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MARIN COUNTY  
 ALCOHOL AND DRUG Board  
 September 19, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M.

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Join Zoom Meeting

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TIME	SUBJECT
6:30 PM	<p>Call to Order            Call for AOD Quorum: Ye            Present: Ruby Gibney, John Riley, Suzanne Kanner, Gail Dunnett, Tori Kropp (late) and Tracy Novick            Guests: Eva, Damian, Dolores, Mark Dale            Absent:            Staff: Cat Condon &amp; Hidat Tikue</p>
6:31 PM	<p><b>Introductions:</b> Introduce Board Members &amp; New Candidates</p>
6:35 PM	<p><b>Review of Agenda / Approval of August meeting Minutes.</b> Suzanne Kanner made first motion for approval, Gail Dunnett seconded approval. August minutes approved.</p>
6:40 PM	<p><b>Open Public Time: two minutes per guest</b>            Eva: She had several questions about AOD's audio/ video collection of previous meetings. She stated she could not locate all of the meetings on the website. She asked for an explanation on where the rest of the tapes are located. She reminded the board that the recordings must be posted and available to the public. She continued to state her problems with the AOD Board because of what she perceives as a "pro-law position with law enforcement and the DEA".            Mark Dale: He spoke of recent Marin county events noting one held last Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, on Recovery with two women speaking at the Homeward Bound. About 40-50 people attended. He noted that Marin Prevention Network and Probation have other events they are hosting this month.            Dolores: Visiting AOD for first time. Her participation is driven by her son who has addiction and negative experiences in Marin County. She is frustrated by the lack of resources, lack of follow up by jail and MGH Hospital.</p>
6:50 PM	<p><b>BHRS Staff Report from Cat Condon:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September is National Recovery month</li> <li>Women in Recovery, September 15, was held at Homeward Bound and she will provide links for people to see the event</li> <li>Helen Vine is hosting a Sober party with music and food to celebrate Recovery month. It will be held the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the San Rafael Community Center.</li> <li>State is launching next spring a program called <b>Atlas</b>. <b>Atlas</b> will provide resources and how to navigate these resources. Programs and treatments are going to be included but participation is optional.</li> </ul>

	<p>So not clear if participation will be comprehensive enough to make this valid for clients not on Medi-cal, noninsured, or have no resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By December, BHRS will have funding for 5 more locations for Narcan Vending machines. At the moment there are two- Marin County Jail at the entrance and one at Social Services Campus. BHRS is open to ideas for locations of these machines.</li> </ul> <p>Damian: asked about the Narcan and the Vending machines.          Mark &amp; Tracy reported that the Narcan Vending machine is in a perfect location at the jail and user friendly &amp; free. People say it is helpful, Mark helped a couple get free Narcan.</p>
<p>7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Open Public Time was resumed</b> with the late arrival of Damian and John Riley.</p> <p>John Riley addressed the issue of recordings posted on the County website. He made clear to guests, the public and the board- AOD is not responsible for posting minutes or recordings. The Administration of BHRS/HHS is responsible for the site. Hidat added that she has been submitting the recordings for the past 6 months since she began her position.</p> <p>Ruby added that up until the recommissioning of the board in August 2022, recordings were not required that is why Eva is not able to access earlier recordings before 2022. Recording are required as of August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Eva had argued that it was the “antics of our board” that has interfered with the recordings.</p>
<p>7:20 PM</p>	<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Status of the AOD Board and new By-Laws</b></li> </ul> <p>The AOD was recommissioned for another four years and the new By-laws were approved by the BOS. Suzanne asked if the new approved By-laws by BOS &amp; counsel has been posted on the County website and had the AOD received a final copy.?</p> <p>Hidat said she would follow up- with a copy to the board and to post on the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brown Act and Board member protocol and behavior moving forward.</b></li> </ul> <p>Ruby opened with comments about the Brown Act and that all board members should be familiar with the by-laws. She stated that in previous meetings the Board had not abided by the Brown Act and reminded the Board members that the public has a right to speak without interruption or criticism. All business should be conducted publicly and not in private conversations- no texting or emails. Ad Hoc committees are acceptable to discuss board business without a Quorum. 1-2 AOD members can talk business.</p> <p>That is why we could not meet for our rescheduled meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Monday, because the agenda need to be posted 72 hours, Thus, we had to meet two days later and it hadn't been posted on Marin county website.</p> <p>There also was discussion about importance of compliance with the Brown Act. Ruby apologized for past inconsistencies by the Board members. Damian said that he appreciated the reiteration of the Brown Act and apologies by some board members for not complying at previous meeting. He also requested the board considers a 3 minute time for the public response</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ideas on how to expand the Board’s membership and diversity.</b> John mentioned Alcohol Justice, Don Carney of Youth Court, and Be the Influence as potential organizations to reach out to. Tracy will assist John in public outreach. She also indicated that she would like to see the AOD take on a more public role by responding to articles and public misinformation or support. All board members are invited to network and broaden the AOD’s exposure to Marin community and the citizens to the Board. Mark Dale offered that Henry Pratt a Senior at Archie Williams HS would like to serve on the AOD but he is not 18 yet and that requires a different application process. TBD.</li> <li>• <b>What Major Initiatives do we want to pursue and which orgs in Marin we want to link with</b> Dolores, a guest of Suzanne Kanner, spoke of an initiative that she wants the AOD to explore. She explained her story of having a son with addiction who isn’t being served by Marin services. She relayed son’s MGH ER visits, and Helen Vine referrals that did not come through for her son. There is no help for him. There are problems with Probation and coordinating with Marin County Jail. Suzanne proposed an ad hoc committee that would identify the problems and make suggestions to the BOS. Does the BOS. know what is going on With addicts and a broken system? How to “Stop the Cycle” will be the focus of Committee. Gail spoke about an initiative to focus on her proposed Harrison’s law. She is interested in addressing the private treatments centers about Narcan availability on site &amp; Pulse Ox. She asked Cat at BHRS if they had reached out to all the centers and had supplied them. Cat said she did not know if the centers took any Narcan. John offered to work with Gail on this initiative.</li> <li>• <b>How to proceed with Ad Hoc committees</b> The suggested initiatives for Ad Hoc AOD committees- #1 evaluate the cycle of services for people with addictions in jail, in probation, at ERs, 2# Community, People &amp; Organizations – outreach and invite to our revitalized board by pursuing people &amp; organizations to share their initiatives and support. #3 Harrison’s law- finding if private treatments centers are using Narcan or have on site and what about pulse oximeters. There was a brief conversation about considering a retreat for the board to focus on the initiatives. TBD.</li> </ul>
8:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No Committee reports due to time</b></li> <li>• <b>AB361-</b> Vote each month to extend Zoom meetings- Approved to meet by Zoom for October meeting</li> <li>• <b>Adjournment</b></li> </ul>
	<p>Next Executive Conference Call: Mon. September 26, 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: <b>Monday.</b> October 3, 2022 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom</p>

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