

BUTTE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB)
MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2004

PRESENT: JEFF ZELSDORF, MICHAEL SHUELL, SHEILA HOBAN, PENNY WOLFE, DEBRA HARRINGTON, JENNIFER LEUBE

ABSENT: BOB BEELER, MOHSIN JAWED, KEVEN PARTRIDGE

GUESTS: None

STAFF: DR. BRADFORD LUZ, MARY JOHNSON,
JANINE CUELLAR, GEOFF DAVIS

1. **Meeting called to order by JEFF ZELSDORF at 3:10.** Roll call by Geoff Davis. Quorum present.
2. **Motion to approve regular board minutes of 09/16/2004** by Jeff Zelsdorf. Second, Sheila Hoban. Corrections to the 09/16/2004 minutes are as follows: Penny Wolfe does volunteer work at the PHF, not at ACCESS. Correction made.
3. Correspondence
 - 3.1 None
4. Announcements
 - 4.1 **Jeff Zelsdorf** discussed the timeline for elections to be held at the November 18 meeting. Jeff then discussed the need for the committee reports, and the importance of making the different committees strong again. The annual report will be given early next year. It will be a synopsis of committee reports. The report will reflect on what has been accomplished by the Behavioral Health Department with its current funding level, and what could happen if that funding is cut. Jeff emphasized that the Board of Supervisor's need to feel the impact any further cuts would have on the community it represents.
 - 4.2 **Sheila Hoban** clarified that Director Dr. Bradford Luz would be consulted as well as part of the process of preparing the annual

report. She also stated that consumer input should be incorporated into the report.

4.3 Michael Shuell spoke about the need for the annual report to include the topic of community mental health needs not being addressed by the Department.

4.4 Janine Cuellar suggested the report use an approach that highlights strengths, opportunities, weaknesses and threats that have faced the Department.

5. REPORTS

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

CMHDA – Mental Health Issues

- CBS Coalition, PDA + Kern now looking at Anasazi software
- Proposition 63 – What to do now? What to do if it passes? The governor is now in opposition because it's a new tax.
- AB 2726/CH 26.5, SB 1895 -- \$69 M in FY 04-05, + \$31 M in Special Education. Delays in distribution of funding for FY 03-04 not resolved. Schools charged with collection of information on service expenditures.
- EQRO (APS) & PIPs – visit to Butte October 23, 2004. Question: What constitutes a Performance Improvement Project? Answer: Not sure, but it has to share a client income.
- Proposition 1A & Proposition 63 – Importance to cities and counties.
- CMSP Board has no direction from MHDs.
- Child Welfare Redesign – CWDA chose not have CMHDA involvement in process but much of success of Redesign dependent on connection to services.

CADPAAC – Alcohol and Other Drug

- California Performance Review – suggests to merge state AOD and MH Rollin Ives of HHS assigned to investigate the proposal and make a recommendation.
- WITS data system adopted by state AOD because SAMSHA will require this of all states receiving SAMSHA dollars.
- Kathy Jett – state awarded \$22.8 M for Access to Recovery (grant)
- State Incentive Grants – 13 counties funded; Butte Prevention Program was not.

- Proposition 36 – UCLA evaluation out but being received negatively by state police officers association, Probation departments. Consultant (A VISA group) hired to interpret data. Press very negative regarding program results statewide.
- Counselor certification measure passed at request of Kathy Jett (e.g., CARR, CADAC) – controversy continues because state will not take on role of doing certification on its own and standard of training required deemed too low by many.
- Joint CADPAAC/CMHDA Planning meetings going on.
- Child & Youth Committee formed to look at possibility of using existing monies to provide secondary prevention (early treatment) for youth with addictions. Youth and Family focus adopted as a key approach along with early ID and Youth and Family focus adopted as a key approach along with early ID and referral. Shasta and Mendocino have model 14 week pre-treatment programs.
- Law enforcement representative still needed for the Board; a Board of Supervisor member for the Board will be filled after January.

5.2 Janine Cuellar, Report on “At the Table with African Americans”

- Butte County Department of Behavioral Health was one of seven counties chosen to be studied for “best practices” by CIMH due to its innovation.
- The Department was awarded \$5,000.00 for being selected by CIMH.
- The Department Cultural Competence Team decided on using the money to sponsor a series called, “At the Table with...”. There will be a total of seven such four hour presentations, the first one featuring African Americans.
- Each presentation has a panel consisting of five “experts” from each particular ethnic community featured.
- The African American presentation was highly successful as it “spoke to” issues that lead to alcohol and drug abuse in the African American community. Behavioral Health Department counselor Ricky Hodges played a key role in informing the audience about AOD issues related to African Americans.
- The presentation was “broadly attended”; half of the audience was BCBHD staff, and the other half was

comprised of staff from non-profit organizations and community members.

- Questions and Answers were followed by ethnic food and a dance given by Western African performers.
- The next presentation will be, "At the Table: Hmong people."

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 No unfinished business.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Jeff Zelsdorf nominated Sheila Hoban for Behavioral Health Board Chair; Michael Shuell, second.
- 7.2 Sheila Hoban nominated Michael Shuell for Behavioral Health Board Co-Chair; Jennifer Leube, second.
- 7.3 Jennifer Leube announced that she will not be continuing on as a Behavioral Health Board member.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8.1 None at this meeting.

9. GUEST PRESENTERS

- 9.1 None at this meeting; Ed Diksa will be giving up a follow-up presentation on the functions of Behavioral Health Boards at the November 18 meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jennifer Leube. Second, Michael Shuell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 4:42 p.m. Next meeting will be on November, 18 at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted by,

Geoffrey Davis

Secretary