

BHAB Meeting

Virtual

October 11, 2021

Minutes

Attendance: Jane Gillam, Lynn Martin, and Dan Totheroh

Others Present:

Marilyn Mann, Lisa Trunnell, Shelley Scott, April Eagan, Mikaela Torres, Jennifer Ray, Chrystina Pope, Karen Colter, Dan David, Stephanie Tanksley, Sonja Velarde, Vanessa Ruggio, Salvador Montanez

- **Recognition**

Lynn Martin recognized Lisa Trunnell for her work: “Kuddos”

- **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve made by Supervisor Totheroh and a Second made by Ms. Martin. Motion approved by vote: Jane Gillam – yes; Dan Totheroh – yes; and Lynn Martin - yes.

- **Directors Report:**

- 1) Ms. Mann reported that the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with CPS – HR to conduct an Executive Recruitment for the Deputy Director, Behavioral Health
- 2) Brown Act meeting requirements – Ms. Mann provided an update on the ability to continue offering virtual meetings. Reviewed the Brown Act requirements for virtual meetings pre-COVID and reported that Dr. Richardson has made a formal recommendation to allow for continued virtual access based on the current COVID-19 transmission rate.
- 3) JEDI – Ms. Mann requested that Ms. Torres provide an update. Ms. Torres reported that JEDI had restructured and will include more senior leadership involvement, action planning and connecting the work to the department’s efforts to become a more trauma-informed agency. Suggestion to hold a workshop for the Board of Supervisors in the future.
- 4) Ms. Mann outlined the State’s current vaccine mandate as it relates to Behavioral Health clinics. All clinic staff are mandated to be vaccinated unless they have a medical or religious exemption. If an exemption is in place, the employee has to test weekly. Currently, staff vaccination rate for the County is approximately 80% - HHS rate appears to be a little higher.

- **Informational and Action Items**

- 1) Ms. Torres and Ms. Tanksley provided an update regarding Suicide Prevention and Recovery month activities including the passage of a proclamation by the Board of Supervisors, a youth-based prevention activity at school, staff-based activity led by Ms. Pope. Additionally, students participated in creating artwork for the 800 Crisis line. Artwork was shared with a suggestion that the artwork be used on social media, in the paper and on the county website.
- 2) MHSA Planning was discussed by Ms. Tanksley, who provided an overview of where Inyo County is in the planning process. Most recent plan was for period of 2017-2020 and we have an extension, due to COVID, for the 2020-2023 planning process. Ms. Tanksley reported that BHAB is intended to have a role in the planning process and will set up an orientation on the roles and responsibilities of BHAB members. Ms. Tanksley also discussed some of the required state reports for MHSA. Ms. Best-Baker provided an overview of the Fiscal plan process for MHSA planning, which includes close out reports for MHSA Innovations. Ms. Best-Baker will set up a Behavioral Health Fiscal 101 training for members. Ms. Gillam discussed the importance of focus groups, which have the goal to foster trust, to listen and to support and help the change. Team discussed possible outreach event ideas.

- **Next Meeting: Monday, October 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.