



## *Mental Health Board*

For MARIPOSA COUNTY

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**December 1, 2011**

**Meeting Minutes**

**12:00 – 1:30 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Janet Bibby, Ruth Catalan, Joey Curti, Meghan Kehoe, Eleanor Keuning, Emma Levy, Lori Ritter

**Members Excused:** Jeremy Briese, Jennifer Gamble

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

**Guests:** Rebekah May, Lisa Carisio

**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 12:02 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

Janet Bibby informed the board that there is a growing issue regarding the seniors in the community. She stated that seniors cannot maintain the home like the reverse mortgage requires for them and they are losing their homes and becoming homeless. The board discussed this in detail about how this is becoming a problem and that there is no help for them. The board discussed ideas like a senior advocate, grants, family support groups, etc. They also discussed that they should include seniors in the Suicide and Homeless sub committees. Janet is to contact Terry at the Senior Center about having an informational booth at the senior expo.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** Eleanor Keuning noted that there needs to be a correction on the September 1, 2011 meeting minutes under Reports, section C, Road house. It needs to be changed from “she works at” to “she attends”. Ruth Catalan made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Lori Ritter seconded and the motion was passed.

**III. Reports:**

- A. Director (Jim Rydingsword): N/A
- B. Deputy Director (John Lawless): John reported that the EQRO audit is December 7<sup>th</sup>. Our PIP Clinical and Non Clinical reports are up for Federal Review. He also informed the board that Michael Bishop and he have been updating the policy and procedures for Human Services.
- C. Social Worker Supervisor II (Michael Bishop): Michael reported to the board that there is a 5 week waiting list for assessments. It goes up and down a lot. After some research he reported that 75% of scheduled assessments are no shows and that 50% of the Crisis assessments are no shows. He is still working on having a Transitional Group/Support group for clients until their therapy starts. Michael reported that each clinician have 2-3 assessments a week.
- C. Road House (Betty Corradi): N/A
- D. Board Chair (Lori Ritter): refer to new business

**IV. Old Business:**

- A. Regional Training: No longer doing in-house training. All trainings will be done via webcast. Lori has left a message for someone to contact her.

**V. New Business:**

- A. Representation: What the board would like: the board discussed this in length as who they would like to invite to the board meeting to give input from the community and the following list was made as to who will contact who and then get back to Donna with their e-mail address so she can put them on the Mental Health Board meeting notification list. The list goes as follows:
  - Mt. Crisis - Meghan Kehoe
  - Heritage House - Rebekah May
  - Road House-
  - Ethos - Lori Ritter
  - CASA - Ruth Catalan
  - Churches -
  - Mariposa Safe Families - Rebekah May
  - Senior Center - Janet Bibby
- B. Annual Evaluation - tabled till next month

C. Butterfly festival - Lori Ritter discussed with the board about doing the Butterfly festival again next year. Eleanor made a motion to have a booth, Meghan seconded, and the motion was passed. The festival is May 4-6. Lori Ritter stated that she still has supplies leftover from last year. There will be a fundraiser at Sugar Pine on December 10<sup>th</sup> for the festival.

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

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

Submitted,

*Donna Shimer*

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