



**MADERA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD  
AGENDA**

**AUGUST 19, 2020  
ZOOM MEETING**

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11:30 AM**

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673-3508, EXT. 1278, BY NOON ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**A. ROLL CALL**

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the July 15, 2020 minutes.

**C. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Law and Ethic 2 hour training available for all Behavioral Health Board Members  
<http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The Public may address the Board on any matter pertaining to County Behavioral  
Health Services that is not on the agenda; however, the Board is prohibited by law  
from taking any substantive action on matters discussed that are not on the  
Agenda. Each person is limited to 5 minutes.

**E. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION – 30 minutes**

David Lopez, The Central Valley Suicide Prevention/Crisis Hotline.

**F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

Consideration of Re-appointment of Behavioral Health Board Member Dawn  
Swinton Garcia for a three-year term, beginning 09/01/2020 – 09/01/2023.

## **G. REPORTS**

The Chairperson and/or Committees may report about various matters involving County Behavioral Health Services. There will be no Board discussion except to ask questions or refer matters to staff. No action will be taken unless listed in a previous agenda.

1. **MISC. REPORTS** - Each report is limited to 10 minutes.

NONE

2. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' AGENDA ITEMS**

7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Center FY 20-21  
Behavioral Health Board Re-Appointment  
CAPMC – Housing Assistance FY 19-25  
Community Behavioral Health Center FY 19-24  
Ever Well Health Systems, LLC FY 20-21  
Merced Behavioral Center FY 20-21  
Psynergy Programs, Inc. FY 20-23  
Zaks Enterprises FY 20-21

3. **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (BHS) Program Report – 10 Minutes**

Maria F. Torres, Program Supervisor, Substance Use Disorder Program

4. **CHAIRPERSON/COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Committee Chair)

a. Standing Committees

- 1.) Executive Committee (Chair, Vice-Chair & AOD Committee Chair)
- 2.) AOD Committee (Don Horal, Loraine Goodwin)
- 3.) Membership/Nominating Committee (Steve Mortimer)

b. Ad Hoc Committees

- 1.) Strategic Planning (Karen Scott)
- 2.) Outreach (Loraine Goodwin)

## **H. DIRECTOR'S CORNER – Dennis P. Koch, Director, Behavioral Health Services**

The Behavioral Health Services Director will report to the Board about various matters involving County Behavioral Health Services. There will be no Board discussion except to ask questions or refer matters to staff, and no action will be taken unless listed on a previous agenda.

## **I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Report on the Mental Health System Outreach  
Report on Ethnicity Penetration Rate  
Program Objectives and Outcomes  
Homelessness

**J. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will take place on **August 19, 2020 Zoom Meeting**

**PACKET ATTACHMENTS:**

Behavioral Health Board July 15, 2020 Minutes

**MEMBER ATTACHMENTS:**

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Board of Supervisors Agenda Items 07/21-08/18/20  
Attendance

**ARTICLES/DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST**

CBHDA Weekly Updates

Term Limits

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**MADERA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 15, 2020  
ZOOM MEETING  
11:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**A. ROLL CALL**

Present: Nancy Lyday, Eric Oxelson, Chuck Doud, Steven Mortimer, Sheila Shaubach, Loraine Goodwin, Glenna Jarvis, Vera Coffeen, Lori Prentice, Rick Farinelli, and Dawn Swinton Garcia,

Absent Excused: Loni William, Andrea Shepherd, Donald Horal, Karen Scott

Also Present: Dennis Koch-BHS. Elizabeth Wisener, Madera Community Action Partnership (MCAP)

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 17, 2020 minutes were approved as submitted.

**C. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**E. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Elizabeth Wisener, Community Services Program Manager, Madera Community Action Partnership (MCAP) – Elizabeth reported on Homelessness and MCAP; funding for homelessness has gone for nonexistent to over 1 million dollars. MCAP is in the process of creating a one stop shop, a coordinator has been hired to oversee the program and hire 2 caseworkers. MCAP is able to assist anyone who is in jeopardy of losing their housing, or has lost their housing, or has been homeless for countless years. In 2019-20 MCAP contracted with Behavioral Health Services (BHS) to hire outreach workers. They have had 804 contacts, 32 entered job programs, 111 were referred to BHS, 57 entered shelters or were placed in permanent housing, and 20 clients over the age of 65 were placed in Hotels due to the COVID 19 pandemic. In response to a question regarding tenants' rights in temporary shelters, Elizabeth explained that the clients must sign an acknowledgement of no tenant rights. MCAP also will be including rapid rehousing, which helps to maintain housing for a period of months by paying rent from now until December. Homelessness Prevention helps those who are behind in their rent not to become homeless. MCAP also has permanent housing; Shunnamite House is for someone who has been chronically homeless and needs ongoing support. The program has grown to have 22 beds and after 3-5 years the participants are ready to move out and be on their own. This November they will be an additional 14 beds available, MCAP is still looking for units available to rent. Homeless Outreach is also reaching

out to not only Homelessness on the street or riverbeds but those who are families who have had to double up or someone who is couch surfing, etc. HHAP contract with BHS is \$411,434 which allows for an additional \$34,000 which must be spent on clients between the ages of 18-24. MCAP has made an offer on a building however have not heard back as of yet. Transportation from the mountains is available by contacting the Outreach Workers who will help transport from the mountains to services needed. The phone number will be sent out.

**F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

Doctor rates and fees are posted as \$180 - \$210 an hour

A concern regarding 5150's and suicides increasing. Dennis reported that in Madera there has not been an increase.

**G. REPORTS**

**1. MISC. REPORTS**

None

**2. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' AGENDA ITEMS**

Campbellsville University where is it located and are the interns on site? The interns do their education online and they are onsite to get their hours.

The storage unit is for medical records that must be kept in a facility that provides a double lock. The facility has given us a larger unit and now we also have furniture stored.

**3. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (BHS) PROGRAM REPORTS**

**4. CHAIRPERSON / COMMITTEE REPORTS (\*Committee Chair)**

a. Standing Committees

1. Executive Committee (Chair, Vice-Chair & AOD Committee Chair)

No report.

2. AOD Committee (Don Horal, Loraine Goodwin)

No report

3. Membership / Nominating Committee (Steve Mortimer, Nancy Lyday)

b. Ad Hoc Committees

1. Strategic Planning (Karen Scott) Karen has an idea of connecting consumers with the faith-based community. Karen wants to provide a safe place for consumers to talk. Waiting for Hope House to open. Waiting for stage 4 of COVID 19.

2. Outreach (\*Loraine Goodwin)

**H. DIRECTOR'S CORNER – Dennis P. Koch, Director, Behavioral Health Services**

Dennis discussed the Homelessness Survey, it was sent to Homelessness Alliance, see attached for details. There were no real surprises, the survey helped to get information

from the group used as a jumping off place for the Alliance group. Housing First is an Homelessness assistance approach that prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness, thus ending their homelessness and serving as a platform from which they can pursue personal goals and improve their quality of life.

**I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Recommendation to keep the option of online Behavioral Health Board Meetings

Report on the Mental Health System Outreach

Report on Ethnicity Penetration Rate

Program Objectives and Outcomes

Total Health Plan Progress Report

Homelessness

**J. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26pm.

The next meeting will take place on August 19, 2020 at 11:30 am on Zoom