**SISKIYOU COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD MINUTES**

**March 15, 2021; 3:30 p.m.**

Behavioral Health Services

2060 Campus Drive, Yreka

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| **Board Members Present** |
| [x]  Harold Clinehens, Jr [x]  Kevin Van Laeken, M.S.[ ]  Sup. Brandon Criss [x]  Sup. Nancy Ogren | [x]  Juene Kennedy[x]  Linda Smith, Ph.D. |

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| **Staff Present** |
| [x]  Sarah Collard, HHSA Director [x]  Samantha Schlieter, Executive Secretary[x]  Tracie Lima, Clinical Director BHS[x]  Toby Reusze, AOD Administrator |

**Guest: Pat Hobbs, LCSW, Karuk Tribe Representative, KT Spence**

1. Call to Order: Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Board members, staff answered in the affirmative to the roll call taken by board secretary Samantha Schlieter. Absent this meeting was Sup. Brandon Criss. Sarah Collard, Nancy Ogren and Harold Clinehens joined after roll call. Due to Covid19 precautions, some Board members participated in the meeting by Zoom.
3. Minute Approval: Board member Van Laeken made a motion to approve the minutes from March and April with board member Clinehens seconding. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment: No public comments were made.
5. Chair Report:
	1. New Member Orientation: Board members and staff spoke on their credentials and history and what inspired them to serve on the board. Pat Hobbs, who represents the Karuk Tribe was welcomed to her first board meeting and is considering membership.  Katy Spence attended her second meeting and continues her interest in membership. Bylaws regarding joining the board were reviewed and shared with potential members.
	2. Report on North State Chair teleconference: Chair Smith shared the statewide concern that involuntary treatment is sometimes the result when clients need assistance but professional BHB staff are not available.  "No Wrong Door" is a program that would allow primary care physicians to diagnose, treat and receive reimbursement for individuals that have urgent concerns.  The client can then be transitioned to behavioral health. Clinical Director Lima shared that while BHS does not have a specific “No Wrong Door” program they do actively accept and send out referrals from and to other sources in the county. Information regarding the peer support program included the recent certification process that will define who is allowed to be a peer supporter and what their training and scope of practice will involve. These practitioners will have their own medical codes for receiving reimbursement.  The county will be responsible for implementing the details of their respective programs.  One of the code billing problems is how to fit the childrens' system into an adult model Lima and HHSA Director Collard both spoke on the Peer Support changes that are upcoming in regards to CalAIM and how kids are being served.
	3. After-Hours Crisis: Not addressed.
6. Department Report:
	1. Assisted out-patient treatment (Laura’s Law): Laura’s Law has been extended indefinitely. Clinical Director Lima spoke on what this means for BHS and shared with the board that they are currently collaborating with judges, public defenders, the District Attorney’s office. An education and training plan has been created and goes to the Board of Supervisors tomorrow, May 18th, for approval.
	2. Contingency Management: This is not currently a model that BHS is using as they do not have the flexibility to work outside MediCal or the resources to offer incentives for clients to engage in treatment. AOD Administrator Reusze notes, however, that her counselors are trained in motivational interviewing and evidence based practices. Directors Collard and Lima also share that MHSA funds help with incentivizing many mental health clients as well. While donations and fundraising for resources is not an option for BHS Guest Spence suggests partnering with non-profits like the Karuk tribe.
7. Other/Identification of Future Agenda Items:
8. Next Meeting: A regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. The venue will be determined based on possible ongoing Covid restrictions.
9. Adjourned: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Signature on FileLinda Smith, Ph.D, ChairBehavioral Health Services Board | Signature on fileSamantha Schlieter, Board SecretaryHealth and Human Services Agency |