot.
- F. By Laws: Lori Ritter stated to the board that she would like to have a few board members help her look over the By Laws and to consider making some changes with regards to quorums, attendance, etc. Janet Bibby and Ruth Catalan agreed to review the By Laws and discuss at the next board meeting. Donna Shimer will e-mail out a copy of the current By laws to them.

VI. **Adjournment:** Eleanor Keuning made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ruth Catalan seconded and the motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

**Reminder:** The next meeting will be held on **April 5, 2012** at the Human Services Mariposa Room, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Submitted,

*Donna Shimer*

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