



**MADERA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2021
ZOOM MEETING
11:30 AM**

CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Steven Mortimer, Nancy Lyday, Eric Oxelson, Sheila Shaubach, Vera Coffeen, Dawn Swinton Garcia, Donald Horal, Lori Prentice, Karen Scott,

Absent Excused: Glenna Jarvis, Loni William, Andrea Shepherd, Loraine Goodwin.

Also Present: Elba Gomez Madera County Human Resources, Dennis Koch, Sabrina Newlon-BHS and Christine Doss, MUSD.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 18, 2020 minutes were approved as submitted with the correction on page one second to the last sentence sight changed to site. Nancy Lyday made the motion and Sheila Shaubach 2nd the motion, all agreed.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Behavioral Health Board meetings will continue via Zoom until further notice.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

E. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

N/A

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. AB 1776 – Dennis Koch reported that the counties must formally opt out of Laura's Law, by formally it means take a resolution to the Board of Supervisor's and share their reasons. Most counties are choosing to opt out as the services are already by offered. There will be other meetings and probably a recommendation will be sent to the Board of Supervisors in March.
2. Behavioral Health Directors qualifications the recruitment notification was included in the Behavioral Health Board packet. There were no questions. The recruitment ended 1/12/21, the paper screening is under process the first interviews will be 1/21/2021

3. Selection of representative for the Behavioral Health Director's selection committee. Both Eric Oxelson and Dawn Swinton Garcia are interested in being a representative on the committee. Eric Oxelson conceded to Dawn to be the representative. The motion to appoint Dawn was made by Lori Prentice and 2nd by Sheila Shabauch.

Motion: Member Dawn Swinton Garcia is duly authorized to make the recommendation for the Behavioral Health Director, who also serves as the local director of mental health services, on behalf of the board as a whole to fulfill section 5604.2 of the California Welfare and Institution Code"

G. REPORTS

1. MISC. REPORTS

Lori Prentice asked of the Behavioral Health Board if at some point in time there could be a discussion regarding a Safe House that is for someone escaping domestic abuse. If anyone at the current time has any resource would they please contact Lori. This can be put on the February 2021 agenda for further discussion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' AGENDA ITEMS – No questions.

2. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (BHS) PROGRAM REPORTS

N/A

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)
 - a. Member Chuck Doud has passed away, a Sympathy Card expressing our appreciation and our condolences will be sent to the family.
 - b. Rick Farinelli has submitted his letter of resignation
 - c. We have received an application however Steve has not heard back for the applicant. Will try to have the application ready to present at the February meeting.
 - d. Sabrina will apprise the Board of Supervisors of the vacancies.

b. Ad Hoc Committees

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

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

Dennis reported that most all the direct service staff that want to be vaccinated are vaccinated and the administrative staff are in the cue to be vaccinated this week and next. We are considered a specialty clinic. We have been notified that each department will give three staff to work at the vaccination clinics. There will soon be opportunity for more in person services. Big thumbs up to Public Health in Madera. Dennis’ last meeting and wanting to offer his appreciation of the support of the staff and the Behavioral Health Board. It has been a pleasure to work with people who want to better their community. From the bottom of his heart he will miss all.

I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Recommendation to keep the option of online Behavioral Health Board Meetings

Report on the effect of children not being allowed to attend school in person.

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 12:08pm.

The next meeting will take place on February 17, 2021 at 11:30 am on Zoom