

# LASSEN COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

## APPROVED MINUTES

**Monday December 12, 2022**

- Advisory Board Members Present:** Brady Reed – Member – Via Zoom  
Michael Hoenig – Member – Via Zoom  
Gary Bridges – Member – In Person  
Angela Reed – Member – Via Zoom
- Advisory Board Members Absent:** Chris Gallagher– Member
- Staff:** Barbara Longo – HSS Director – In Person  
Tiffany Armstrong – BH Director – Via Zoom  
Sarah Bustamante–Admin Assistant – Via Zoom
- Members of the Press:** None
- Other:** Andrea Hernandez – Judy’s House –In Person  
Mike Hernandez – Judy’s House – In Person  
Grace Poor – Housing – Via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Behavioral Health Advisory Board called to order at 5:46 pm
2. **Approval of the Agenda – Action:** Motion- Brady Reed — Second- Michael Hoenig– All in favor – motion carried
3. **Approval of the Minutes: November 2022:** – Motion –Brady Reed – Second – Angela Reed - All in favor – motion carried
4. **Public Comment: Barbara Longo**
  - a. Westwood Wellness Center – will be closed temporarily due to snow load and road conditions.
    - i. Press release was issued on Sunday.
    - ii. Working with Public Works on clearing the area
5. **Care Court – Tiffany Armstrong**
  - a. Meeting held last week with other County Directors
    - i. Alpine County is seeking a waiver for small counties on certain required items
    - ii. Also looking for a consultant to assist small counties
      1. More demand than availability
      2. Small counties lack the infrastructure to support certain Care Court requirements.

**6. Department Report: Tiffany Armstrong**

- a. Deborah White – started today as a SUD counselor
  - i. Will also be working with prevention
  - ii. Fully licensed
- b. Andrea Hernandez
  - i. Will be starting with BH for the DUI program
- c. Sherry Mathers
  - i. Grandfathered in for Peer Support Specialist
    - 1. Will not have to redo hours
  - ii. Will need to schedule and pass the test
- d. DUI Program
  - i. Application process is complete
  - ii. Will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 20, 2022 for approval
    - 1. \$400.00 will need to be submitted to DHCS for final approval and licensing
    - 2. Will need an EHR system and a credit card machine to collect fees
  - iii. Cascade Circle ran this program since 1996
    - 1. Ended this past year
    - 2. Now back as the responsibility of the County
    - 3. Went out for RFP (Request for Proposal) with no response
  - iv. Program can be started once licensing through DHCS is approved

**7. PIPS – Table**

**8. Cultural Competence: Tiffany Armstrong**

- a. Meeting was held today
  - i. Tiffany Armstrong, Joshua Bradley and Michael Hoenig were in attendance
  - ii. Plan is due at the end of December
  - iii. Discussed the Fentanyl epidemic and the outreach
    - 1. Utilize radio announcements
    - 2. Focus on youth
    - 3. Getting information out to the schools
      - a. Getting information to parents

**9. Housing – Grace Poor**

- a. Making progress towards developing affordable housing/Permanent supportive housing
  - i. Submitted for a grant at the end of November
    - 1. \$600,000 annually potentially
    - 2. Would be used for paying for the supportive services in housing

- 3. Started going through development regulations
- b. Point in Time Count
  - i. January 25, 2023
  - ii. Let Grace know if anyone is interested in participating
- c. Number of pending grants are in the works currently
- d. Success Story – Programs working to keep clients housed
  - i. Client had interactions with all service agencies
  - ii. Got housed since December 2021 – through Whole Person Care
    - 1. Kept housing for 1 year, now getting Social Security benefits and doing well

**10. Judy’s House – Andrea and Mike Hernandez**

- a. November numbers
  - i. 81 individuals
  - ii. 4 new individuals
  - iii. 4 warm line calls
  - iv. 9592 total minutes
  - v. 159.8 total hours
  - vi. 1 outreach
- b. Outreaches
  - i. Going to the river – handing out cards
  - ii. Follow up phone calls
- c. 3 Judy’s House staffs working on getting their Drug and Alcohol certifications

**11. Board Report:**

- a. **Board Recruitment-**
  - i. Brady Reed will be checking with Rebecca Jordan if she is interested in joining.
  - ii. Try and get someone from the court system to apply
  - iii. Applications available at Hospital Lane and via website
- b. **Sub-Committees**
  - i. **Legislation – No Update**

**12. Lassen Community College: Brady Reed**

- a. Rebecca Jordan started last month
  - i. Started seeing students
  - ii. Trying to get the word out that Rebecca is on staff
    - 1. Flyer made for Mental Wellness support services
  - iii. Will be starting up the behavioral intervention team

**13. Suicide Prevention: Tiffany Armstrong**

- a. Completed Out of Darkness Walk
  - i. Will start planning for next years event
- b. Would like to plan for an event similar at the Wellness Centers

**14. CAMHPRO – No Report**

**15. Susanville Police Department – No Report**

**16. Lassen County Sheriff's Department – No Report**

**17. Consideration of Future Agenda Items:**

- a. **Performance Improvement Project (PIPS)**
- b. **School Wellness – Lassen County Office of Education – Barbara to reach out see when they will be available**

**18. Next Meeting Date and Time: January 9, 2023 at 5:30pm**

**19. Adjournment: 6:21 pm**