

MEETING MINUTES

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Date: May 8, 2024

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: Bishop COB Room 103, Lone Pine Wellness Center (satellite/virtual) and via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Michelle Saenz called the meeting to order at 2:38 PM. All attendees introduced themselves.

MEMBERSHIP IN ATTENDANCE

In Person: Lynn Martin, Claude Peters, Michelle Saenz, Jason Forehand

Virtual: None

COMMUNITY & STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

In Person: Jody Veenker, Vanessa Ruggio, Lily Fregoso

Brandon DeHaven, Gina Ellis, Lucy Vincent,

Virtual: Shelley Scott, Rose Colon, Shyanne Harvey

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynn Martin commented on the need of benches in the shade where people wait for the ESTA bus.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes from April 10, 2024 meeting were approved as follows: Mr. Forehand moved to approve, Ms. Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried: Ms. Martin – Aye, Mr. Peters – Aye, Ms. Saenz – Aye, Mr. Forehand - Aye

4. STAFF REPORTS (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

- 1) BHAB Bylaws – Mrs. Ellis led the group in reviewing the BHAB Bylaws. She asked participants to read, highlight and take the document back to the next BHAB meeting for discussion.
- 2) Behavioral Health Updates – Gina Ellis presented on behalf of Anna Scott who was in Sacramento.
 - a) Care Court will be agendized in a future meeting: Administration is brainstorming around how to implement Care Court requirements in our community.
 - b) May is Mental Awareness Month – We will be walking through the Bishop City Park on Thursday, May 16, 2024. The Wellness Center will have a BBQ following the walk.
- 3) Family Strengthening Team – Jody Veenker presented the following:
 - a) Currently working with 5 families
 - b) Family Strengthening Team will be speaking at the Bishop Paiute Tribe and in the schools about the 6-week Fearless Triple P training program for parents.
 - c) Upcoming 4-week summer camp (social skills, coping skills)
 - d) Perla Gastelum is completing her PC Care Training, Family Strengthening Team is planning to train more staff in this.
- 4) SUD updates:
 - a) Gina Ellis advised BHAB members and attendees that one of our SUD counselors has transitioned from A-par to B-par, increasing his work week by 10 hours.
 - b) Sheila Turner has become our interim addictions counselor supervisor.
 - c) SUD counselors are holding groups in the Behavioral Health clinic and in Inyo County Jail.
 - d) SUD Adolescent classes are upcoming in the next few weeks.
- 5) Wellness Center Updates – Vanessa Ruggio
 - a) Mrs. Ruggio reported on the development of the CCMU (Crisis Care Mobile Unit). Effective July 1, 2024, the CCMU and law enforcement will be responding in the field for anyone in crisis. Mrs. Ruggio and law enforcement have attended trainings, and she and a Sargent will be trained to become trainers. Once Law enforcement determines that the scene is clear, the Behavioral Health CCMU team will step in.
 - b) A new case manager began and the Lone Pine Wellness Center hours have been expanded. Groups, laundry and showers continue, including a new gardening group.
- 6) Progress House Updates – Kelly Nugent was not able to attend today's meeting
 - a) Rooms are available for new residents and/or short-term respites. There are currently 5 residents.
 - b) Kitchen remodel is in progress.

5. AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday June 12, 2024, at 2:30pm at the Bishop COB Room 103, at Lone Pine Wellness Center (in-person, virtually) and via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 PM