

# Sierra County Human Services



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## Mental Health/Drug/Alcohol Services

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## Sierra County Mental Health Advisory Board Meeting

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**April 14, 2016**                      **9:30am to 11:30 am**  
Loyalton Probation Office  
604 B Main Street                      Loyalton, California 96118

## Minutes

**Board Members Present:** Becky Kinkead, Scott Schlefstein, Sara Wright

**Mental Health Staff Members Present:** Annie Elorza-Case Manager, Laurie Marsh-Behavioral Health Coordinator

**Stakeholders Present:** Chuck Henson-Probation, Rebecca

**Community Members Present:** None

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Meeting started at 9:40 am.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – April 14, 2016 agenda approved by consensus.
3. **Approval of Regular Minutes** – March 4, 2016 minutes approved by consensus.
4. **Mental Health Services Act Topics**
  - a. **Old Business**
    - i. **Discussion Item: Status of FY 15/16 MHSA Annual Update**

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L. Marsh reported the FY 15/16 MHSA Annual Update passed at the Board of Supervisors as a consent item on April 5, 2016.

## b. New Business

### i. Discussion Item: MHSA Housing Funds and 'No Place Like Home' Initiative

L. Marsh introduced the "No Place Like Home" Initiative that is a bipartisan Senate Initiative to Prevent and Address Homelessness in our Local Communities. L. Marsh explained that the initiative is based on accessing MHSA funds at the state level that will result in counties receiving less money at the local level. The Initiative funds will then go out to counties on a competitive grantee basis that will be broken down into large county and small county categories. Frontier counties such as Sierra County will not benefit from this initiative and will lose the local control that allows us to address homelessness in a culturally appropriate local manner. Discussion followed and it was decided that a letter will be drafted to the State explaining the Mental Health Advisory Board's concern of not being able to address homelessness at the local level. The letter will be brought back to the Mental Health Advisory Board to approve and send.

### ii. Discussion Item: MHSA Target Populations

L. Marsh explained the need to identify target populations within Sierra County to serve and indicated that services targeted to Veterans is not fully addressed in the MHSA plan or the FY 15/16 update. This matter will need to be addressed in the future as there has been some indication of needs for Veteran's services identified.

### iii. Discussion Item: FY 16/17 MHSA Annual Update

L. Marsh indicated the FY 16/17 MHSA Annual Update is due to the State on December 31, 2016. She will start to work on this update in the near future so that it falls more in-line with the actual fiscal year.

## 5. Mental Health Plan Topics

### a. Old Business - None

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## b. New Business

### i. Discussion Item: Dissemination of Consumer Perception Survey Results

Consumer Perception Survey Results for Fall of 2014 and Spring of 2015 were disseminated and discussed. The ratings were all in the agree or strongly agree sections. Topics covered in the Consumer Perception Survey are General Satisfaction, Perception of Access, Perception of Quality & Appropriateness, Perception of Participation in Treatment Planning Perception of Services, Perception of Functioning, and Perception of Social Connectedness. L. Marsh reported the Fall 2015 survey results were not received back from the state yet and the Spring 2016 Consumer Surveys would take place during the week of May 16 to the 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. Cultural Competency

### a. Old Business - None

### c. New Business

#### i. Discussion Item: Cultural Competence within the Mental Health Plan

The requirement of the need for a Cultural Competency plan was discussed. S. Schlefstein felt that the term Cultural Wisdom is a more appropriate term. Cultural Wisdom is the term we will try to adopt at a local level as all were in agreement.

L. Marsh reported that there will be a Cultural Proficiency (Wisdom) training on April 20, 2016 and that a Bridges out of Poverty training will be scheduled for spring/summer months to complete the current cultural competency plan.

## 7. Public Comments and Reports

There were no public comments or reports.

## 8. Adjourn Meeting

B. Kinkead moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM. S. Schlefstein seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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