



Mental Health Board

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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May 1, 2014
Meeting Minutes
12:01 – 1:05 P.M.

Members Present: Lisa Carisio, Sterling Cramer, Jennie Gamble, Paul Perry,
 Janet Bibby, Lori Ritter, Julia Crespi

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Ruth Catalan, Ronkia Johnson

Guest: Bob Burtch, Ron Schmidt, Michael Bishop, Clarence Tedrow,
 Avery Moore

Quorum: Yes

Director: Chevon Kothari

Deputy Director: John Lawless

Staff: Angela Phillips, Social Worker Supervisor I
 Cathy Kulick, Acting Recording Secretary

I. Meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Lisa Carisio, Chair

Public Comments

- Stipends and public grants regarding gas allowance –
 an allowance for members that travel to and from the meetings
 one member travels 40 miles round trip.
- A guest stated that he will be in Sacramento on the 21st of May and will check on
 information regarding grants and stipends from the state level. The board
 asked him if he would report back to them.
- It was asked if the MHB has a budget, that was answered by yes, and the
 amount is whatever is needed
- Offering lunch vs. not offering lunch was discussed.
 offering lunch to encourage people to attend but that didn't really seem to be
 the right factor for getting regular attendance. In the past it had been decided
 to take the lunch money and put that towards direct services.
- It was suggested that people at the road house might like to be board members but
 the question is how to get these people to and from the meetings.

- II. Approval of Minutes:** No quorum for April: Lisa Carisio made a motion to approve The March 6th, 2014 meeting minutes. Julia Crespi seconded the motion, Janet Bibby abstained, and the motion was passed.

III. Reports:

A. Director (Chevon Kothari)

- Three years on the board and excited to be here.
- Excited about the Mental Health Stigma event next week.
- Would like to be the touchstone for members, such as, to let her know how things are going and the things you would like to see in the community.
- Complaints regarding Medication Issues
 - a) Clients are not getting medication in a timely manner.
 - b) That the Affordable Care Act (ACA) may be the problem.
 - c) We are aware and working on the problem.

B. Deputy Director (John Lawless)

- The county is hosting a training by Attorney Linda Garrett on the ACA. The training will be held on July 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and we are attempting to set up at the Board of Supervisors.

C. Social Worker Supervisor I (Angela Phillips)

- Case Management is being increased with two new employees; Vince Liddle, and Lora Bellefeuille.
- Angela did attend the Road House counsel.
- The Road House has requested flyers.

D. Board Chair (Lisa Carisio)

- The Butterfly Festival this weekend will be on Saturday. The Mental Health Booth will be set up from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Is there mental health training available for IHSS staff?

E. Financial Report

- The reports were handed out.
- The Mental Health Services Act pay back was discussed.
- A question was asked by Janet Bibby, "Can we pay extra?" State sales tax are down AB109 will see a reduced funding from state in 2014.
- Question asked by guest, is giving back 1% of the hours that the state took away from the IHSS is this being worked into the budget?

IV. Old Business:

- Michael Bishop reported on the Stigma Reduction Event.
- Flyers have been posted in town and handed out.
- Audio and Visual equipment have been checked and is working.
- Getting a list of facilitators, one for each table.
- Child care is an issue – at least one needs to be licensed.
- Meal planning is complete.

V. New Business:

- To elect a nominating committee.
- Lisa Carisio, Janet Bibby and Lori Ritter have volunteered for the committee.

VI. Committee Report:

- A. Suicide:** Lori Ritter reported that there was one.
- B. Homeless:** 1) There is a concern regarding the homeless in the Arts Park during the Butterfly festival. The Chamber is not concerned about this issue. 2) Angelia spoke of it being 6-8 weeks since she visited the Open Arms church. A lot of Open Arms church members are also Road House clients. She needs to make this visit a routine visit.
- C. Recruitment:** 1) Lisa Carisio stated that this meeting was a great meeting. If anybody is interested they need to get an application. Lisa also invites people to come to the meetings. Lisa will e-mail applications to Lori for Mental Health Board membership. 2) It was stated that Road House clients need transportation. It was also asked if Merry Go could provide that service. Chevon will check on this. It was also asked if Merry go could make this as a regular stop. 3) Paul Perry asked, who would we contact for somebody that does not live in our area but needs all kinds of service and residential placement? The comment that was made in reply was Horizons is great. Also, Pam Hawkins needs to be contacted for residential placement.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on June 5th 2014, at the Mariposa County Human Services Mariposa Room, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Submitted,

Cathy Kulick
Acting Recording Secretary