



# SISKIYOU COUNTY

Seth Dressler - Chair  
Cliff Lantz - Vice Chair

## Behavioral Health Services Board

### SISKIYOU COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

December 18, 2017; 3:30 p.m.  
Behavioral Health Services  
Red Oak Room, Yreka

#### Board Members Present

- Cliff Lantz
- Seth Dressler
- Juene Kennedy
- Jenny Signor

- Cynthia Ward
- Sup. Brandon Criss
- Sup. Lisa Nixon
- Rick Gonzales

#### Staff

- Sarah Collard, Director, Behavioral Health
- Tricia Thompson, Health Assistant
- Wendy Cheula, Patients Rights Advocate

Guests: John Krueger, Beatriz Yolanda O'Brien, Bob Hall, Terrie Berentsen

- 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 Board member Signor seconding to approve November minutes. Motion passed.
- IV. Public Comment: John Krueger addresses the board with updated information regarding Beacon of Hope. At this time, Beacon of Hope is providing warming shelter and a meal two nights a week at The Yreka United Methodist Church on Mondays and Tuesdays. There are also meals being provided on Tuesday, Weds, and Thursday at the library. They are hoping to obtain a building soon so that they are able to provide more services.
- V. Update, discussion and possible action on member recruitment: Board members conduct interviews of 3 applicants who are interested in joining the board, Beatriz Yolanda O'Brien and Terrie Berentsen. Bob Hall shared his interest in joining the Board. Board members informed Mr. Hall that he needs to submit a letter of interest before they can interview and/or recommend his appointment.
- VI. 2017 Data Notebook – MHSA Coordinator, Camy Rightmier, submitted the 2017 Data Notebook last week with some minor changes made.
- VII. Department Report: Director Collard shared that Mike Paulson from Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation will be coming to Siskiyou to discuss housing grant received through Partnership Health. Board Member Gonzales traveled to Redding to participate in a No Place Like Home housing forum hosted by Housing and Community Development. Director Collard shared there is a budget for Board related costs. Motion made by Vice Chair Lantz and seconded by Board Member Ward to reimburse him mileage for attending meeting. A department staffing update was given as well as sharing information about the grant that was received to support a sober living facility with approximately six beds.

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Patient Rights Advocate Wendy Cheula gave an update on annual grievances received, completed and/or appealed. She shared that she trained clients on the appeals process.

The transportation issue was addressed. Staff shared the increase in crisis' over the last several months and how that affects the number and availability of drivers.

Director Collard continues to work with County Departments associated with Mental Health Court. The group has identified a qualified candidate and that individual is currently working through the MH Court program.

- VIII. Other/Identification of Future Agenda Items: Update and possible action on recruitment
- IX. Next Meeting: A regular meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 3:30 p.m., Siskiyou County Behavioral Health Services, Red Oak Room, Yreka
- X. ADJOURNED: *There being no further business before the Board, Chair Dressler adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Seth Dressler, Chair  
Behavioral Health Services Board



Tricia Thompson, Health Assistant  
Health and Human Services Agency