



SISKIYOU COUNTY

Seth Dressler - Chair
Cliff Lantz – Vice Chair

Behavioral Health Services Board

SISKIYOU COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

November 20, 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
- Rick Gonzales

Staff

- Sarah Collard, Director, Behavioral Health
- Tricia Thompson, Health Assistant
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Guests: John Krueger, Jenny Signor, Juene Kennedy, Paul Contreras

- I. Call to Order – Chair Dressler called meeting to order at 3:31 pm.
- II. Roll Call – Board members, guests and staff introduced themselves.
- III. Minute Approval: – Vice Chair Lantz made motion with Supervisor Nixon seconding to approve October minutes. Motion passed.
- IV. Public Comment: John Krueger addresses the Board in regards to an article copied from the Siskiyou Daily News about the homeless population in Siskiyou County. At this time the Yreka Resource Center is not open for the homeless to sleep. The center is not zoned to have people overnight. There is a church that is accommodating the homeless at this time. The old police station cannot be utilized due to upcoming remodeling of the building. Beacon of Hope is looking into obtaining a building permit; this will allow them to obtain a site so that they will be able to provide more services to the community. Mr. Krueger also inquires as to whether there have been any grants from Partnership. Director Collard states that Social Services was granted an award that will support a program to address homelessness.
- V. Chair Report: Chair Dressler shares there has been good luck with the new member recruitment. Recommendations went to the Board of Supervisors with all nominees being accepted as members. There a couple of seats still available at this time. Board Member Seward's term will be coming to a close soon. Therefore, there will be an additional seat open.
- VI.
- VII. 2017 Data Notebook – Chair Dressler addresses information regarding the Notebook. There are still some questions to be researched. Director Collard states she has a draft of what the Board has so far. She will provide a copy of this draft. The Notebook is due November 30, 2017. Additional information will be gathered regarding the mental health services available at this time.

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- VIII. Discussion and possible action regarding collaboration between County departments and agencies: During last meeting this issue was discussed. There will be some trainings upcoming with law enforcement agencies. There is a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training in March to include all law enforcement. This training will provide information on how everyone can collaborate with Behavioral Health Staff. This has been an ongoing process for past five years. Agencies are now more open to training and collaboration with the Department. Mr. Krueger asks if CIT training includes any particular agency. CIT is to include all law enforcement ie: police and probation department. Training will include mobile response for crisis in rural areas of the county.
- Board member Gonzales inquires about the Pointed Time Count. The count will consist of the specific count for any given day and/or week of how many homeless there are at that point in time. There is a new coordinator for Shasta County that is very proactive and oversees the Continuum of Care which includes 9 northern counties. Board member Gonzales asks if the Multi-disciplinary Team process (MDT) is the same for the entire agency as a whole including, CPS/APS. Director Collard responded that there are separate MDT's for the different departments. This is because the needs of the homeless differ from that of a child needing placement. The Mental Health Services Act 3 year Plan (MHSA) including language to start MDT planning for individual homeless that have mental illness and/or substance abuse.
- IX. Department Report: Director Collard shared the Mental Health Services Act 3 year Plan (MHSA) was approved by Board of Supervisors. There are recruitments open for a clinician and a nursing position in the MEDS department. Stacey Cryer is no longer with the agency. At this time that position remains open. MHSA has information on the website regarding services that are available through the agency. The SUD program will be up and running soon online for billing to Medi-Cal for services provided. This will change how some services are rendered. There will be services that provide treatment with with Suboxone and Methadone. Mt. Shasta and Yreka are still developing a model for this program. There will be a contract in place with a doctor at Fairchild Medical Center.
- X. Other/Identification of Future Agenda Items: Vice Chair Lantz asks for community members to join meetings to provide information on the help that the Board has provided to community. Discuss the transportation issues with providing transportation other than only transportation to services at Behavioral Health. Issue of the homeless in Siskiyou County.
- XI. Next Meeting: A regular meeting is scheduled on Monday, December 18, 2017 3:30 p.m., Siskiyou County Behavioral Health Services, Red Oak Room, Yreka
- XII. ADJOURNED: *There being no further business before the Board, Chair Dressler adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Seth Dressler, Chair
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