

# Lake County

## MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

### Minutes - April 14, 2022 Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was convened at 3:05 p.m. by Chair Julie Colfax and a quorum was established at 3:15 p.m. Members in attendance included Julie Colfax, Sheila Roseneau, Chelsea Newton, Camille Cummins, Trish Turner, and Bonnie Blumenthal. Member Michelle Young was absent. Lake County Behavioral Health Services (LCBHS) Director Todd Metcalf; District 4 Supervisor Tina Scott was absent (non-voting members).

Stakeholders present included Edgar Ontiveros, Ravon Wilczewski, Janet Taylor, Kayla Calvillo, Joshua Griffith, Laura Tencelski, April Giambra, Laura Sullivan, Thomas Brown, Melody Day, Danny Medina, Darlene Holzapple, Victoria Kelly, David Ables, and Betsy Cawn (Recording Secretary).

2. The proposed agenda was approved with amendments (strike the March 19 meeting items, correct next meeting date to May 12), (motion, Sheila Roseneau; second, Camille Monae; motion carried by roll call vote).

3. Minutes of the March 10, 2022, meeting were approved (motion, Chelsea Newton; second, Bonnie Blumenthal; motion carried by roll call vote).

4. LCBHS Director's Report: Director Todd Metcalf briefly mentioned the staff visit to Mendocino County's new residential treatment facility in Ukiah, and ongoing staff shortages. Recruitment is continuing for a clinical director, a program manager, and a compliance program manager to fill recently vacated positions, and noted that in their absence the director's workload has been unavoidably impacted. The staff is creating a new Older Adult team and will be engaging with the MHAB on formulation.

Changes in County administration that affect LCBHS operations include the promotion of Susan Parker to Interim Chief Administrative Officer and the announcement of Supervisor Scott's early resignation (effective June 30, 2022). The Lake County Continuum of Care elected Lorree Lewis-Crandell to preside as Chair.

Presentations to the Board of Supervisors in the coming weeks include consideration of the proposed "Organized Delivery System" model, scheduled for April 26, FY 2022-23 budget (some time in June), unscheduled presentation of the EQRO audit as well as the most recently completed "Triennial" audit from the State Department of Health Care Services.

The Collier Avenue housing project is moving forward slowly with approval of financial agreements between the Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency and Rural Community Housing Development Corporation, and ground may be broken as early as March, 2023.

Friday, April 22, will be the grand re-opening of the Circle of Native Minds.

5. Public comment: Danny Medina, of the peer support agency CAMHPRO (Mental Health Peer Support Organization based in Oakland, California) introduced the organization's role in providing peer support training, legislative advocacy, and development of the new certification process under CalMHSA. Mr. Medina is assigned to provide SB 803 outreach, education and local training to mental health care provider agencies in Northern California counties, and can be reached at [daniel.camhpro@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.camhpro@gmail.com).

Camille Monae noted the availability of community members who can assist in developing peer support certification processes, and Chelsea Newton described her experiences working with an elderly person whose granddaughter reached out on Facebook to find companionship for their family member.

Betsy Cawn, who has served as a volunteer peer counselor in Lake County since 2006, noted that vulnerability to exploitation is a high risk when an unscreened and untrained person is included in a client's caregiving team, by well-meaning but naive family members.

6. The next regular meeting of the MHAB will be held on May 12, 2022, at 3 p.m. via Zoom.

7. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Colfax at 4:07 p.m.