

**INYO COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, June 14, 2023  
2:30 pm**

**Offered In Person at 1360 N. Main  
Street, Bishop; In Person as  
Satellite location (via Zoom) at 310  
Jackson Street in Lone Pine;  
And virtually via Zoom**

**Minutes**

**Call To Order/Welcome**

The Meeting was called to order at 2:34 pm

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**Membership Present**

**In Person:** Lynn Martin Supervisor Trina Orrill Michelle Saenz

**Community & Staff Present**

**In Person:** Kimball Pier Colleen McGuire  
Lucy Vincent

**Virtual:** Deanna Briggs Rose Colon

Participants introduced themselves.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*This item is set-aside at each meeting to allow the public to address issues not on the agenda. No action can be taken, but items can be placed on future agendas.*

Ms. Martin asked where books donated for jail should be brought. Dr. Pier asked that they be brought to front office. Inyo County Behavioral Health staff who travel to jail will take the donations.

Ms. Martin asked that BHAB election be placed on future agenda.

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Request Board approve minutes from March 8, 2023 meeting. Ms. Martin asked that the spelling of Medi-Cal be edited from “Medical” to “Medi-Cal” under Informational and Action Items, #1, letter a.

Ms. Martin asked for a motion to approve the minutes as edited. Motion to approve minutes as edited made by Michelle Saenz, seconded by Supervisor Orrill.

Motion to accept unanimously approved by vote:

Ms. Saenz – Aye; Supervisor Orrill – Aye; Ms. Martin – Aye

## **INFORMATIONAL AND ACTION ITEMS**

### 1) Director Update – Kimball C. Pier

Dr. Pier shared about the following:

- a. Contracts being presented to the Board of Supervisors during the month June:
  - i. Crestwood Behavioral Health
  - ii. Anne Sippi Treatment
  - iii. Life Generations Healthcare (a variety of available throughout California, including level 5 facilities).
  - iv. TeleConnect Therapies – currently have a bilingual provider providing services 10 hours a week, but contractor is seeking an additional provider.
  - v. Iris Telehealth - in addition to continuing with Dr. W, contractor is seeking a Nurse Practitioner who can see children and adolescents.

### 2) BH services update – Dr. Pier shared on behalf of Chrystina Pope and Jody Veenker:

- a. FIRST (Family Intensive Response Strengthening Team) program update: FIRST follows the wraparound model. Jody Veenker is supervisor. A Parent Partner is also part of the team. Provides robust menu of services depending on the needs of the family. Three families are currently enrolled.
- b. Staff news – new staff introduction and staff who have resigned: RN Karen Simerlink is new to ICBH. ICBH (Inyo County Behavioral Health) has two practicum students, Deanna Campbell & Serena Renda.
- c. Outreach – In addition to seeing clients here, Mrs. Simerlink, RN, will be doing outreach at Wellness Centers, Senior Center, Progress House and at the Inyo County Jail.
- d. Jail Services – New programming and changes to service delivery – We have a clinician and a case manager who visit the jail every other week. SUD staff hold groups at jail on Mondays and do Assessments at the jail for inmates who might be interested in the MAT program. Intern Ms. Campbell will begin a women’s group at the jail.
- e. Dr. Pier shared about Polyvagal Theory training and EMDR Training our clinical and case management staff will be getting – BHAB members and participants found this interesting, and a lively discussion ensued. She

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also shared a book (or audio book) called Anchored, by Deb Dana, which helps educate people about the topic. A video called Trauma 101 is another good resource.

- f. Community Resources and Intensive Family Services – will be moved to next Agenda (Ms. Pope and Ms. Veenker were unable to attend today’s BHAB meeting).
- g. MHSA Three-Year Plan has been posted for public review and comment on the County of Inyo Website from June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Hard copies are available in the consolidated office building in Bishop, at all county libraries and other local buildings. A public hearing will be conducted on July 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at 1360 N. Main Street, Bishop, in Room 103.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

1. BHAB Election
2. Community Resources and Intensive Family Services – Chrystina Pope & Jody Veenker

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

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