

BUTTE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
MINUTES
February 19, 2004

PRESENT: MICHAEL SHUELL, KEVEN PARTRIDGE, JEFF ZELSDORF,
SHEILA HOBAN, TODD REINHARDT, JANET WILSON, PENNY
WOLFE, JENNIFER LEUBE, MOHSIN JAWED

ABSENT: BOB BEELER, GREG WILLIAMS

GUESTS: NONE

STAFF: DR. BRAD LUZ, CHERYL COZAD, JODI DEBOOM, GEOFF DAVIS

1. **Meeting called to order by Jeff Zelsdorf at 3:03.** Roll call by Geoff Davis. Quorum present.
2. **Motion to approve regular board minutes of 01/15/2004,** by Dr. Janet Wilson. Second, Sheila Hoban

3. Correspondence
 - 3.1 State Mental Health letter regarding TBS payments
 - 3.2 "Inside Addiction and Recovery on the Ridge," part one of a two part series published in the *Paradise Post*. It deals with the oxycontin drug epidemic which has already claimed four teenagers in the Paradise area.
 - 3.3 "Scott's Story"; another article in the *Paradise Post* which documents the life of a chronic user of methamphetamine and his successful recovery at the Skyway House.

4. Announcements
 - 4.1 **Dr. Janet Wilson** discussed the upcoming C.I.T. teleconference which will be airing Thursday, March 4th from six to nine in the evening.
 - 4.2 **Cheryl Cozad** is working towards centralizing all trainings, with Maureen Laprezioso being the contact person to coordinate the dates, topics and times of these trainings.

- 4.3 **Todd Reinhardt** gave a brief synopsis of the FOREST program; the program is essentially broken down into two classifications – Enhanced Services (job placement, housing, counseling) and Control Client Group (client progress is tracked, for the purpose of determining what impact FOREST is having on the bed count in the County Jail).

5. REPORTS

5.1. **Director's Report – Dr. Brad Luz**

- Discussed the 02/18/2004 Leadership Team Retreat; preparing for a worst case scenario budget which is due 03/08/2004; anticipates that propositions 57 & 58 will help the budget if passed.
- Mental Health Initiative; will be on the March 2nd ballot. This would be a 1% tax on those with a reported income of one million or more. Those who would be impacted by this tax appear to view it favorably. This initiative would allow for new mental health services. Currently, money is being raised for advertising to raise public awareness/support.
- Many services have gone either partially or not paid at all to date by the State. It is hoped that if the state bond passes that there will be a "payday" in March.
- The services of 28 extra help staff will be discontinued effective 02/27/2004 to help bring immediate savings for the Department and County.
- Awareness of how mental health services actually save the State money is key to get funding; an example of how that has met with success is the AB 2034 program; it is fully funded despite the condition of the budget.
- Explained Medi-Cal's three-tiered system:
 1. Severe
 2. Less Disability
 3. Medi-Cal Eligible

The reasoning behind this system is to base services on the real needs of people; money can be saved by concentrating services on those who need services the most.

- CMHDA All Director's Meeting – meeting emphasized the importance of dual diagnosis and how mental health and alcohol and drug services can benefit by working together to maximize billable service hours.

- San Diego County is suing the State for not paying for mandated 3632 services. San Diego county's position is that unless payment is received for past services under this mandate, it will no longer offer 3632 services.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 6.1 Jeff Zelsdorf** presented Penny Wolfe with a letter from the Board of Supervisors approving her for BHB membership. Jeff welcomed her aboard, and Penny introduced herself to the Board. Greg Williams was approved as well; he is expected to attend the March 18th meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Dr. Luz** will discuss with the Board at the March 18 meeting the Medi-Cal contract with the state that Behavioral Health currently operates under. This contract is "mandated – non-optional."

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 8.1** None at this meeting.

9. GUEST PRESENTER

- 9.1 Cheryl Cozad** showed the services orientation video to the Board. The tape serves as an introduction to clients to the various services the Department offers and the ways by which the services can be accessed and paid for.
- 9.2 Jodi DeBoom** gave a presentation on Youth Development and Prevention services and ways people can pass positive messages to youth which will help them make positive life decisions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Keven Partridge. Second, Jeff Zelsdorf.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Geoffrey Davis
Secretary

