



Mental Health Board

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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September 9, 2014

Meeting Minutes

12:00 – 1:30 P.M.

Members Present: Ruth Catalan, Lisa Carisio, Jennifer Gamble, Lori Ritter, Miranda Adams, Linda Brown, Ron Schmidt

Members Excused: Janet Bibby

Members Absent: Sterling Cramer, Paul Perry

Guests: Steve Hooe, Georgene Baxter, Bill Root, Barbara Breen, Clarence Tedrow, Dale Duncan

Quorum: Yes

Director: Chevon Kothari

Deputy Director:

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

I. Meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm p.m. by Chair, Ruth Catalan.

Public Comments: *Ruth Catalan made a comment stating that she would like non-board member's comments during the meeting. If they would raise their hand and when chosen to please speak their name and then state their comments.*

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Lisa Carisio made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August 7, 2014 meeting. Jennifer Gamble seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

III. **Reports:**

A. **Director (Chevon Kothari):**

- **Grievances** - Chevon informed the Advisory Board that there has been 11 grievances filed since January 1st of this year. These

grievances were filled on behalf of clients. She gave the Advisory Board the breakdown of the grievances and a brief description of what they were regarding. She stated that the grievances were handled locally and none needed to be handled by the state. All the resolutions to the grievances all had a good outcome.

- **Mental Health 1st Aid-** Chevon updated the Advisory Board on the Mental Health 1st Aid trainings and handed out information on the classes. Donna Shimer stated that she e-mail the Advisory Board the information also.
- **Mental Health Board Budget-** Chevon discussed with the Advisory Board the meeting she had with Ruth Catalan regarding the Mental Health Board budget. Currently the budget is \$500.00. This will be raised at mid years adjustment. Pat Kuhlman did some research as to what the budget could be used for when it comes to the Mental Health Board. Ruth Catalan asked that this item be put on next month's agenda for further discussion.
- **Open Arms Meeting-** Chevon discussed with the Advisory Board the outcome of the meeting she had with Open Arms.
- **ROAD House Lease-** Chevon stated that at last month's meeting the Advisory Board requested a copy of the ROAD House lease. She handed out copies of the lease to anyone who wanted to review it.

B. Deputy Director: Chevon informed the Advisory Board that she will be filling in for the Deputy Director. She is hoping to do the interview process in October.

C. Social Worker Supervisor I (Angela Phillips): Angela informed the Advisory Board that the ROAD House received new furniture.

D. Board Chair (Ruth Catalan): Ruth stated that she would like to review the Committees when the Advisory Board gets to them on the agenda to see if any new members would like to be on a committee and to see if current committee members would like to stay on their committee. She also informed the Advisory Board that 2 new member application were submitted to the Advisory Board. Donna Shimer will submit them to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

E. Financial Report (Pat Kuhlman): Pat went over the MHSA Fiscal Year 2014-2015 report with the Advisory Board.

IV. Old Business:

A. Amanda Meek- Peer to Peer Training: Amanda discussed Peer to Peer training with the Advisory Board. She handed out informational packets on the 3 facilities she visited. The Advisory Board discussed this in great lengths. Ruth Catalan asked that this item be put on next month's agenda for further discussion.

V. New Business:

- A. Suicide Prevention Hotline (Barbara Breen):** Barbara discussed the Suicide Prevention Hotline with the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board discussed this in great lengths. During this discussion Chevon discussed the Triage Grant and asked that this item be put on the agenda for next month's meeting for further discussion.
- B. Appointment of 2 Member for the Deputy Director Hire:** Lisa Carisio made a motion to have Lori Ritter and Ruth Catalan sit as the appointed members for the Mental Health Board for the Deputy Director hiring. Linda Brown seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.
- C. ROAD House:** Chevon and the Advisory Board had a lengthy discussion on whether the ROAD House should continue to be ran by the county or be outsourced by a non-profit. Ruth Catalan asked that is item be put on the agenda for next month's agenda for further discussion.
- D. Patients' Rights Advocate (Anita Petrich):** Anita discussed with the Advisory Board her role as the Parent Partner Advocate and informed the Advisory Board that she has only received 1 call this year so far. Ruth Catalan had asked that she keep the Advisory Board informed on any changes.

VI. Adjournment: Ruth Catalan adjourned the meeting at 1:35 pm.

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on **October 2, 2014** at the Human Services Mariposa Room, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Submitted,

Donna Shimer

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