



COLUSA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Meeting was held on

July 11, 2023

At Colusa County Department of Behavioral Health

Room 102

162 E. Carson St., Colusa, CA 95932

and via Zoom

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:10pm
2. Establish Quorum
 - a. Board Members in attendance: Debbie Hickel, Wally Osborn, Alfred Sellers Jr., Rob Wilson
 - b. Board Members not in attendance:
 - c. *Quorum established*
3. Meeting Participants:
 - a. Behavioral Health staff in attendance: Heather Bullis-Cruz, Mayra Puga, Jeannie Scroggins, Haley Amundson, Bessie Rojas, Tony Hobson
 - b. Others in attendance: Kent Boes, Jesse Marquez
4. Public Comment
 - a. None.
5. Old Business:
 - a. None.
6. New Business:
 - a. None.
7. Action Items:
 - a. May minutes to be approved. No June minutes to approve due to meeting being canceled.
 - b. Mr. Osborn motioned. Mr. Wilson second the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.



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8. MHSA Update:

- a. Safe Haven Report: Ms. Puga reported we are in summer hours now opened on Saturdays. Saturday hours are 11:00am to 4:00pm. We have had summer activities: Summer BBQ, multiple May is Mental Health Awareness Month activities.
- b. Bright Vista Report: Ms. Puga reported Bright Vista is also on summer hours: Monday through Friday 11:00am to 4:00pm. We had summer activities: Colusa Levee walk, Colusa Library visit, Colusa bowling alley, picnic at the park. We are scheduling a movie theater trip, roller skating trip, bowling alley, and various in-house activities.
- c. Mrs. Hickel reported when she was visiting the library she heard staff discussing Bright Vista and all the activities going on there. She is happy they are also promoting the site.

9. Director's Report:

- a. Mr. Hobson reported kudos to Jeannie, Bonnie, Bill, Lynn, Bessie on the implantation on the new Electronic Healthcare Record system. It has been a lengthy process. Jeannie Bessie and Mark held open access clinic last week and conducted t assessments within a few hours and things seemed to go very smooth.
- b. Our board approved MHSA 3-year plan. Highlight to this is a big step to Colusa County is that our contract with Cal MHSA is a JPA group with the state, agreement with Palo Alto university to offer Masters degrees for county behavioral health staff specifically. Board approved 2 Master's degree. 6 staff applied and two were chosen, Jose and Carmen. Both have Bachelor's. 6-year commitment. They both grew up in this community and they have plans to stay and help their community they grew up in. This is great since we have been having a hard time getting therapists so now we have a chance to get some internal.
- c. Cyprus house, county admin, county counsel expect when board comes back in to session in august RFP for 30 day bid period so someone can operate facility.
- d. Rancho Colus the funding went through this morning, funding hoops behind us. On to construction next. Very exciting.
- e. Present working on MAT grant for opioid addiction treatment in our jail. This grant should be awarded and accepted by board, will allow MAT services in our county jail. We do provide some services in jail but this will allow us to further help inmates. Medications help with opioid use



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disorders and this grant will help us pay for medication and psychiatry time and nursing time to administer. This is a good thing, support from sheriff's office and DHHS. Submitting grant by Thursday at latest. And will need to go to board to accept funds but will keep updated

- f. Still recruiting for therapists. We want to meet needs of community. Two therapist supervisor positions also being flown.
- g. Kent asks for update for group on Williams campus. Tony said it is so new there is not much to report on. Request for engineer to do site feasibility study and has received what he needed from CAO which happened about two weeks ago. Tony will keep us updated.
- h. Combine performance contract MHSA contract and our Drug Medi Cal contract. Some feedback sessions for now. Mr. Hobson will bring to us when there is an update.

10. Program Integrity:

- a. Mrs. Bullis-Cruz has been reporting on CAPS that need to be fixed. MHSA caps accepted and done. From 2020. Triannual CAPS just got email last week from liaison that our CAPS the way we are going to fix them was accepted and we sent what we have been doing to implement. SABG still working on CAPS, most contract language. Hasn't been a lot on BIN, not much direction from state since June. New HER and payment reform happening.
- b. May 22 clients. 7 Hispanic 2 urgent. June 24 12 Hispanic 2 urgent.

11. Quality Assurance:

- a. Mrs. Rojas handed out copies and emailed her data out. Slight drop in almost all areas. Most everything else is going well. Crisis services 12 clients in may and 19 in June, 19 clients got 26 services. Next month will be changing penetration and parity rate, never met the parity rate this year. And census is going up which parity rate is going up. Transfer to new EHR so we are still learning how to pull data, which is the data we report out on.

12. PRA Report:

- a. Mrs. Chris is not present. Heather reported her data. There was two grievances since the last time we met. Don't know if second one was resolved. First one was resolved, happy and services in place.
- b. Mrs. Hickel stated it is important for Mrs. Chris to attend so we get all correct and up to date information.



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13. Chairperson's Report:

- a. Mrs. Hickel stated she had nothing to report.
- b. Mrs. Hickel stated not related to our board meeting: she applied through the Colusa Library to become a literacy coordinator in the Jail. She will be able to be in the jail and assist inmates with anything literacy related.
- c. Mrs. Hickel said everyone is doing a fabulous job and everything looks great.

14. Board of Supervisor Report:

- a. Mr. Boes reported many various bills at governors' desk and all major budget bills have gone through will have implications to BH. BOS is on recess this month, not a lot to report on.
- b. Mr. Hobson stated bills to "modernize" MHSA and BH. Big picture: looking to a lot of combining of funds. Major realignment 2011, 1990, MHSA, block grants, Substance abuse block grants. Implications for MHSA dollars could be just how things are funded. Generalized buckets. CSS, PEI, Innovation, IT, Capital facilities, workforce education, looking at moving 30% housing, 35% FSP, percentage to innovation, percentage to other areas. Many workgroups put together to review and recommend, 30% of funds to housing doesn't seem reasonable, FSP 35% we would have to cut other programs to fund this. looking at small county exceptions. Will update us next meeting. this will be a topic for months to come.
- c. Mr. Boes stated there are unintended consequences. What works for bigger counties will not always work for small counties like Colusa.

15. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:41pm.

Next meeting scheduled for: August 8th at 3:00pm

Minutes completed by: Haley Amundson