

BUTTE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
MINUTES
January 15, 2004

PRESENT: BOB BEELER, KEVEN PARTRIDGE, JEFF ZELSDORF,
SHEILA HOBAN, TODD REINHARDT, JANET WILSON

ABSENT: JENNIFER LEUBE, MICHAEL SHUELL, MOHSIN JAWED

GUESTS: KEN FLEMING, PATRICK BOOTMAN

STAFF: LINDA LUCK, CHERYL COZAD, GEOFF DAVIS

1. **Meeting called to order by Jeff Zelsdorf at 3:12.** Roll call by Geoff Davis. Quorum present.
2. **Motion to approve regular board minutes of 11/20/2003,** by Jeff Zelsdorf. Second, Keven Partridge.

3. Correspondence – None at this time.

4. Announcements
 - 4.1 Chair – Jeff stated his objectives for the upcoming year; by April, Jeff would like to see a resource board in each classroom. The resource board would be a one-stop board with phone numbers to assist youth who need help. Jeff invited Board members to share their goals for the new year as well.
 - 4.2 Board Members- **Keven Partridge** would like to continue to learn about behavioral health services, and to continue to learn more about his role as a Board member. He voiced concern about the proper mechanism to address complaints as a Board member. **Linda Luck**, Chico In-Patient Program Manager, volunteered to provide personal assistance in such matters, and **Cheryl Cozad**, Quality Management Program Manager, advised using the formal brochure given to consumers disclosing consumer rights to a fair hearing. These are available in every facility lobby. **Todd Reinhardt** also indicated that he is interested in learning more about behavioral health services as well. Due to budget issues, Todd might be reassigned within the Sheriff's Department. **Bob**

Beeler suggested as a goal getting an outside consultant to help give the Board more focus.

- 4.3 Staff – **Linda Luck** spoke about the Behavioral Health Department on behalf of Dr. Brad Luz. Linda said that the budget at this time looks “pretty grim.” She mentioned the possibility of mandatory unpaid furloughs for County employees which could double depending on the state of the budget in the 04/05 fiscal year. Some scale back of services is to be expected. The next six months will tell a lot about what the Department can expect budget-wise. Linda mentioned the possibility of a reinstatement of the utility tax. She also noted the “good spirit” among Department employees. There is now a hiring freeze in place, so the Department will focus on holding onto staff to continue providing service. The PHF will be doing its part to generate income and provide service to the community. Linda emphasized that we will be here to provide services, whether in-house, or to direct consumers to other resources. **Cheryl Cozad** brought to the Board’s attention a new video which will guide consumers through the services they might receive. It is seven to nine minutes in length, and will be shown at the next Board meeting.

5. REPORTS

- 5.1 It was decided that since the committees did not meet in December, it would not be feasible to present reports at this time.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 6.1 New Members Committee – **Sheila Hoban**, informed the Board that the committee has one more applicant to interview.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Annual Report – **Bill Kehoe** – Bill was absent due to illness, but will present next month.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 8.1 **Ken Fleming** suggested that Mental Health did very well relative to the condition of the state’s budget. He noted that even though CSOC funding was eliminated, similar services can be billed through

EPSDT. There is now more money for managed care. In sum, the budget came out, "quite well."

9. GUEST PRESENTER

- 9.1 **Jeff Zelsdorf** encouraged the Board to invited guest presenters, especially those who can demonstrate from personal experience the kind of successful outcomes that Behavioral Health programs try to realize for its consumers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jeff Zelsdorf. Second, Keven Patridge.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Geoffrey Davis
Secretary