

INYO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, November 15, 2021
10:00-11:15 am
Offered in Person at 1360 N Main Street, Ste 103
And Virtually via Zoom

Minutes

Call To Order/Welcome

The Meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Attendance (Virtual):

Jane Gillam Lynn Martin Supervisor Dan Totheroh

Community & Staff Present

In Person: Marilyn Mann Stephanie Tanksley
Virtual: Lucy Vincent

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

INFORMATIONAL AND ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Identification of interview questions for the Behavioral Health Deputy Director interviews. (DISCUSSION)
Ms. Gillam presented questions to add and members discussed these. Ms. Gillam requested that first sentence of question #11 be removed. Supervisor Totheroh stated that he is satisfied with the questions, remarking that there are a lot of them. Ms. Mann updated the BHAB: Recruiting firm presented two qualified candidates; one clinical and one non-clinical. Interviews will be rescheduled to November 29, 2021 or December 3, 2021. Ms. Mann will confirm the date with the participating Board members.
- 2) Selection of Board Member/Members to participate in interviews for the Deputy Director, Behavioral Health (DISCUSSION)
Two BHAB members may observe the interviews. Ms. Mann confirmed with County Council that observing and giving feedback as interview observers is not a violation of the Brown Act. Ms. Gillam and Ms. Martin will observe the interviews.
- 3) Possible Payment of Invoice to Bakersfield Behavioral Healthcare Hospital and Renewal of Contract (DISCUSSION)
Ms. Mann explained that our contract with Bakersfield Behavioral Healthcare Hospital (BBHH) ended on June 30, 2021 and that there was a hospitalization after it

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expired which will need to go before the Board of Supervisors for ratification. We are pursuing renewal of the BBHH contract.

- 4) Adjust meeting time to begin at 9:30 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. to allow 1 ½ hours. (DISCUSSION)

Ms. Mann advised BHAB members that if they do not want to have a set end time, the BHAB meeting will need to be scheduled at a different time due to a standing BH Quality Assurance and training meeting. Discussion ensued. Ms. Mann will meet with the BH Team and propose a Monday or Wednesday afternoon and confirm the chosen day via email.

- 5) Identify date and time for Special Meeting of BHAB with Stakeholder Input for MHSA (DISCUSSION)

Ms. Tanksley shared that our current 3-year plan expired in 2020. Stakeholder input (community partners, peers, consumers) is required for MHSA planning. Survey feedback is one method that can be utilized. Stakeholder meetings to be held at Wellness Center or Progress House can be held to discuss how money is used, what programs are funded, and whether current programs are effective or need to be enhanced. Qualitative focus groups can also be employed. Qualitative and Quantitative information is needed. Ms. Gillam expressed an interest in volunteering towards these efforts. Ms. Mann stated that quarterly reports will be presented at December's BHAB meeting. Ms. Tanksley will update the BHAB members as to the process then.

- 6) Beneficiary Handbook (DISCUSSION)

Ms. Martin stated that she would like to see a page of service options given to current clients and new people entering mental health services. Ms. Mann explained the 3 levels of care identified by the state: mild, moderate or severe - for those in need of Specialty Mental Health, the services offered by Inyo County Behavioral Health. Managed Care Plans meet the needs for those not requiring Specialty Mental Health Services. Ms. Gillam noted that the new process of having a care coordinator to touch base with for questions such as these will help. Ms. Mann indicated that she will provide a draft flyer at December's meeting for BHAB members to review.

AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Monday, December 13, 2021 at Time to Be Determined.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

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