Meeting Minutes:

**Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting & Public Hearing for  
Mental Health Services Act FY 22-23 Annual Update Mid-Year Revision  
with New Innovation Plan**

**Monday October 17th, 2022 from 3:00-4:30**

Zoom meeting:

Link: <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/7609242222>

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Meeting ID: 760 924 2222

Participants: BHAB members: Lois, Carolyn, Rolf, Ingrid, Dirk; MCBH: Lauren, Amanda, Robin, Jimmy; Community & partner agencies: Michelle, Stacey P., Laura S., Sanjay, Jacinda

1. Public Comment: no public comment
2. Introductions for new attendees
3. Public Hearing: Mental Health Services Act FY 22-23 Annual Update Mid-Year Revision  
   with New Innovation Plan
   1. Amanda presented on the revisions which are limited entirely to the new Innovation Plan. MCBH is in need of a new EHR and going through the process of BHAB and BOS approval will allow us to use INN funds for the EHR implementation. This is especially helpful since INN funds are difficult to spend down and we have INN funds up for reversion at the end of the FY.
   2. Questions and discussions focused on the evaluation plan and the evaluating entity (RAND), whether the EHR has been used in other counties/states, who will maintain the infrastructure of the EHR, and whether the EHR will this allow for data sharing.
   3. Overall, the response to the INN plan was positive with one BHAB member commenting “this really sounds great.”
   4. Approval of Annual Update Mid-Year Revision (Action)
      1. Ingrid moves to approve, Dirk second
      2. All in favor – motion carries
4. Approval of minutes from August 8th, 2022
   1. All in favor - motion carries
5. AB 361 Resolution (Action)
   1. All in favor – motion carries
6. Behavioral Health Department Updates
   1. Community program update: Lauren
      1. Lauren spoke for approximately five minutes on outreach in all corners of the county related to Narcan distribution, MHSA-funded Wellness, and SABG-funded alternatives to substance use. Wellness staff have seen some turnovers, so some programming is experiencing a lull
   2. Staff Changes & Budget Update: Robin
      1. Appreciate everything staff does – we are in a time where many people focus on the negative and fixate on what we aren’t doing, so just want to highlight all the hard work that staff IS doing.
      2. Budget was just approved last month by the BOS and the department is now beginning to think about the mid-year budget adjustments
      3. Staff changes: Re-hired Sal; moved Tajia from WCA to CM; moved front office to BHSC; Marcella leaving; FTS interviews today. Please tell anyone that you think would be a fit for our department to visit monocounty.ca.gov/jobs to apply!
   3. Upcoming BOS presentation on Suicide and Overdose: Robin
      1. Robin will be giving a presentation tomorrow before the BOS – this is information that they have requested and Robin will focus on both the data and the action being taken by our department and what individuals can do.
      2. Will talk about why it matters to use language that is inclusive and people-centered
      3. Will talk a bit about fentanyl and the community events/programs we are doing and will talk about the mental shift from reaching out to reaching in.
      4. Please do feel free to join and comment
   4. Other updates: Robin & Amanda
      1. Housing update – work on “The Sawyer” (Phase I of the Parcel) continues. The development company is hoping to lease up in a year. There will be 13 units of permanent supportive housing for BH clients. As a result of recent tours and info-sharing by the Town of Mammoth Lakes, there are some questions coming in from community members about how BH clients will be screened for criminal history, etc. These types of questions are stigmatizing and we are constantly working to reduce stigma – BH clients will be screened the same as all residents by the property management company. Amanda will also start working on policies and procedures related to eligibility criteria and entry process with the Coordinated Entry System.
      2. The waitlist for The Sawyer is now open. **People interested in getting on the waitlist can call 855-452-8250.** It's super easy - just name, address, phone number. This is not a guarantee for housing but a good start for helping our clients get stable, affordable housing.
7. Quality Improvement Discussion Topic –
   1. Mobile Crisis Response Team program planning and implementation
      1. Robin led a discussion about the program roll out – what we have accomplished so far, where we are facing challenges, etc.
      2. BHAB members shared questions about responding in person with MLPD and the group discussed MLPD training opportunities
      3. Robin led a discussion about not being able to force people to accept services
      4. The group also discussed 988 in Mono
8. Board Member Reports
   1. Carolyn – let her know if you know clients or other folks in need of Thanksgiving dinners and Angel Giving tree
   2. Rolf - working with a contractor experiencing homelessness and have hired him to do some labor; concerned about the growing homeless population and looking for input on homelessness solutions.
   3. Ingrid – will be Sheriff for the next 6 years, not just 4 years per new law to align Sheriff elections with presidential elections
   4. Michelle: “kudos” particularly for the outreach work you all are doing. It really is “walking the talk” of combating isolation and creating opportunities for social “connection.” I know not all who need the connection actually take advantage of your offerings…….. BUT thank you for offering *any*way and persistently. Proud to be in partnership with you all.
   5. Lois – working with the Cerro Coso students, it’s been great to see them building their social skills once again
   6. Dirk – shout out to local coffee companies who have supported Wellness meet-ups for the last year
   7. Stacey P – thanked the group and shared positive impressions about MCBH’s work
9. Meeting schedule for 2023
   1. Proposed dates:
      1. 2/13/23
      2. 4/10/23
      3. 6/5/23 (first Monday of the month – request change due to MHSA plan timing)
      4. 8/14/23
      5. 10/16/23 (third Monday of the month due to Indigenous People’s Day)
      6. 12/11/23
10. Confirm date and adjourn to next meeting
    1. **December 12th 2022: 3:00 – 4:30pm**

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