

INFORMATIONAL NOTES

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Date: July 10, 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

Claude Peters called the meeting to order at 2:36 PM. All attendees introduced themselves.

MEMBERSHIP IN ATTENDANCE

In Person: Lynn Martin, Claude Peters

Virtual: None

COMMUNITY & STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

In Person: Anna Scott, Araceli Morales, Ethan Brown, Jody Veenker, Vivian De La Riva, Vanessa Ruggio, Brandon DeHaven, Cathy Rigney, Noni Raley, Gina Ellis, Lucy Vincent

Virtual: Frank and William SmithWaters, Shelley Scott

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynn Martin commented on the need to add the acronym for Crisis Care Mobile Unit (CCMU) to the acronym list.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION ITEM)

Tabled; June 2024 Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

4. MHSA PLAN UPDATE (DISCUSSION ITEM)

Anna Scott explained that the MHSA Plan Update is due annually on June 30, 2024. Mrs. Scott will email the draft to BHAB members and it will be posted for comments or input next month and Public Hearing will be held. She invited BHAB members to email comments to her.

5. REVIEW OF BY-LAWS (DISCUSSION ITEM)

Tabled for lack of quorum.

6. CARE ACT (DISCUSSION ITEM)

Mrs. Scott explained that the Care Act was enacted to provide a system similar to Drug Court. The Care Court Plan would be set up through Superior Court. She explained Care Act implementation in Inyo County, and BHAB members and meeting attendees asked questions and a discussion ensued. Potential clients might include persons not choosing to get help; referred by family or community members. The goal is voluntary intervention; localized treatment with court oversight to take proactive action rather than reacting to legal involvement. Inyo County leadership is currently engaged in Technical Assistance and will have stakeholder meetings in the fall. BHAB member input is welcome. Implementation is due in December 2024.

7. STAFF REPORTS (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

a. Behavioral Health Updates – Anna Scott.

- i) Vacant positions include BH Deputy Director, Clinical Administrator, Addictions Program Supervisor, HHS Specialist
 - (1) BH Deputy Director virtual interviews took place and the 2 interviewees have been invited to return for second interviews. The panel used questions approved by BHAB members in the past.
 - (2) Clinical Administrator: Former administrator is contracted to provide part-time clinical supervision. Funding allows us to fill a full-time position.
 - (3) Addictions Program Supervisor – interview will be held on July 11, 2024.
 - (4) HHS Leadership interviewed 2 interns who are close to completing their Masters program. Leadership is working on creating a smooth process of helping intern volunteers transition to paid work to bridge the time it takes for Masters program graduates to register and obtain their Associate number.
- ii) Gina Ellis spoke about an EPI Cal training to take place on July 29, 2024.
- iii) Mrs. Ellis also spoke about the Community Corrections Partnership funding to help incarcerated persons. This funding allows Inyo County Behavioral Health (ICBH) to provide individual therapy services to incarcerated persons. Mark Kalin is transitioning to this position.

b. Family Strengthening Team – Jody Veenker presented the following:

- i) The Family Strengthening Team was approved to be trained in Motivational Interviewing.
- ii) Currently working with 9 families: 3 are ready to exit, 3 are in their first 6 months of the program, 3 new families are in orientation.
- iii) Triple P Parenting course at the jail: the Family Strengthening Team is supporting parents who completed the program.
- iv) Participated in 4 weeks of Inyo County Behavioral Health (ICBH) child and family camp Tuesdays in June and July to help youth develop coping and social skills. The youth who participated enjoyed the camp and made meaningful connections.
- v) Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) – Technical Assistance and supports coming soon to support making in a tool to be used jointly with ICBH and Child Protective Services (CPS).

- c. SUD updates presented by Cathy Rigney:
 - i) DDP – DUI programs have 13 new enrollments, 1 completion, 1 moving into phase II (finishing 12 out of 18 months)
 - ii) We are happy to welcome back one of our Addictions Counselors, whose specialty is working with adolescents and children.
- b) Mrs. Ellis added:
 - i) DUI Audit update – CAP (Corrective Action Plan) was submitted timely and a Policy & Procedure which enables clients to attend remotely was created.
 - ii) Mrs. Ellis will attend SUPT meetings on July 17-18, 2024.
- d. Wellness Center Updates by Vanessa Ruggio
 - i) Bishop Wellness Center: 285 consumer visits with access to laundry, showers, groups, a place to stay cool.
 - ii) Lone Pine Wellness Center: 82 consumer visits now that they are open 3 days a week. They accessed a place to do laundry and to stay cool.
 - iii) Mr. Peters reported hearing very positive feedback in the community about the impact of services available at the Wellness Centers.
 - iv) Mrs. Ellis reported to BHAB members and attendees about some training Wellness Staff have been presenting to their ICBH co-workers. These training sessions were well-received and enjoyed by staff.
- e. Progress House Updates – Mrs. Ruggio presented on behalf of Kelly Nugent:
 - i) 2 new respite stays.
 - ii) Residents enjoyed an outing to Ridgecrest.

8. AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 2:30pm at the Bishop COB Room 103, at Lone Pine Wellness Center (in-person, virtually) and via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 PM