

**INYO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, January 12, 2022
2:30-4:00 pm**

Offered virtually via Zoom

Minutes

Call To Order/Welcome

The Meeting was called to order at 2:50 pm, due to internet-related technical issues

Attendance (Virtual):

Jane Gillam Lynn Martin Supervisor Dan Totheroh

Community & Staff (Virtual)

Marilyn Mann Stephanie Tanksley Lucy Vincent
Douglas Cooper Michelle Saenz

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Cooper suggested flying a green flag at the Clint G. Quilter Consolidated Office Building for Mental Health Awareness Month in May. Marilyn will connect with County Administration to verify that this is a possibility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Request Board approve minutes from November 8 and November 15, 2021 meetings: Supervisor Totheroh moved to approve minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Martin. Motion approved by vote:
Ms. Gillam – Aye; Supervisor Totheroh – Aye; Ms. Martin – Aye

RECEIPT OF SUMMARY FROM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Ms. Gillam acknowledged receipt of summary of Informational Meeting held on December 8, 2021 in lieu of Advisory Board meeting.

INFORMATIONAL AND ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Director Update
 - a) Staffing: Ms. Mann informed the group of the hiring of Dr. Kimball Pier, a licensed clinician, in the position of HHS Deputy Director of Behavioral Health. Interviews were held with Ms. Martin’s participation, and Dr. Pier was selected and offered the position. She accepted, the Board of Supervisors approved her

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contract, and she will begin on Thursday, January 13, 2022. We look forward to her leadership in the Behavioral Health Division. One of the duties she will take on will be assisting in setting up MHSA stakeholder meetings.

Ms. Mann also informed the group that Savannah Cole left Inyo County Behavioral Health to take a different position in the community. Another clinician is undergoing background checking as part of Inyo County's hiring process.

- b) Vaccine Mandate – Effective February 1, 2022, there is a new mandate for all healthcare facilities, including our Behavioral Health Clinic. The new requirement is that all eligible persons in our clinic providing services to clients receive the booster shot.
 - c) The SmithWaters Group – Inyo County Office of Patients' Rights. Ms. Mann explained that our new Patients' Rights Advocates are conducting 5150 training with the Behavioral Health team today. BHAB members can be invited to attend a training they present in the future. They will introduce themselves at next month's BHAB meeting.
- 2) Managed Medi-Cal Flyer for use with Behavioral Health Beneficiary Handbook (See Attached) – Input and direction requested: Ms. Gillam shared the fliers and a discussion ensued. Ms. Tanksley described that, as part of the new orientation process, a person who is not found eligible for Specialty Mental Health Services (SMH) is referred by ICBH to the appropriate Managed Health Plan.
 - 3) Review Applicants for BHAB vacancies and make recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Mann shared that two applications were received for the 2 BHAB vacancies. Michelle Saenz shared about her background as a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and explained why she is interested in being part of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board. Jason Forehand, the second applicant, was not able to attend today's meeting.

ACTION: Supervisor Totheroh motioned to accept both applicants, whose terms will expire June 30, 2024. Ms. Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved by vote: Ms. Gillam – Aye; Supervisor Totheroh – Aye; Ms. Martin – Aye

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- 1) Introducing The SmithWaters Group
- 2) Mental Health Awareness Month/ Flag to be flown at Quilter Consolidated Office Building (DISCUSSION)
- 3) MHSA Stakeholders update (DISCUSSION/ACTION)
- 4) Rebranding “Behavioral Health” (DISCUSSION)

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 2:30 pm.

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