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**MARIN COUNTY
 ALCOHOL AND DRUG BOARD**
 August 3, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting

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TIME	SUBJECT
6:30 PM	<p>Call to Order: Yes Call for AOD Quorum: Yes Present: John Riley, Suzanne Kanner, Tori Kropp, Ruby Gibney (could not attend all of meeting- Vice Chair John Riley is Chairing A&D) & Tracy Novick Guests: Mark Dale, Eva, Damian Staff: Cat Condon & Hidat Tikue Absent: Gail Dunnett</p>
6:31 PM	<p>Introductions: Introduce Board Members & New Candidates Open Public Time Will be delayed until after BHRS report from Cat Condon</p>
6:35 PM	<p>Review of Agenda / Approval of July 2022 meeting Minutes. Agenda approved unanimously. July Minutes-first motion to approve was Suzanne Kanner & Tracy Novick made second motion: Minutes approved.</p> <p>Eva, a guest from the public, asked if she could comment on the minutes. Eva did not think the minutes should be approved as it did not reflect all the comments she made during her attendance at the July AOD meeting. She started to criticize the AOD when John Riley, Vice Chair, stopped her stating that there be no ad hominem personal attacks and it would not be tolerated during the meeting as had occurred in July. There was some brief discussion about the July meeting. Eva defended and debated some of her July comments toward AOD members stating they are facts not attacks.</p> <p>A question was asked as to whether guests or the public should post their last name on Zoom and the Brown Act was cited.</p> <p>Damian said he wanted more details about their comments in the minutes.</p>
6:40 PM	<p>BHRS Staff Reports: Cat Condon, Division Director, reporting to AOD on BHRS news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Jei Africa is leaving BHRS in Marin and moving to San Mateo. The Board of Supervisors appointed Dr. Todd Schirmer as the Interim Behavioral Health Director. • Helen Vine is hosting its annual Recovery Month celebration on September 22nd (5-8pm) at the San Rafael Community Center. • Cat reported that HHS/ BHRS sent a letter of recommendation supporting the new AOD By-Laws. AOD should know by August 4th, if By-laws along with Board approval will be on the agenda for BOS August 9th.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On September 15, there will be a Women in Recovery film screening, followed by Q&A, from 6:30pm – 8:00pm, at Homeward Bound
6:50 PM	<p>Open Public Time. This time was delayed to let Cat Condon do the BHRS report since she is traveling. Each speaker received 3 min.</p> <p>Eva: Thinks that the “all white” AOD Board hasn’t addressed the failures of its’ AOD; it’s Board members do not understand the Brown Act, and it hasn’t addressed the corruption of the DEA (at which point Eva cited several dates and articles about the DEA.). She expressed dissatisfaction with the running of the AOD.</p> <p>Damian: Grew up in Marin and attended Tam High, He agrees that alcohol and drugs are very problematic in Marin.</p> <p>Mark Dale: Defended the AOD previous work with DEA, stated as previous Chair of AOD there was more diversity in the past and that they are always inviting people to apply to the AOD. He encouraged the public to join the AOD.</p>
7:05 PM	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>* Discuss strategy for BOS: By tomorrow, August 4th we will know If the AOD is on the BOS agenda for next week. BOS voting to renew support and recommission the AOD as discretionary board should be on the agenda . Support by HHS & BHRS for our By-laws is good news. Most of the AOD board members plan to attend in person or by Zoom next Tuesday’s BOS meeting.</p> <p>* Harrison Law. Gail Dunnett couldn’t make the new board date for tonight to talk about her proposal for a law (the Harrison Law- named after her son) to require rehabs & residential treatment to have and use “pulse oximeters” in order to better monitor clients pulse and blood oxygen levels. There was some discussion about the need for stricter oversight of rehab facilities and ways to do that. Plan is to hear from Gail at the next meeting</p> <p>- Solicitation-support letter John Riley reminded the board to send a letter to any and all folks we think may be willing to support extension of the AOD to the BOS.</p>
7:30 PM	<p>Committee Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RX Safe Marin – no report Legislative Update –no updates Membership Committee Reports- None
7:30 PM	<p>The Board agreed to extend meeting virtually for the September meeting. Adjournment</p>
	<p>Next Executive Conference Call: Monday, August 29, 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. September 12, 2022 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom</p>

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