

**Plumas County Behavioral Health Commission Meeting**  
**6/7/2023 1 pm Plumas County Board of Supervisors' Room, Quincy, CA**  
**Approved at July 5, 2023 meeting.**

**STANDING ORDERS**

**Call to Order / Roll Call**

- Call to Order: Kevin Goss called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.
- Roll Call/Attendance:
  - Commissioners: Ruthie Barrett (student), Vicki Chestnut, Kendrah Fredricksen, Kevin Goss, Valerie Sheldon, Kristy Tucker (quorum established)
  - Commissioners Absent: None
  - County Staff (in-person, phone or Zoom): Heidi Clements, Jay Hemphill, Jessica McGill, Kristy Pierson, John Posch, Gary Sanderson, Sharon Sousa
  - County Counsel: Josh Brechtel
  - Public in Attendance: Shane McDonald, Darin Wood (EA), Daniel Wagoner (Disability Rights CA)

**Additions to or Deletions from the Agenda/Approval – For urgent items only.**

**Public Comment** – None

**ACTION AGENDA**

1. **Behavioral Health Commission**
  - A. Review and approve draft minutes of May 3, 2023 – Vicki Chestnut moved, Kristy Tucker seconded approval of minutes. Motion carried.
2. **Informational Announcements & Reports**
  - A. Commissioners Reports and Announcements – Kevin said that Ruthie was approved as a PCBH Commission member by the Board of Supervisors.
  - B. Patients' Rights Advocate Report (Jessica McGill) – The Board of Supervisors has approved The SmithWaters Group to take over this position starting soon. This agency has provided resources for the county to post for consumers. They will be working with the Public Guardian to provide patients' rights advocacy.
  - C. Secretary/Treasurer Report (Kendrah) – Attended 20,000 Lives meeting (through PCPH). They send regular emails with resources shared by many agencies in the county.
3. **Behavioral Health Department**
  - A. **Director's Report (Sharon Sousa)** –
    - Negotiating with PDH for space in Greenville clinic. PCBH would be there on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This would be paid for through MH funding. They are working on a long-term solution for space in Greenville.

- The Patients' Rights Advocate contract was approved by BoS (see 2.B. above). This agency has already started to help. They have much expertise and knowledge. They are planning a 5150 training for different county agencies and PCBH. The agency is highly recommended.
- Budget review is tomorrow – no big changes coming in the next fiscal year.
- BoS approved BH to hire another systems analyst for PCBH and AODA (needed for state mandated tracking of data).
- They have received 2 applicants for the Director's position.

B. **Quality Assurance Improvement (Jessica McGill)** – see separate report.

- DHCS Correspondence
  - i. 23-019 Day rate for fee-for-service for Medi-Cal hospitals
  - ii. 23-020 Rollback of Federal Medical Assistance Percentages due to the end of COVID-19 Emergency (DNA)
  - iii. 23-021 MHSA county population determination (PC = 18,500)
  - iv. 23-023 Elimination of cost reporting process; moving to fee for service system
  - v. EQRO final report – **Put on agenda for next meeting.**
- Program Improvement Projects – (FUA, FUM, and POD) - no change since last meeting, depend on local hospitals (and we are having issues getting local hospitals to help).
- Cal-AIM – next phase is contract and rate negotiations (must be fee-for-service) – next reporting schedule is in September.
- EHR – Electronic Health Record – July 1<sup>st</sup> will be the transition. Credible is the agency helping with this transition. Service disruption should be minimal.
- New Phone System – robotic voice will be replaced by human; some extensions have changed. After-hours access line is functional. Let Jessica know if there are problems.
- Access & Utilization for May 2023
  - 307 open charts – 83% penetration rates. 114 unduplicated youth; 142 unduplicated adults. Saw an increase in youth services, and a decrease in adult services.
  - New intakes = 38; Crisis services = 19; Psych placements = 4; Long-term placements = 4
  - Grievances = 1 change of providers, 1 alternative communication request, 1 quality of care concern

C. **MHSA report (Kristy Pierson)** – Still working on new 3-year plan, new contracts, etc. – contracts will need to be renewed yearly. Proposed MHSA reform is in process of changing. PRS gave notice on transitional housing – RFP done (no responses received). Reached out to EA and they are willing to take this on. There are 4 units for transitional housing. EA case managers will be part of the services in transitional housing.

D. Behavioral Health Commission Information and Improvement – None.

**Public Comment** – None.

Adjourned as BH Commission and Convened as AODA Commission.

**Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Board**

1. Action Agenda – None.

2. Informational Announcements & Reports –

- a. **AOD Report (Gary Sanderson)** – It has been a busy month. They are re-doing contracts with Residential Facilities, trying to expand treatment facilities, and are in the process of setting up site visits. Staff attended West Coast Symposium for alcohol treatment.
- b. **Quality Assurance Improvement (May 2023)** – 39 outpatient SUD charts, 4 unduplicated youth, 35 unduplicated adults. New intakes = 17.

### **Training by Daniel Wagoner, RE: Patients' Rights Advocacy**

**Public Comment** – None.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Kevin Goss at 2:49 pm.

Next meeting: **July 5, 2023, Courthouse: Supervisors' Board Room**, from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendrah Fredricksen,  
Secretary, Plumas County Behavioral Health Commission