

INYO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, March 8, 2023
2:30 pm

Offered In Person at 536 North 2nd
Street, 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 2:37 pm

INTRODUCTIONS

Membership Present

In Person: Lynn Martin Supervisor Trina Orrill Michelle Saenz

Community & Staff Present

In Person: Kimball Pier Kelly Nugent Vivian De La Riva
Araceli Morales Lisa Trunnell Gordon Greene
Gina McKinzey Lucy Vincent

Virtual: There were no virtual attendees

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.

Ms. Martin mentioned that NAMI CA sends items from the Peer Support Specialist using DropBox which she is unable to access. She would like a printed version emailed. Deputy Director will follow up.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Request Board approve minutes from January 11, 2023 meeting. Ms. Martin asked that the following information be added to Number 1 under Director Update: "...and to offer support to community members who need help with the challenges of daily living and life

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domains.” and that the following would be edited in Number 6 of Informational and action Items: “Ms. Martin reported about the brand-new Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist program, and the three-week training she attended.”

Ms. Martin asked for a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Saenz moved to approve, and Supervisor Orrill seconded.

Motion to accept Minutes unanimously approved by vote:

Ms. Saenz – Aye; Supervisor Orrill – Aye; Ms. Martin – Aye

INFORMATIONAL AND ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Director Update – Kimball C. Pier
 - a.) Dr. Pier gave an update on State DMC (Drug Medi-Cal)/SABG and explained that ICBH (Inyo County Behavioral Health) bills for outpatient drug and alcohol treatment services to Medi-Cal.
 - b.) Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) funds staffing for prevention groups and residential drug treatment. Dr. Pier reported that she just finished the 2022/23 DMC/SABG audit and is awaiting response which will determine whether a corrective action plan (CAP) is required.
 - c.) DMC/SABG Policies & Procedures were updated as Dr. Pier was completing review items in the audit tool.
 - d.) Discussion building BHAB attendance: BHAB meetings are open to community members. Clients and their family members, veterans, and representatives from our partner agencies are invited to attend. Mr. Gordon Green, Inyo County’s Veterans Services representative reported on the numbers of veterans served in his service area (Inyo and Mono Counties and beyond). Attendees contributed to a conversation about veterans and trauma, and the nature and course of historical, developmental and trans-generational trauma.
 - e.) SB 43 – Update on expansion of criteria for grave disability [SB 43 - California Senate \(20232024\) - Open States](#). Dr. Pier shared about Senate Bill 43 which “Expands the definition of “gravely disabled,” for purposes of involuntarily detaining an individual, as a condition that will result in substantial risk of serious harm, as defined, to the physical or mental health of an individual due to a mental health or substance use disorder (MH/SUD), as specified.” The bill would impact the capacity for many rural counties in meeting the need for persons who would then meet criteria for grave disability, and who would require more intensive services including supervised housing. Meeting participants discussed homelessness, joblessness, the disenfranchised, and lack of resources. Participants agreed that this is a complex, multi-layered situation.
- 2) For Discussion: 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.” – Supervisor Orrill will look into how this can be achieved.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

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The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

Transcribed by:

Lucy Vincent

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