



# COLUSA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Meeting was held on

**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

At Colusa County Department of Behavioral Health  
Sunshine Room  
162 E. Carson St., Colusa, CA 95932  
and via Zoom

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:05pm
2. Establish Quorum
  - a. Those in attendance: Mayra Puga, Haley Amundson, Jeannie Scroggins, Bessie Rojas, Debbie Hickel, Brizia Tafolla-Martinez, Heather Cruz, Noel O'Neill, Cindy Pilaczynski, Walter Osbourn, Robert Wilson, Kim Lamounty (CalBHBC Intern), Audrey Uhring
  - b. Not in attendance: Kent Boes, Diane Bransford
  - c. *Quorum established*
3. Public Comment:
  - a. Ms. Lamounty. introduced herself from the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions. She reported that she will just be reporting and taking notes. She will share the February newsletter with us via email.
  - b. Mr. O'Neill welcomed Debbie Hickel as our new board member
4. Old Business:
  - a. Mr. O'Neill reported Behavioral Health was awarded a grant from OAC of \$2.5 million for school-based services over a 4-year period. There will be four clinicians at four different school sites. There will be one mental health specialist at CCOE. We will need to allocate the 5 new positions which will need to get approved by the Board of Supervisors first.
  - b. Mr. O'Neill reported that Shannon Piper and Mandi Davis will be attending an outreach event at Chico State for their job fair. There is also a



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Sacramento State job fair in the works. May through August interns will get trained and hopefully be on site by the time school starts.

## 5. New Business:

- a. Mr. O'Neill reported that Bonnie Briscoe has invited a fiscal consultant to help reconcile revenue and expenses for MHSAs cost reports and get everything trued up. He will arrive on March 1<sup>st</sup> and is scheduled to be here for 10 working days. He will be working with the fiscal team and they will then notify the auditor's office of any money that needs to be moved.

## 6. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve January minutes. Mr. Osbourn seconded the motion. All present members were in favor of approval. Mrs. Hickel said she would abstain from the motion as she was not in attendance in the previous meeting.

## 7. MHSAs Update:

- a. Ms. Puga had her first stakeholder meeting. There was no feedback or any proposals. 10 people attended. Agencies in attendance were: CCOE, BH, First 5, and Colusa City Council. The next meetings will be via Zoom on:
  - i. February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm
  - ii. February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm
  - iii. March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm
- b. Ms. Puga stated there are two cultural humility trainings left for the fiscal year. All staff and board members are encouraged to attend. Mayra stated she will email the trainings to the board members. The trainings are on the following dates:
  - i. February 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00pm on Reclaiming Native American Psychological Brilliance
  - ii. May (TBD) 504 Training with Kevin Douglas from CCOE

## 8. Interim Director's Report:

- a. Mr. O'Neill reported that we are fully staffed with psychiatric time. We currently have 4 doctors as follows:
  - i. Dr. Mizra 4 days/week
  - ii. Dr. Cruz Virtual Medical Director – Helps with more severe issues
  - iii. Dr. Kane (child psychiatrist) 2 days/week



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- iv. Dr. Guinto (adult psychiatrist) Only Thursdays for now: Jail in the AM and clinical services in the PM.
  - b. Mr. O'Neill reported starting in March Dr. Guinto's time will increase to 1.5 days. Which will bring our psychiatrist time to 7.5 days per week.
  - c. Mr. O'Neill reported on our Youth Center and the Forensic Center. We have taken occupancy of both buildings which are located next to each other on 5<sup>th</sup> street. Mr. O'Neill will be scheduling meeting with Mayra and Jeannie to decide which agencies will be involved in these programs such as probation, CCOE, etc.
  - d. Mr. O'Neill reported on Medi-Cal program. Centers for Medicare/Medicaid stated there will be changes for billing, charting, and monitoring. We are currently paid by minute which will be changed to paid for service.
9. Program Integrity:
- a. Ms. Bullis-Cruz reported that intakes are steady. There is an average 6 day wait. Hispanic intake rates have increased.
10. Quality Assurance:
- a. Mrs. Rojas stated she emailed data to members. She discussed the comparison of December 2021 to January 2022. She stated crisis services have doubled. Her report gave a snapshot of services that include crisis services and mental health services.
  - b. Mr. Wilson asked if we will monitor trends? He wanted to know why there was a decrease in clients served? Mrs. Rojas stated we have been scrubbing charts which has led to closing of old client charts. Mrs. Rojas also stated there has been some miscommunication of community members thinking since Dr. Toribio has left that there is no one to provide certain services/medications. We need to work to let the public know we are still providing all of the same services.
  - c. Mrs. Rojas stated she will start tracking the Penetration Rate and the Parity Rate for future QA reports.
11. PRA Report:
- a. Ms. Pilaczynski reported that there was one grievance filed on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in regards to communication on 5150. It is currently in process.



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## 12. Safe Haven Report:

- a. Ms. Scroggins reported that Safe Haven leadership has reconvened. She also stated that they will be starting a “Birthday Club” for members. Peer support specialist position interviews will be held soon which will be replacing Paul B. There will be two more peer support specialist positions coming up that will be for the youth center. BH has been funding Safe Haven more so we will be more involved. There are a few different group presentations every week for members. Bonnie and Jayro have agreed to present a money management class for members once a month. Ms. Puga holds a class once weekly. Ms. Bullis-Cruz will be holding a nutrition class; details to be determined. Safe Haven staff also hold group presentations for members.
- b. Mr. Osbourn stated they are still waiting for furniture. Mrs. Rojas asked for clarification that Safe Haven is still by RSVP only. Ms. Scroggins confirmed, yes only by RSVP.
- c. The car show planning will commence soon.

## 13. State Required Contract Review: No report.

## 14. Chairperson’s Report:

- a. Mr. Osbourn stated “Great job on teamwork. Good job on building numbers and increasing Hispanic clients.”

## 15. Board of Supervisor Report: No report

## 16. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:38pm

**Next meeting scheduled for: Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm**

Minutes completed by: Haley Amundson