

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

PRESENT: MICHAEL SHUELL, KEVEN PARTRIDGE,
SHEILA HOBAN, TODD REINHARDT, PENNY WOLFE, MOHSIN
JAWED, BOB BEELER

ABSENT: GREG WILLIAMS, JANET WILSON, JEFF ZELSDORF,
JENNIFER LEUBE

GUESTS: NONE

STAFF: AMY WILNER, DENISE KOENES, PAULA TERRY, GEOFF DAVIS

1. **Meeting called to order by SHEILA HOBAN at 3:20.** Roll call by Geoff Davis. Quorum present.
2. **Motion to approve regular board minutes of 03/18/2004** by Sheila Hoban. Second, Michael Shuell. *Minutes approved contingent on correction regarding the ethnicity of a prospective candidate. Todd Reinhardt had indicated the BHB candidate was African-American, not Hispanic. Minutes changed to reflect this correction.*
3. Correspondence
 - 3.1 State correspondence letters distributed to Board members.
4. Announcements
 - 4.1 **Keven Partridge** commented on Dr. Luz's report regarding the Medi-Cal compliance study, expressing concern that 11 items were flagged as being out of compliance. Further, Keven indicated that it was not very clear the level of service that is being delivered by BCBHD. Keven also noted a lack of clarity in regard to what the practical purpose of the Board is.
 - 4.2 **Denise Koenes**, Compliance Officer, cited Title IX of California state law which mandates the formation of a mental health board. Denise related that BCBHD was cited for not involving the Board in its various activities.

- 4.3 **Supervisor Beeler** mentioned that a training on the Behavioral Health Board's purpose would benefit the Board. He referenced the benefits of a similar training which heightened the Board's sense of purpose and focus in the past; Denise Koenes volunteered to help coordinate such a training with CIMH staff.
- 4.4 **Keven Partridge** attended the March NAMI meeting and noted a level of discontent many NAMI members had with BCBHD services. In that meeting, the possibility of bringing their grievances to the Board of Supervisors was discussed. Keven mentioned the usefulness of customer service surveys, as complaints about BCBHD services are frequent in outside support groups. Keven explained that many clients have a difficult time verbalizing their complaints.
- 4.5 **Denise Koenes** supported the idea of focus groups which could bring their findings to the Board's attention for resolution.
- 4.6 **Keven Partridge** volunteered to arrange for Stamp Out Stigma to give a presentation at the May Board meeting, allowing ½ hour for stories, and ½ for questions.
- 4.7 **Mohsin Jawed** shared that Youth Nexus will be giving a presentation on 4/28 at the Butte County Library at 6 p.m.
- 4.8 **Penny Wolfe** remarked that she felt that the ROOF program was at a "stand still." Penny also discussed the importance of motivation in the recovery process.
- 4.9 **Sheila Hoban** commented on her support of the Board redefining itself.

5. REPORTS

5.1. **Director's Report – Amy Wilner, Assistant Director**

- Four million dollar cut in next year's budget.
- Sees ways to return services to Youth Services and re-energizing the entire Department.
- Loss of 1.8 million for Adult Services and 2.2 million for Youth Services; losses in staff and contracted vendors.
- State payments to BCBHD have been slow.

5.2 **YOUTH REPORT**

- Sheila Hoban deferred this report for the May meeting.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Annual Report is still not available.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 No new business was discussed.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8.1 None at this meeting.

9. GUEST PRESENTER

9.1 **Denise Koenes** gave a presentation on Advance Directives and the role of the Behavioral Health Board.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Michael Schuell. Second, Bob Beeler.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Geoffrey Davis
Secretary