Meeting Minutes:

**Mono County Behavioral Health (MCBH)**

**Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Meeting**

**Monday December 9, 2024 from 3:00-4:30 pm**

In-person locations (required for BHAB members):

Mono County Civic Center   
Dana Room (2nd floor – across from restrooms)   
1290 Tavern Road Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Hybrid Zoom Option:<https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/7609242222>  
Call in: +1 669 900 6833  
Meeting ID: 760 924 2222

3:06 pm: Rolf Knutson , Krista Cooper, Dirk Addis, Carolyn Balliet, Ingrid Braun, Jenny Weaver, Stacy Corless, Amanda Greenberg, Margee Neer

1. Public Comment: no public comment
2. Approval of minutes from October 21, 2024 (Action)
   1. Approved
3. Behavioral Health Department Updates
   1. Community Programming
      1. Staffing update – in an HR process for North County Case Manager and for Staff Services Analyst (Lauren’s old position); we had a lot of great candidates for both positions. Once these positions are filled, our programming will be more robust again.
      2. New Bridgeport Wellness Center – we bought a building in Bridgeport that will serve as programming space, office space, therapy space, and Narcan/food pantry space. Renovations are needed and we are trying to figure out how long these will take and whether we will start using the building some before renovations are finished.
   2. Point In Time (PIT) Homelessness Count: January 30, 2025
      1. We are collaborating with Inyo County to coordinate the PIT Count. In Mono, we will work with Eastern Sierra Community Housing, Social Services, and Sheriff’s Office and go to all our normal spot – geothermal plant, Snowcreek, etc.
      2. Connect with Jenny on hosting an event or doing some type of service-based count
      3. Recommendation to bring surveys and backpacks to Salvation Army for the service-based count
      4. Lighthouse Church gift cards
      5. Event in Mammoth
      6. Event with MMSA
   3. Staffing Update
      1. Covered above
   4. Audits/reviews:
      1. Findings back from mega-audit – we had no findings on our Drug Medi-Cal audit, which is a huge achievement for us and we had three findings on the mental health side, which is also a huge achievement, given that we had something like 30 findings 3 years ago.
      2. Developing new Policies and Procedures related to our work with the Managed Care Plans
         1. One of the findings we did have on the audit was related to how we coordinate care with the MCPs – we are working on some P&Ps to help improve this collaboration
   5. Upcoming or recent MCBH items before the Mono County Board of Supervisors (BOS)
      1. January: Robin presenting on CARE Act and Justice-Involved Initiative on January 14th. Krista provided an overview of CARE – a legal process that is less involved than the LPS conservatorship process or can be used when folks are stepping down in care from state hospitals, etc. It’s set up for individuals with psychotic disorders, including schizophrenia. Mono is ready to accept petitions and is actively working with a consultant, the court, and Mono County Counsel to ensure that there is a clear process in place if/when a petition is filed.
4. Quality Improvement Discussion Topic: Data Notebook (Amanda)
   1. Amanda provided an overview of the Data Notebook and the BHAB discussed some of the questions that are listed. Some questions are unclear and Amanda will reach out to Linda D. to discuss. Amanda asked BHAB if they are comfortable with her completing the work once we have some responses from Linda – BHAB voted and approve this recommendation.
5. New BHAB Requirements under Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) (Amanda)
   1. Discussed the new requirements for the BHAB under the BHSA, including the client/family member requirements. BHAB members were asked to take a survey that would help staff understand what type of members we need to add to meet the requirements, which includes someone under 25 and an employee of a local educational agency. See final page of minutes for slide conveying requirements. Also discussed that in future meetings, we will be talking about changes to the bylaws and talking about appropriate behavior for BHAB members since they are appointed by the Mono Board of Supervisors – this is a whole-county initiative to ensure that people who sit on various boards and commissions are appropriately representing the county.
6. Board Member Reports
   1. Jenny: ramped up wellness offerings to include more yoga and movement; employee wellness center is being revamped as a resource space, clothing exchange, info from Public Health and Behavioral Health. The Mountain is a bit of a bubble but want to get people connected. If employees go to 12 wellness classes a month, they get 2 free friends and family points; injuries are down; brought on athletic trainer for on-hill operations; EAP numbers are up.
   2. Ingrid: collaborating with many partners to create community conversations in Spanish about things that may or may not come with administration changes, especially with immigrant communities, for example, we will not work with ICE, etc. We are seeing a lot of fear and uncertainty
   3. Carolyn: Salvation Army will be ringing the bell at Vons. She is in charge of books at the Cast Off – would we want to give some away through Wellness Centers? Walker Senior Center would be a good spot.
   4. Krista: Jayson Partridge is retiring; Laura Hafner was promoted and her old position is still vacant; Adult services supervisor is in HR process; Lighthouse Church sponsored the Benton/Chalfant seniors for Christmas gifts
   5. Margee: Going to the Mountain to administer flu shots; want to attend the employee orientations; partnering with Jake and doing harm reduction information, STI testing info, etc.; met with Robin and Janelle to review community health assessment; overlaps in community needs – build out maternal mental health services; Access and functional needs database – might be a good training for MCBH.
   6. Dirk: Attended presentation from Mai Tran from American Federation of Suicide Prevention; hoping for a better 2025 incoming
   7. Stacy: Helping organize needs assessment specific to Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation and hoping to wrap it up in early 2025 then will have funding/programs early next year.
7. Future items
   1. BHAB Board member terms, expectations, and by-laws (February)
      1. County overall working on what it means for people to be on appointed boards and commissions
   2. CARE Act, BH-CONNECT, Justice-Involved Initiative
8. Confirm meeting schedule for 2025 and adjourn to next meeting
   1. **February 10, 2024: 3:00 – 4:30pm**
   2. April 14, 2025; June 9, 2025; August 11, 2025; October 20, 2025 (note: 3rd Monday due to Indigenous People’s Day); December 8, 2025

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