

**INYO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
**WEDNESDAY, October 12, 2022**  
**2:30 pm**

**Offered In Person at 1360 North  
Main Street, Ste. 103, Bishop; In  
Person as Satellite location (via  
Zoom) at 310 Jackson Street in  
Lone Pine;**  
**And virtually via Zoom**

**Minutes**

**Call To Order/Welcome**

The Meeting was called to order at 2:36 pm

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**Membership, In Person:**

Lynn Martin Jane Gillam

**Membership, Virtually Present:**

Michelle Saenz

**Community & Staff Present**

**In Person:** Kimball Pier

**Virtual:** Lucy Vincent Shelley Scott Rose Colon  
Gina McKinzey Vanessa Ruggio  
Vivian De La Riva

Participants introduced themselves.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*This item is set-aside at each meeting to allow the public to address issues not on the agenda. No action can be taken, but items can be placed on future agendas.*

Lynn Martin requested the following be put on a future BHAB Meeting Agenda:

1. By-Laws Article IV, Membership E1 which states “Any [BHAB] member who is absent without notice for three consecutive meetings shall have his/her continued membership in BHAB reviewed by the BHAB, in which the BHAB may recommend to the BOS that the member be removed, and the position be declared vacant.”

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2. By-Laws Article V, Section B. Notification of meeting place, date and time shall be rendered to the public with posting at designated County offices and libraries at least five days prior to the meeting, if possible.
3. By-Laws Article V, Section C, to be amended to reflect the current meeting day and time. "Meetings shall be held monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 2:30 pm."
4. Updates to MHSA in 2022 pertaining to required composition of BHAB membership (consumer, family member of consumer, veteran, or veteran advocate)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Request Board approve minutes from August 10, 2022 meeting and informational notes from September 14, 2022. Ms. Martin asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Jane Gillam moved to approve, and Michelle Saenz seconded the motion.

Ms. Gillam mentioned the following: In the minutes from August 10, Item No. 8. Sup Totheroh mentioned Form 700, statement of economic interest. Kimball Pier asked whether Michelle Saenz had completed a Form 700. A discussion ensued and Ms. Gillam said she would investigate the matter.

Minutes and informational notes were unanimously approved by vote:  
Ms. Saenz – Aye; Ms. Gillam – Aye; Ms. Martin – Aye

### **INFORMATIONAL AND ACTION ITEMS**

Director Update:

1. Practice Guidelines Draft. Kimball Pier shared the draft of the Practice Guidelines, a compilation of policies and procedures that she has written since she joined Inyo County Behavioral Health as Deputy Director. She is requesting input prior to sending the final draft to the State.
2. Performance Improvement Project – Follow up after ER visits for SUD/MH clients. Dr. Pier told the group that our Performance Improvement Project (PIP) is to find out why persons who have gone to the ER don't follow up with services; what we can do to better ensure they follow up with an aftercare plan. A discussion ensued, and the topic of homelessness was discussed at length.
3. Wellness Center Groups:
  - a) They would like to implement a new "Soup and Get the Scoop" – a hot meal and sit and chat (maybe with a peer supporter).
  - b) New policies about creating a healthy environment: Gina McKinzey spoke of new no-smoking policy implemented at Wellness Center.
  - c) Vanessa Ruggio – clients are coming to do laundry, shower, and receive case management services.
  - d) Gina – WC visitors are asking about housing resources. Sarah Alda is at WC every Tuesday, and Kelly Braithwaite is there every Thursday. People who are homeless can ask questions about services.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

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1. MHSA update

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Transcribed by:

*Lucy Vincent*

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