



SISKIYOU COUNTY

Seth Dressler - Chair
Cliff Lantz – Vice Chair

Behavioral Health Services Board

SISKIYOU COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

October 16, 2017; 3:30 p.m.
Behavioral Health Services
Red Oak Room, Yreka

Board Members Present

- Cliff Lantz
- Seth Dressler
- Marilyn Seward
- James Cavener

- Cynthia Ward
- Sup. Brandon Criss
- Sup. Lisa Nixon
- Linda Jo Yawn

Staff

- Sarah Collard, Director, Behavioral Health
- Camy Rightmier, MHSA Coordinator
- Stacey Cryer, HHSA Director
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Guests: Rick Gonzales, John Krueger, Jenny Signor, Juene Kennedy, Paul Controras

- I. Call to Order – Chair Dressler called meeting to order at 3:29 pm.
- II. Roll Call – Board members, guests and staff introduced themselves.
- III. Minute Approval: – Vice Chair Lantz made motion with Board member Ward seconding to approve September minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment: John Krueger shared with Board members that Beacon of Hope still does not have a place to house the homeless at this time. The shelter is still scheduled to open November 1st and they are still looking for a building or space to set up. He also shared that he offered the new Beacon of Hope building to Six Stones based on them looking for a new building for their Center. However they declined.
- V. 3:45 - MHSA 3-year Plan Public Hearing: Board Chair Dressler opened the public hearing. MHSA Coordinator Camy Rightmier announced this is an opportunity for Stakeholders to provide feedback on programs proposed in the County's Mental Health Services Act 3-year Plan. Director Collard shared with members that BHS held a 30 day comment period from September 1st through the 30th and incorporated the feedback we received from the public. Copies of the feedback were distributed to board members. Board member Lantz asked for clarification on Boys Council. Staff shared information regarding the program. Board Chair Dressler asked if there are any additional feedback from the public, there was none. No additional correspondence was received by the Board. Board Chair Dressler moved to close the public hearing with Board member Ward seconding. With no further discussion the public hearing was closed.
- VI. Chair Report: Chair Dressler gave an update on member recruitment. Interested applicants introduced themselves and shared their interests, lived experiences as consumers and family members of consumers and why they would like to participate on the Board. Lengthy discussion ensued amongst Board members regarding recommendations. Supervisor and Board Delegate Nixon moved to appoint Jenny Signor with Chair Dressler seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

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Chair Dressler made a motion to appoint Paul Controras with Supervisor Nixon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board member Ward moved to appoint Rick Gonzales with Chair Dressler seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

Guests were invited back into board meeting and Chair Dressler announced that all applicants will be recommended to the Board of Supervisors for appointment.

- VII. 2017 Data Notebook – due November 30th – Staff shared Supervisor Nixon's report from her interview with Teri Gabriel, Area Agency on Aging Director. Board member Ward shared her report on interviews with Michelle O'Gorman, Yreka Resource Center Director and Chris Adams, Case Manager at Six Stones Wellness Center. Guest Jenny Signor shared that she could provide additional information on older adults specifically programs offered through the Karuk Tribe.


Board member Lantz shared his frustration with lack of communication with information sharing throughout the county. Chair Dressler asked that this item be added to future agenda.

Supervisor Nixon asked for clarification on how the data would be entered and where the Board was with collecting the data. Chair Dressler shared he is waiting to interview someone with knowledge about programs and services for Older Adults. It was suggested that he reach out to Mike Rodriguez with Mt Shasta Recreation District.

- VIII. Department Report: Director Collard gave an update on staffing, sharing that several positions are still vacant. Sheriff has agreed to have the BHS crisis workers housed in the Jail and the department is also working on a mobile crisis team program. The Integrated care project has led into collaboration with Fairchild and SUD for suboxone treatment in the County. The new drug and alcohol counselor is in the community, hospitals and Family Resource Centers to work on linkage to services. Information was shared about the new Siskiyou Homelessness Coalition and that the department added a program into the 3-year Plan to contract with a coordinator for the MDT project for outreach to homeless. Announced that we found a building for the Wellness Center. Mental health court collaboration is still moving forward. It will be organized as a collaborative court to serve individuals suffering from mental illness and veterans. Committee includes Sheriff, Courts, Probation, BHS and others. Director Collard anticipates it starting within the next 6-8 months.
- IX. Other/Identification of Future Agenda Items: Review and compile Data Notebook information. Discuss better ways to communicate and collaborate with County departments and agencies.
- X. Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled on Monday, November 20, 2017 3:30 p.m., Siskiyou County Behavioral Health Services, Red Oak Room, Yreka

ADJOURNED: *There being no further business before the Board, Chair Dressler adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Seth Dressler, Chair
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Camy Rightmier, MHSA Coordinator
Health and Human Services Agency