

LASSEN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

APPROVED MINUTES

Monday December 12, 2022

Advisory Board Members Present: Brady Reed – Member – Via Zoom
Michael Hoenig – Member – Via Zoom
Gary Bridges – Member – In Person
Angela Reed – Member – Via Zoom

Advisory Board Members Absent: Chris Gallagher– Member

Staff: Barbara Longo – HSS Director – In Person
Tiffany Armstrong – BH Director – Via Zoom
Sarah Bustamante–Admin Assistant – Via Zoom

Members of the Press: None

Other: Andrea Hernandez – Judy’s House –In Person
Mike Hernandez – Judy’s House – In Person
Grace Poor – Housing – Via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Behavioral Health Advisory Board called to order at 5:46 pm
2. **Approval of the Agenda – Action:** Motion- Brady Reed — Second- Michael Hoenig– All in favor – motion carried
3. **Approval of the Minutes: November 2022:** – Motion –Brady Reed – Second – Angela Reed - All in favor – motion carried
4. **Public Comment: Barbara Longo**
 - a. Westwood Wellness Center – will be closed temporarily due to snow load and road conditions.
 - i. Press release was issued on Sunday.
 - ii. Working with Public Works on clearing the area
5. **Care Court – Tiffany Armstrong**
 - a. Meeting held last week with other County Directors
 - i. Alpine County is seeking a waiver for small counties on certain required items
 - ii. Also looking for a consultant to assist small counties
 1. More demand than availability
 2. Small counties lack the infrastructure to support certain Care Court requirements.

6. Department Report: Tiffany Armstrong

- a. Deborah White – started today as a SUD counselor
 - i. Will also be working with prevention
 - ii. Fully licensed
- b. Andrea Hernandez
 - i. Will be starting with BH for the DUI program
- c. Sherry Mathers
 - i. Grandfathered in for Peer Support Specialist
 - 1. Will not have to redo hours
 - ii. Will need to schedule and pass the test
- d. DUI Program
 - i. Application process is complete
 - ii. Will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 20, 2022 for approval
 - 1. \$400.00 will need to be submitted to DHCS for final approval and licensing
 - 2. Will need an EHR system and a credit card machine to collect fees
 - iii. Cascade Circle ran this program since 1996
 - 1. Ended this past year
 - 2. Now back as the responsibility of the County
 - 3. Went out for RFP (Request for Proposal) with no response
 - iv. Program can be started once licensing through DHCS is approved

7. PIPS – Table

8. Cultural Competence: Tiffany Armstrong

- a. Meeting was held today
 - i. Tiffany Armstrong, Joshua Bradley and Michael Hoenig were in attendance
 - ii. Plan is due at the end of December
 - iii. Discussed the Fentanyl epidemic and the outreach
 - 1. Utilize radio announcements
 - 2. Focus on youth
 - 3. Getting information out to the schools
 - a. Getting information to parents

9. Housing – Grace Poor

- a. Making progress towards developing affordable housing/Permanent supportive housing
 - i. Submitted for a grant at the end of November
 - 1. \$600,000 annually potentially
 - 2. Would be used for paying for the supportive services in housing

- 3. Started going through development regulations
- b. Point in Time Count
 - i. January 25, 2023
 - ii. Let Grace know if anyone is interested in participating
- c. Number of pending grants are in the works currently
- d. Success Story – Programs working to keep clients housed
 - i. Client had interactions with all service agencies
 - ii. Got housed since December 2021 – through Whole Person Care
 - 1. Kept housing for 1 year, now getting Social Security benefits and doing well

10. Judy's House – Andrea and Mike Hernandez

- a. November numbers
 - i. 81 individuals
 - ii. 4 new individuals
 - iii. 4 warm line calls
 - iv. 9592 total minutes
 - v. 159.8 total hours
 - vi. 1 outreach
- b. Outreaches
 - i. Going to the river – handing out cards
 - ii. Follow up phone calls
- c. 3 Judy's House staffs working on getting their Drug and Alcohol certifications

11. Board Report:

- a. **Board Recruitment-**
 - i. Brady Reed will be checking with Rebecca Jordan if she is interested in joining.
 - ii. Try and get someone from the court system to apply
 - iii. Applications available at Hospital Lane and via website
- b. **Sub-Committees**
 - i. **Legislation – No Update**

12. Lassen Community College: Brady Reed

- a. Rebecca Jordan started last month
 - i. Started seeing students
 - ii. Trying to get the word out that Rebecca is on staff
 - 1. Flyer made for Mental Wellness support services
 - iii. Will be starting up the behavioral intervention team

13. Suicide Prevention: Tiffany Armstrong

- a. Completed Out of Darkness Walk
 - i. Will start planning for next years event
- b. Would like to plan for an event similar at the Wellness Centers

14. CAMHPRO – No Report

15. Susanville Police Department – No Report

16. Lassen County Sheriff's Department – No Report

17. Consideration of Future Agenda Items:

- a. **Performance Improvement Project (PIPS)**
- b. **School Wellness – Lassen County Office of Education – Barbara to reach out see when they will be available**

18. Next Meeting Date and Time: January 9, 2023 at 5:30pm

19. Adjournment: 6:21 pm