

**LASSEN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Monday May 8, 2023**

**Advisory Board Members Present:** Brady Reed – Member  
Michael Hoenig – Member  
Gary Bridges – Member  
Rebecca Jordan – Member

**Advisory Board Members Absent:** Tom Neely– Member  
Angela Reed – Member

**Staff:** Barbara Longo, HSS Director  
Tiffany Armstrong – BH Director  
Sarah Bustamante–Admin Assistant  
Nicole Lamica

**Members of the Press:** None

**Other:** John McGarva – LC Sheriff’s Department  
Grace Poor – Housing  
Michael Hernandez – Judy’s House

1. **Call to Order:** Behavioral Health Advisory Board called to order at 5:31 pm
2. **Approval of the Agenda – Action:** Motion- Gary Bridges — Second- Michael Hoenig – All in favor – motion carried
3. **Approval of the Minutes: April 2023:** – Motion –Gary Bridges – Second – Michael Hoenig - All in favor – motion carried
4. **Public Comment: None**
5. **Mobile Crisis Unit – Tiffany Armstrong**
  - a. Discussion on what is proposed by the State
    - i. Plan needs to be submitted to the State by October
    - ii. Fully implemented by the end of the year
  - b. All small counties except for Lassen received an extension
  - c. Crisis Data from last year
    - i. Total of 976 crisis calls
    - ii. 288 information sharing
    - iii. 219 disconnected calls
    - iv. 331 hospital calls

- v. 138 response calls
- vi. 90 -5150 evaluation calls
- vii. Personnel cost has not yet been figured out
- d. Provide crisis team to respond to locations where the beneficiary is
  - i. Could be home, school, workplace on the streets
  - ii. Determined by the beneficiary
  - iii. Cannot be provided at hospitals
- e. Single telephone number must be identified and be routed through a dispatch service
  - i. Line must be able to meet capacity to respond to all beneficiaries in crisis
- f. Can be either done in house or contracted out
- g. Dispatch will determine if unit needs to physically respond
- h. Must respond to individual in crisis within 120 minutes
  - i. Some locations may not be able to be reached in 120 minutes
  - ii. County could be sanctioned by the State if time is not met
- i. Question of the liability of the County – if dispatched or not
- j. Mobile Crisis must have access to a therapist and psychiatrist at all times
- k. Must deliver follow up services – within 72 hours
- l. Goal is to mitigate any immediate risk of danger to the individual or to others
- m. Rural counties may have to coordinate coverage with neighboring counties
- n. National best practice is to respond without law enforcement unless safety concern
- o. Plan to be developed and presented to the Board of Supervisors

**6. Department Report: Tiffany Armstrong**

- a. New 5150 law took effect January 1, 2023
  - i. If 5150 goes past 72 hours must initiate the Patient’s Rights Advocate
- b. Therapist – Stacey Harlan has retired
- c. Austin Case – Locum therapist has started
  - i. 3 days in person – 2 days via tele-health
- d. BB Grant has been submitted
  - i. Funding to help with “bridge housing”
- e. EHR – moving to updated version
  - i. Training to be completed this month
  - ii. Go live will be July 1<sup>st</sup>

**7. PIPS – Table**

**8. Cultural Competence: Table**

**9. Housing – Grace Poor**

**\*\* Recording went out – unable to hear report**

**10. Judy's House – Mike Hernandez**

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**11. Board Report:**

**a. Board Recruitment:**

- i. Swearing in of new board member Rebecca Jordan**

**12. Lassen Community College: Brady Reed**

**\*\* Recording went out – unable to hear report**

**13. Suicide Prevention: Nicole Lamica**

**\*\* Recording went out – unable to hear report**

**14. CAMHPRO – No Report**

**15. Susanville Police Department – No Report**

**16. Lassen County Sheriff's Department – John McGarva**

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**17. Consideration of Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Mobile Crisis Unit – Stay on Agenda**
- b. PIPS – Stay on Agenda**
- c. MHSA Plan**

**18. Next Meeting Date and Time:**

- a. July 10th at 5:30pm – No meeting will be held in June**

**19. Adjournment: 7:06 pm**