



COLUSA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Meeting was held on

March 8th, 2022

At Colusa County Department of Behavioral Health

Room 103

162 E. Carson St., Colusa, CA 95932

and via Zoom

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:08pm
2. Establish Quorum
 - a. Those in attendance: Mayra Puga, Haley Amundson, Jeannie Scroggins, Bessie Rojas, Debbie Hickel, Brizia Tafolla-Martinez, Heather Cruz, Cindy Pilaczynski, Audrey Uhring, Kent Boes, Diane Bransford
 - b. Not in attendance: Walter Osbourn, Robert Wilson
 - c. ***Quorum not established***
3. Public Comment:
 - a. Ms. Hickel stated our county website is unorganized and does not have the most current information posted. It should be a priority to get website cleaned up so community members have accurate information.
 - b. Mrs. Martinez acknowledged Ms. Hickel's concern and let her know the feedback is valid. The management team is very aware and this issue is on the agenda for their next meeting.
4. Old Business:
 - a. No Report.
5. New Business:
 - a. No Report.
6. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Minutes from the February meeting cannot be approved today as quorum was not established. The minutes will be on next month's agenda to be approved along with March.



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7. MHSA Update:

- a. Ms. Puga prepared her monthly MHSA spotlight on Safe Haven. Safe Haven will be having an open house on April 5th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. She stated emails will be sent out to the department and board members with this information.
- b. Ms. Hickel asked how we are advertising for Safe Haven open house. She suggested we advertise in the newspaper and that they might run the ad for free. She also suggested posting the open house flyers on all of our social media avenues.
- c. Ms. Puga discussed briefly what the “new” Safe Haven entails in regards to policy and programming since Behavioral Health has stepped back in.
- d. Ms. Puga stated Behavioral Health has a collaborative meeting March 30th to discuss the Youth Center. She stated our fiscal department has ordered furniture for the center. We have an idea of the guidelines as we toured Butte county’s Youth Center and will be mirroring parts of their program.
- e. Ms. Puga reminded everyone she is conducting “Cultural Exploration” groups every Monday from 1:00 to 2:00pm at Safe Haven.

8. Interim Director’s Report:

- a. Mrs. Uhring reported on Mr. O’Neill’s behalf
 - i. The Youth Center will be conducting a meeting with Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Education and Probation on March 30th. A draft MOU will be reviewed so we can move forward.
 - ii. Mike Geiss has begun assisting our fiscal team in getting everything cleaned up to get a clear picture of all numbers. As of today, it looks like we will possibly only have to return \$26,000 (MHSA)
 - iii. The Forensic Team continues to meet with the evaluator through CIBHB. We will be defining team and roles. We are finalizing how to refer, document and evaluate.

9. Program Integrity:



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- a. Ms. Bullis-Cruz reported that intakes have increased. The average wait time went up three days. Hispanic intake rates have increased and there was more of a need for translators. There were no cancellations or no shows.
- b. Ms. Hickle asked why the wait time is so long?
- c. Ms. Bullis-Cruz stated the wait time has been longer because there is an increase of clients wanting to be seen. She stated our urgent and crisis clients take priority over other clients who are aware of the wait time. Most clients seem to be ok with the wait time if they are not a crisis case.

10. Quality Assurance:

- a. Mrs. Rojas stated she emailed data to members. She discussed the comparison of January 2022 to February 2022. She stated crisis services have increased from 16 to 25. Her report gave a snapshot of services that include crisis services and mental health services.
- b. Mrs. Rojas stated the parity rate was 57.46% equaling to 208 Latino clients.

11. PRA Report:

- a. Ms. Pilaczynski reported that she is still working on the February 2nd grievance but should be wrapped up this week and will email out the notice. She stated the grievance was due to lack of communication and that a mother of a youth client filed on the child's behalf.
- b. Ms. Pilaczynski stated there have been no grievances filed for March as of 3/8/2022.

12. Safe Haven Report:

- a. Ms. Scroggins reported that the Behavioral Health department is stepping back in and Safe Haven will be more department ran than peer ran to be better organized.
- b. Ms. Scroggins reminded everyone of the April 5th open house. She stated we will publicize the event. Her thoughts are that the open house will bring in more members.



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- c. Ms. Scroggins reported that all the programming is in place for Safe Haven. They have finalized the birthday club details and are discussing field trips. She mentioned the groups offered daily at safe haven and there are talks about a nutrition and yoga group in the future. We have received almost all, if not all, the furniture for this location.
- d. Ms. Scroggins reported we have hired a peer specialist that will fill Paul's old position. The hiring process is in the works.

13. State Required Contract Review:

- a. No report.

14. Chairperson's Report:

- a. Mr. Osbourn was not in attendance. Ms. Hickel spoke as interim chairperson.
- b. Ms. Hickel stated she really wants the board to advocate for our vacant board member spots. More people on the board would be wonderful and is also important. The board member application is on our county website.

15. Board of Supervisor Report:

- a. Mr. Boes was in attendance for his first meeting. He stated he was happy to join and learn more about our department. Mr. Boes stated he was listening in so he can get a bigger picture to see what he can offer. He stated if any of our board members need to reach out feel free to shoot him an email in advance so he can be prepared to discuss at the next board meeting.

16. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:51pm

Next meeting scheduled for: Tuesday April 12th at 3:00pm

Minutes completed by: Haley Amundson