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Sierra County Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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Meeting will take place at the Loyalton Park in the Gazebo. Weather may be a factor in comfort. Please dress accordingly.

9:30-11:00 a.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Opening of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - b. Approval of Regular Minutes – June 4, 2020, August 6, 2020
 - c. Public Comment regarding topics related to the Mental Health Plan, Cultural Awareness, and Substance Use Disorder topics
 - d. Mental Health Plan Topics
 - i. Old Business
 1. Discussion Item: Quality Assurance/Improvement – Jamie Franceschini
 2. Discussion Item: Sierra County Behavioral Health MHSA Plan of Correction Submittal
 3. Discussion Item: Providing Behavioral Health Services during the declared COVID-19 State of Emergency.
 - ii. New Business
 1. Action Item: Wellness Center collaboration with the Loyalton Senior Center and Social Services providing a Senior Front Porch Program

The Sierra County Behavioral Health Advisory Board, in partnership with the Board of Supervisors, advocates for responsive services, within the Behavioral Health System, that are easily accessible, person and family centered, strength-based, recovery and wellness oriented, culturally competent and cost effective. The Sierra County Behavioral Health Advisory Board provides the voice of informed perspectives on planning, policies and procedures that impact the recovery, resiliency and rights of the persons served, along with family members. The Sierra County Behavioral Health Advisory Board involves and educates the residents of Sierra County.

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2. Action Item: Collaboration with Social Services to provide an extra help associate position and enhancing the contract for North American Mental Health Services. Sierra County Behavioral Health must enhance the Children’s System of Care to meet the ever-growing Children and Family Services need.

- e. Cultural Awareness Topics
 - i. Old Business
 - 1. Discussion Item: Identification of Cultures in Sierra County – Robert Szopa
 - ii. New Business - none
 - f. Substance Use Disorder Topics
 - i. Old Business
 - 1. Discussion Item: Drug Medi-Cal Outpatient billing
 - ii. New Business - none
 - g. Adjournment of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting
- 3. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Steering Committee**
- a. Old Business
 - i. Discussion Item: No Place Like Home status
 - ii. Discussion Item: Wellness Center building project update
 - b. New Business
 - i. Discussion Item: Student/Parent Navigator position and update during COVID
 - c. Public Comments and Reports
 - d. Close of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Steering Committee meeting