



Mental Health Board

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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September 5, 2013

Meeting Minutes

12:00 – 1:30 P.M.

Members Present: Lisa Carisio, Jeremy Briese, Janet Bibby,
Lori Ritter

Members Excused: Meghan Kehoe, Ronkia Johnson, Julia Crespi

Members Absent:

Guests: Ruth Catalan, Jennifer Gamble

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 12:10 p.m. by Chair, Lisa Carisio.

Public Comments

Ruth Catalan made some public comments regarding a few questions she had in regards to the rent payment on the Human Services building being behind 3 months Jim confirmed that, that was not true. She also commented that she was hearing that Human services had to pay back to the state about \$500,00 to the state in regards to the realignment funds. Jim requested additional information regarding this. Jenny had questions regarding Road House in regards to Angela saying that only 10 people can be in the road house a day, due to occupancy issue, Jim stated that he would discuss this with Angela. Jenny also wanted clarification in regards to a problem with the homeless.

- II. **Approval of Minutes:** (August 1st meeting minutes)- Janet Bibby made a motion to approve the August 1, 2013 meeting minutes. Lori Ritter seconded the motion, motion was approved.

III. Reports:

- A. Director (Jim Rydingsword):** Jim discussed with the advisory board that starting October 1st Human services will be accepting application for the Affordable Healthcare Act. Human Services has hired additional for help with the increase of clients that will qualify for Medi-cal due to they are raising the income limits. He also informed the advisory board that Effective January 1st there will be a Mental Health benefit package and a Substance Abuse Benefit package in the New Health Care Reform. He also discussed with the Advisory Board Senate Bill 82, The Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013. It provides 42 million dollars in 2013-2014 to allow local communities to begin to provide alternating treatment and assessment places who are in contact with mental health system. It is a grant program, it will be administered through the California Health Facilities and Finance Administration out of the state treasurer's office. They will approve 40 grants statewide in California using these funds. Jim informed the advisory board that they have been approached by, Merced, Madera, Tuolumne and Calaveras counties to meet and discuss a possible regional proposal. They will be attending a Meeting in Fresno on September 13 that will explain everything about the process Jim has asked Chevon will be involved. Jim discussed this at lengths with the advisory board.
- B. Deputy Director (John Lawless):** N/A
- C. Social Worker Supervisor I (Angela Phillips):** N/A
- D. Board Chair (Lisa Carisio):** Lisa announced that she received two new applications for new board membership. She will pass them on to Donna to submit a board packet.
- E. Financial Report (Pat/Cindy):** Pat handed out 2 reports. one was the year end fiscal report and the other was the current fiscal year report. She went over these reports in detail with the advisory board.

IV. Old Business:

- A. Mobile Meetings - October- District 2 (North County) -** Donna informed the advisory board that she did put a notice in the Yosemite Herald , the Foothill Express(Coulterville papers), the Mariposa Gazette and a posting on Gold Rush Cam. She will also be posting fliers around Coulterville and Greeley Hill. Jim informed the advisory board that the board could carpool to the board meeting, if they would like. Donna to e-mail advisory board to see who would like to carpool.
- B. Update on Correction Action Plan - (MHSA 3 year plan)** discussed during Pat's fiscal report.
- C. MHSA Three Year Plan Status- Information** - Jim discussed this with the Advisory board. He informed them that they would need to do a public hearing on this and then whatever comments they received at the public hearing the advisory board would discuss and make their approval and then this would be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval and then it would go to the state. Lori Ritter asked for some clarification in regards to the Girls Talk, Boys Rock section, where it states "One of the issues we are facing with PEI funds is reversion. Some of our funding was not spent in a timely manner and will revert to the state for redistribution. We are planning to use Medi-Cal reimbursement and realignment to make up for any shortages in this program, thus avoiding reduction in staff or services." Is this for just Girls talk, Boys rock program or for all the above programs mentioned in the 3 year plan. Jim stated that he believed that that section was referring to only the Girls Talk, Boys rock program. Lori noted that this is not mentioned in any of the other programs. Jim asked Donna to make this section and let John and Angela know so

they can discuss this further with the advisory board at the next meeting. Lori Ritter made a motion to hold a public hearing at the November meeting to review the MHSA Three Year Plan, Janet Bibby second, asked if under decision this item could be listed to discuss at the October meeting in Coulterville for any public comment. Lori Ritter modified her motion to also include that this item be on the October agenda for discussion and public comment and have the public hearing at November's meeting, Motion passed.

V. New Business:

A. No new business

VI. Committees Meet/ Report - Lisa Carisio discussed with the advisory board with regards that the Suicide and Homeless committees have not met in a long while. The advisory board discussed this in length. Lisa Carisio formed a Committee for Recruitment. She asked the advisory board who would like to be on the committee with her, Lori Ritter stated that she would like to be on the committee. Jim informed the advisory board that Human Services will provide staff to help with the Recruitment Committee.

VII. Adjournment: 1:09 pm

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on **October 3, 2013** at the Coulterville Community Center, Coulterville, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Submitted,

Donna Shimer

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Recording Secretary

APPROVED