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MARIN COUNTY
 ADVISORY BOARD ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROGRAM
 March 1, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting

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TIME	SUBJECT
6:30 PM	Call to Order Call for AOD Quorum: Yes Present: Mark Dale, Suzanne Kanner, Gail Dunnett, Tracy Novick Guests: Tori Knopp, April Rovero, Steve & Ella Steinberg, Michelle Leopold, Heather Johnson, Marion Kregelch Absent: John Riley, Christine Lam, Ruby Gibney Staff: Jei Africa, Cat Condon, Taffy Lavié
6:31 PM	Introductions: Introduce Board Members & New Candidates
6:35 PM	Review of Agenda / Approval of March 1, 2021 meeting minutes- <i>motion to approve the minutes, first motion by Suzanne Kanner, second by Gail Dunnett....</i> Approved
6:40 PM	Open Public Time: Ella asked the AOD – what is the greatest need and how can they help?
6:45 PM	Presentation: April J. Rovero- April lost her youngest son to a lethal combination of alcohol and prescription medication. With this tremendous loss, April created the National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse (NCAPDA) to help others with education, awareness and legislative advocacy. April reviewed the stakeholders in her coalition and key affiliations: FED UP! Coalition, Contra Costa, East Bay, among others. April discussed the legislative alliances she has made with State Senator, now Rep Mark DeSaulnier. Between legislative work, addressing fentanyl growth & supporting programs like: ‘Life’s Too Good to Be Wasted’ Campaign (youth sharing art & videos on what keeps them substance free in Contra Costa), April Rovero has made a difference with her coalition. Rovero noted that there will be an Alcohol, Cannabis & Prescription Drug Expert Panel on March 30, 2021
7:10 PM	BHRS Staff Reports: Jei Africa, BHRS Director and Cat Condon, Division Director, SUD will provide updates related to BHRS’ response to the COVID19 pandemic including outreach efforts, continuation of essential services, etc. Information will also be provided on any statewide efforts to address Behavioral Health needs during COVID19. Statistics were shared as in the previous meeting of the trends of overdoses & near fatal overdoses during COVID. The goal is to provide and engage clients with treatment within a set time: 7, 14 & 30 days. Building an inpatient treatment in San Rafael on Grand Ave to provide more treatment for the underserved. In May there will be a Process & Improvement event, May 11-12 th , details to follow.
7:20 PM	Committee Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RX Safe Marin – Mark Announced there will be a Law Enforcement Training- Virtual 4/21/21- Open to AOD, very successful event in the past. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Update –none

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership Committee Reports- no time to review this week, Mark asked Tracy to contact the sub committees to see who would like to present their findings to the AOD. Items to be moved to the next meeting.
7:30 PM	Adjournment
	Next Executive Conference Call: Mon. April 19, 2021 @ 12:15 p.m.– Conference Call- 415-473-3030/ Meeting Number: 7719# / Host/Moderator: password 633863# / Attendee: password 4154737719#
	Next AOD Board Meeting: Mon. May 3, 2021 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom

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