

BUTTE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)  
MINUTES  
JUNE 17, 2004

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

ABSENT: BOB BEELER, JENNIFER LEUBE

GUESTS: DEBRA HARRINGTON

STAFF: DR. BRADFORD LUZ, AMY WILNER, CHERYL COZAD,  
JANINE CUELLAR, JULIE NELSON, GEOFF DAVIS

1. **Meeting called to order by JEFF ZELSDORF at 3:08.** Roll call by Geoff Davis. Quorum present.
2. **Motion to approve regular board minutes of 05/20/2004** by Janet Wilson. Second, Jeff Zelsdorf. Corrections to the 5/20/2004 minutes are as follows: Sheila Hoban announced that she was promoted to an associate professor position. She further stated that due to a colleague's retirement, her schedule will change meaning she might not be available on Thursday afternoons.
3. Correspondence
  - 3.1 None
4. Announcements
  - 4.1 **Jeff Zelsdorf** discussed his goal of having an "Awareness of Substance Abuse" night in Paradise. Jeff brought to the Board's attention a new circular called "Mercy." *Mercy* devotes many of its pages to shedding light on Paradise school issues, including substance abuse. Jeff also announced that the Board will meet on July 22 rather than July 15. This schedule change was undertaken so that the Board could receive training from California Institute of Mental Health trainer Ed Diksa and still convene for its monthly meeting. Jeff noted that Ed Diksa is an excellent trainer, and that the Board will benefit from Ed's expertise and dynamism. Jeff then went into pertinent details about the 80% success rate of a San

Francisco-based mentally ill homeless program. Key to its success, Jeff observed, is its intensive counseling approach.

- 4.2 **Keven Partridge** spoke about "Mental Health Advocacy Day." There were somewhere between 500-2,000 participants. Keven also related to the Board the Quality Improvement Committee's progress. Keven estimated that 75% of the discussion involved issues brought up by consumers and family members. He commented that "it remains to be seen what really happens" as a result of the meeting.
- 4.3 **Todd Reinhardt** reminded the Board that FOREST program will officially end on June 30 (end of the fiscal year). The media will be present to witness the graduation of its last participants. A study is planned to document the program's effectiveness which may lead to the program being initiated again in the future. A direct result of the program's ending is Todd's returning to patrol. This means that Todd will no longer be able to serve as a Board member. Todd concluded by expressing his appreciation for being able to serve on the Board and how much he had learned as a result of his membership.
- 4.4 **Penny Wolfe** informed the Board that Dr. Richard Svihus, after many years of service as a psychiatrist at the ROOF program, will be retiring in June.
- 4.5 **Janet Wilson** talked about information regarding the Mobile Crisis Unit which she spoke to at a Public Health Medical Committee meeting. In that meeting, questions arose regarding recommendations for acute (PHF) services. Mobile Crisis would prefer to be notified to properly fill out the 5150 paperwork. The police should be contacted when the patient is a threat to themselves or others, at which point they would be taken to the emergency room for diagnosis/treatment. Janet noted that Mobile Crisis is very effective in diffusing problems. It is quite common for patients to verbalize suicidal ideation. Upon the patient's admission to the PHF, oftentimes the patient realizes that relative to other patient's situations, his/her problems aren't as bad as he or she once thought.

## 5. REPORTS

- 5.1. **Director's Report – Dr. Bradford Luz, Director**

- There were mixed reviews from the CAO at the Board of Supervisors presentation of 5/25/2004. By and large, however, the CAO and Board were "very appreciative" of the presentation.
- FY 04/05 budget was downsized by \$4.1 million.
- No services lost just yet but expect some reduction in services to occur.
- A committee is going to be formed that will be representative of the community that will have saving services as its goal.
- Youth Day Treatment - BCOE and SELPA believe in its benefits strongly enough to "co-fund" with \$121,000 this fiscal year.
- PARS: 135 County employees want to do it; 23 of who are within this Department. Thirteen are clinical supervisors or program managers. With such a large number of upper-level employees possibly retiring, the Department Leadership Team will have to focus on who is willing/capable of assuming those duties, and to what extent they will need training.
- Lay Offs: The County has more vacancies than lay offs, which will hopefully make it easier for laid off employees to transfer to a similar or like classification. Contract providers are another possible employment opportunity for displaced employees. For now, the impact of these lay offs will remain unknown until mid-July.
- Leadership Retreat: July 7-8, will work on organizational changes, including dealing with the vacancies caused by loss of clinical positions. Another issue will be dealing with Administration staff changes. Primarily, the emphasis in that regard is to look forward and have a teamwork orientation.
- There are \$11.5 million in grant proposals being submitted by the Behavioral Health Department this year. Even if only one-third were approved, there would be sufficient funding to cover much of the loss of revenue incorporated into the 04/05 budget.

## **5.2 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

- Sheila Hoban requested phone numbers to contact to discuss possible membership to the Board.
- Keven Partridge talked about Debra Harrington as a possible candidate for membership.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**6.1** Annual Report is still not available.

**6.2** Spaghetti Feed is on 07/24/2004; tickets are available for sale.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 No new business was discussed.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8.1 None at this meeting.

9. GUEST PRESENTERS

9.1 None at this meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jeff Zelsdorf. Second, Sheila Hoban.  
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 5:05 p.m. Next meeting will be on  
**July 22, at 3:00.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Geoffrey Davis  
Secretary

