



Mental Health Board

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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**August 2, 2012
Meeting Minutes
12:00 – 1:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Janet Bibby, Meghan Kehoe, Jeremy Briese, Ruth Catalan,
Lisa Carisio, Eleanor Keuning

Members Excused: Lori Ritter

Members Absent:

Guests: Jan Codd, Cindy Dale, Cinnamon Fleener

Quorum: Yes

Director: Jim Rydingsword

Deputy Director: John Lawless

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

I. Meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Chair, Meghan Kehoe.

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 - No public comments offered.

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Lisa Carisio made a motion to approve the June 28, 2012 meeting minutes. Eleanor Keuning seconded the motion and Janet Bibby, Jeremy Briese and Meghan Kehoe were abstained. The motion passed.

III. Reports:

- A. **Director (Jim Rydingsword):** See item E under New Business
- B. **Deputy Director (John Lawless):** N/A
- C. **Social Worker Supervisor I (Angela Phillips):** Road House report tabled till next months meeting
- D. **Board Chair (Meghan Kehoe):** N/A

IV. Old Business:

- A. **MHSA Governing Committee** - Tabled till next months meeting

V. New Business:

- A. **Jan Codd and Cinnamon Fleener - Homeless** - Jan and Cinnamon informed the board on the current services available for the homeless in Mariposa County. Jan discussed with the board about the “Warm Line” and how it would be used. It was started in Mariposa but it never got off the ground. They are currently working on getting people trained and hope to have it up and running in the near future. Cinnamon informed the board that the following churches providing shelters and hot meals for the homeless:
 - New Beginnings Church is open Saturday and Sunday nights
 - Methodist Church is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
 - Catholic Church is open Mondays and Wednesdays.The shelters are open from 5:30pm to 7-7:30am. The Heritage House will provide transportation for anyone who needs a ride. They must be at there at 5pm. Ruth Catalan asked what the current numbers were of the homeless using the services and Jan reported that any where from 1-12 people are using the shelters but Cinnamon commented that there is a larger number of homeless out in the county. Ruth Catalan also asked if the men and women were separated at the shelters. Cinnamon stated yes, as best as they can and that anyone staying at the shelters are being watched but two people at all times. There is currently training going on for the shelter staff. Cinnamon also informed the board that they have a two community system. There is an executive committee which consist of the Senior Pastors for the ministries and the Non- profit Groups and a General Committee which consist of the homeless and the community. On the Executive Committee, Ginger Foster is the Chair person and Cinnamon is the Administrator. Meghan Kehoe asked to be kept up on any updates and if the Mental Health Board can help in any way to let them know.
- B. **Contracts** - Lisa Carisio made a motion that contracts be requested at will, Janet Bibby seconded and the motion was passed. Any new contract to be updated on the list.

- C. **Records of Meetings (binder/flash drive/website)** - Tabled till next months meeting.
- D. **Ethics Training** - Donna will be e-mailing the board the website and instructions regarding taking the Ethics training.
- E. **Mariposa County Client Services Policy - Review** - Jim discussed in detail the new policy Human Services is putting together to present to the Board of Supervisors in September. Jim stated that he will have Donna send the Board a copy of the policy in a Word document so they can make comments, changes and recommendations that will be tracked and discussed at next months meeting. He also informed the board that if they have any questions they can e-mail him or e-mail Donna and she will make sure he gets them. Meghan asked Anita Petrich, Patient's Rights Advocate for her input on the new policy. Anita stated that it looks like what they have done in the past with the exception of the Sliding Scale that she did not see in the policy. She also stated that the letting attached in the policy needs to be changed so that it speaks to the client. The current letter is too confusing and the clients will not understand. On the Transitions phase, Anita asked if she could be on the team. Meghan asked if Anita's information could be listed on the letter to the clients so they have someone to call and help explain to them what's going on and direct them to the right person.
- F. **Grad Jury Report** - Tabled till the next meeting
- G. **Patient's Rights Advocate** - Anita Petrich reported that she has been doing this for 2 ½ years and she gives information and makes referrals.

VI. **Committees Meet/Report (time permitting)**

Suicide: No Report
Homeless: No Report

- VII. **Adjournment:** Ruth Catalan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:09pm. Lisa Carisio seconded the motion and the motion was carried out.

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on **September 6, 2012** at the Human Services Mariposa Room, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Submitted,

Donna Shimer

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 Recording Secretary