

BUTTE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2005

PRESENT: DR. SHEILA HOBAN, SUPERVISOR MARY ANNE HOUX,
DR. JANET WILSON, KEVEN PARTRIDGE, DAVE PANCHESSON,
DEBRA HARRINGTON, PENNY WOLFE

ABSENT: DR. MICHAEL SHUELL, BEBBA AGUAYO

GUESTS: CATHERINE BROWN, DIANE COOPER, RICHARD HARRINGTON,
MELANIE SMITH

STAFF: DR. BRADFORD LUZ, JANINE CUELLAR, JODI DEBOOM,
GEOFF DAVIS

1. **Meeting called to order by Dr. Sheila Hoban at 3:04.** Roll call by Geoff Davis. Quorum present.
2. **Motion to approve regular board minutes of 02.17.2005,** by Supervisor Houx. Second, Dave Panchesson.
3. Correspondence – Recovery Model resources (Debra Harrington)
4. Announcements
 - 4.1 Chair – Dr. Sheila Hoban, Chair, welcomed on behalf of the Board Dave Panchesson (Law Enforcement Representative) to the Board.
 - 4.2 Board Members- Dave Panchesson attended the March 11-12 MHSA meeting held (along with Dr. Michael Shuell) in Redding, CA. Dave discussed the complexities of the implementation of Prop. 63. Ed Diksa facilitated the different meetings. Dave commented on how much there is to learn regarding Prop. 63. Debra Harrington gave a presentation on the recovery model based on personal experience. Keven Partridge spoke about the recovery model and its differences with the current medical model. A key difference is that the medical model identifies the person with the illness whereas the recovery model is holistic and values the person. It is a case of seeing the person as someone with an illness, but not as a personification of the illness. Debra Harrington likened it to a person with cancer not being seen as a “cancer” but as a person

with cancer. It is a key difference that affects how clients are treated.

5. General Discussion:

- Janine Cuellar asked about the appropriateness of re-forming of the Adult Committee.
- Debra Harrington brought up the possibility of having an extra meeting every month to work on Recovery Model issues. Dr. Luz added that it would be a good opportunity to discuss Prop. 63 as well.
- Janet Wilson informed the Board that the Adult Committee used to meet two times a month.
- In regards to what could be discussed in an extra meeting, Keven Partridge suggested that members could report what relevant materials they had read between meetings.
- Dave Panchesson posed the question of how to prioritize the committees within the Board.
- Keven Partridge advised that the implementation of Prop. 63 and the recovery model of treatment are priorities for the Board to pursue.
- Janet Wilson agreed with the notion that it is energizing for the Board to discuss recovery, but noted that it is something less than accurate to have committees that don't in actuality exist or function. She asked why committees aren't called by what they actually do.
- Janet Wilson put a motion on the floor that the entire Board serve as an *ad hoc* committee to focus on the recovery model and Prop. 63. Debra Harrington seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Sheila Hoban requested that Keven Partridge lead the discussion on the recovery model for the newly formed committee.

5.1 Director's Report

- Behavioral Health Department is in the "plan to plan" stage, using Linda Huffmon as its consultant.
- PHF census has become an issue; over 16 (legal limit for BCBHD PHF) gets reported to the State.
- The State arrived at the PHF to investigate complaints and to find out what the plan was to meet the over-bedding issue.

- PHF has been upgraded, and complaints have been resolved.
- Fridays and Saturday nights had been the most difficult to maintain the PHF census at the legal limit, as many of the people brought in are under the influence of controlled substances.
- Crisis Services have been consolidated.
- Local facilities (ex., law enforcement, hospitals) have been notified of the new policy in effect regarding the PHF census limit.
- By July, 2005, the Yuba-Sutter PHF will be operating, and there is also a PHF unit in Sacramento.
- Public Health Department and others will be forming a "Community Coalition" to help address PHF admittance issues.
- The draft budget for 2005/2006 underwent last minute calculations as two million in additional costs were identified (a combination of County budgeting and State Audit results).
- The goal is to stabilize the Department and for it to become self-supporting.
- Youth side of the Department is experiencing a decline in referrals, school-based services doing well.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 None

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Dr. Luz proposed that two youth members (instead of having one youth representative) should serve on the Board and should be stipended for their participation. The stipend would compensate the youth in terms of transportation costs, etc. that would serve as an incentive for a youth to serve on the Board. Janet Wilson questioned the idea of paying youth to participate on the Board, on the grounds that it was not a good lesson for youth to learn. Dr. Luz reiterated that the stipend was to offset costs, similar to how a guest speaker's costs are accounted for. Sheila Hoban asked Dr. Luz how much he had in mind, to which he replied that at this time he didn't have a ballpark figure set. Keven Partridge put the motion on the floor that the by-laws be amended to have two youth members who will be stipended for their participation. Debra Harrington seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7.2 Debra Harrington brought to the Board's attention the fact that children and adults are treated in a like fashion, so it didn't seem necessary to her that the Board should be required to have Adult and Youth committees. Janet Wilson put the motion on the floor, Debra Harrington seconded it. Motion passed. By-laws to be amended to reflect this change.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8.1 None

9. GUEST PRESENTER

9.1 None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Janet Wilson. Second, Keven Partridge. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Geoffrey Davis, Secretary