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MARIN COUNTY
 ADVISORY BOARD ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROGRAMS
 April 4, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting

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TIME	SUBJECT
6:30 PM	<p>Call to Order Call for AOD Quorum: Present: Ruby Gibney, John Riley, Gail Dunnett, Tori Kropp, Guests: Benita McLarin, Renee Brewer, Michael Wilson, Mark Dale, Kate Sanford, Hidat Tikue, Suzanne Kanner, & Tracy Novick, Absent: Cat Condon Staff: Jei Africa, Taffy Lavie</p>
6:31 PM	<p>Introductions: Introduce Board Members & New Candidates</p>
6:35 PM	<p>Review of Agenda / Approval of Minutes from February & March 2022 February minutes approved by Gail Dunnett & seconded by John Riley. March minutes approved by John Riley and seconded by Gail Dunnett.</p>
6:40 PM	<p>Open Public Time</p>
6:40PM	<p>Benita McLarin, Director of HHS, made an announcement regarding the merger and AOD. Ms McLarin acknowledged the service of the AOD and the challenges. She is presented a new proposal, a modification of her previous announcement to merge- two changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will a new Behavioral Health Board which will combine representatives from Mental Health Board and include interested members from the AOD. • The second thing is that the AOD board will remain intact. Ms Mclarin said she is not proposing to dissolve the AOD but she is not supporting it. She will make no recommendation to the board • In April, Ms McLarin will present on behalf of the HHS the new plan to the BOS for approval. • The Behavioral Health Board (BHB)will finalize its new by-laws by August. The AOD members can seek a seat on the BHB. • The AOD if approved by County Administrator or /& BOS- Will be supported differently by BHRS staff. Jei Africa & Taffy Lavie will no longer attend as of June 2022. Cat Condon will still visit to update the board on SUD & Alcohol statistics and treatment. Hidat Tikue will be assigned to the AOD as an administrator assistance to coordinate posting minutes to the Public and other needed staff support (but less time than before)

	<p>There were many questions by the board and guests to clarify the implications of this decision. There was serious concern that the AOD was not safe from being dissolved; it would look like it was obsolete with this new move to recreate the merger without the AOD. All agreed AOD can't get comfortable and the message to the BOS is renewing the AOD for four years.</p> <p>Kate Sanford, stated that the recommendation from Ms McLarin does not mean that the AOD will be dissolved. She stated that going to the BOS meetings, writing, making the case for why the AOD should exist and ask for its four year term renewed.</p> <p>Emphasis on the new AOD By-Laws will plan to submit, getting board nominations renewed (Suzanne Kanner & Tracy Novick). The repurposed AOD will address the entire population of Marin, Complimenting the BHD who will service the 17%.</p>
	<p>Postponed due to agenda 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.</p>
7:20 PM	<p>Committee Reports: Not all reviewed due to conversation about AOD future, the new BHB & Ms McLarin's update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RX Safe Marin – Mark Dale- Discussed the recent event on a Call to Action by High school students in Marin & DEA to address the Fentanyl and drug crisis. Mark Dale spoke of the rising statistics of Fentanyl deaths. Mark thinks the numbers show up to 400 deaths from 2015-2021 in Marin County. To be discussed further.... • Legislative Update –no report • Membership Committee Reports- no report <p>Unanimous decision to continue to meet by Zoom next month</p>
7:30 PM	Adjournment
	<p>Next Executive Conference Call: Mon. April 18,2022 @ 12:15 p.m.– Conference Call- 415-473-3030/ Meeting Number: 7719# / Host/Moderator: password 633863# / Attendee: password 4154737719#</p>
	<p>Next AOD Board Meeting: Mon. May 2,2022 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom</p>

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