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MARIN COUNTY
 ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADVISORY BOARD
 June 5, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
 20 N. San Pedro Rd. – Pt. Reyes Conference Room
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TIME	SUBJECT
6:00 PM	<p>Call to Order Quorum: Yes Present: Ruby Gibney, Suzanne Kanner, Craig Lewis, Tori Kropp, Gail Dunnett, Tracy Novick and John Riley Staff: Taffy Guests: Mark Dale, Delores. Roderigo, Courtney, Eva Absent: Cat Condon</p>
6:01PM	<p>Introductions: Introduce Board Members & New Candidates</p>
6: 02PM	<p>Review of Agenda / Approval of May 2023 meeting Minutes First motion to approve by Suzanne Kanner, Second motion to approve by Craig Lewis. Minutes approved .</p>
6: 05PM	<p>Open Public Time: Five members from the public</p>
6:20 PM	<p>BHRS Staff Report-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report this month
6:40 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tori & Tracy presented on Press & Public Relations Ad Hoc Committee. Their discussion began with proposing a name change to reflect the work of the Ad Hoc Committee. The focus is on youth, substance use/abuse, and education & information. Questions we have are: Is there Drug & Alcohol education for the youth, and teachers in the Marin community. Is there any formal alcohol drug education in middle or high schools in Marin County? Once we establish what is and isn't available to our youth, and educators, we want to create alliances and pursue the next steps for getting education/ programs at Marin schools. Interesting note, Gov Newsom signed into law as of 2025-26 that graduating Seniors from High School must all have taken a mandated Ethnic Studies class. The law mandates Ethics (DEI) class education for one semester in high school before graduation for each student. The Assembly Bill 101 will become the law in the California school year of 2025-26. Can Marin get mandated Drug education for High schoolers? Middle Schoolers? Who do we connect with at MCOE? Craig Lewis reports that there is a state Senate bill # 10 regarding Drug education. He will get us that information. Recent communication with Kelsey Fernandez, MHYP, reports her network of youth groups are looking at Drug education & can update our board. She might be able to speak to AD in August, TBD at June Exec conf call. Lastly, the name of the committee will be renamed. The Board discussed new title and agreed on- YES: Youth, Education & Substances. Just say YES!

	<p>There were Public Comments from three people</p>
<p>6:55 PM</p>	<p>Committee Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrison’s Law- Gayle reported frustration with state’s lack of enforcement of standards of care. It seems like the only way to correct a noncompliant treatment center is sue them, one lawsuit at a time. She is trying to figure out how to go forward with this law. Craig & Tracy & John all offered to meet & work on this in Ad Hoc. Tracy talked about Shatterproof & its work on standards in treatment centers & maybe they have worked on this type of enforcement. • Interagency Collaboration- an example from one guest today whose son after 4 months of jail time was transferred over a holiday weekend to Marin General Hospital to be evaluated & placed in a program. There were beds, but the son couldn’t be admitted to Casa Rene because there are no admissions on a weekend. Her son was given a bus ticket to Santa Rosa. Suzanne cited how this was a perfect example of the lack of collaboration between agencies and how that impacts the inmate struggling with SUD. Discussion of letters to be sent out for meetings held with this Ad Hoc Committees to be discussed under Action Items. • The New title was approved for Press & Public Relations-it is now called: YES: Youth, Education & Substances. Full board approval. Report given earlier in meeting.
<p>7:15 PM</p>	<p>Announcements/ Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John reported on his visit to the Mental Health Board retreat on a recent Saturday. In the past both boards met every other month and John said perhaps we could resume those board meetings. • Courtney, from NA, is interested in speaking to AOD board. TBD. • Mark Dale reported on the AOD of the past- more diversity in membership of the board and that monies are available as a stipend for people who want to volunteer on the Board. <p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzanne discussed the need to follow up on Helen Vine old business- on the call back system, the lack of beds, the management issues of Detox with longer times of withdrawal due to Xylazine & Fentanyl!. What are our next steps? How to we follow up on other findings? To be on July Agenda. <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John presented the three letters he is proposing to send. Suzanne & Tracy assisted with the letters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Letter to Deputy Sgt. Gullet * Letter to Rebekah Reali, Social Worker @ Marin County Jail * Report/ letter to the BOS & other agencies on the work done in the past year by AD. <p>All three letters were approved unanimously by the Board & final edits to be done and sent out before the next AD Board in July.</p> • Tori will follow up with Kelsey Fernandez @ MHYP about speaking with the Board in August

	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will AD go dark in July or meet on July 10th? The Board decided to meet on July 10th. Tracy expressed concern about not going dark. Her concern is that anticipating that the AD will go dark & now isn't, means that she will miss the board meeting in July as she has plans to travel. The attendance rules for the AD states that more than two absences are violation of membership. At this point Zoom is not permitted for Board members though members of the public can Zoom in to meeting. Taffy said exceptions are made for Board members to be excused. Tracy wanted to be recognized to vote & participate by Zoom. Taffy to explore.
7:30 PM	Adjournment
	<p>Next Executive Conference Call: Mon. July 24, 2023 @ 12:15 p.m.– Conference Call- 415-473-3030/ Meeting Number: 7719# / Attendee: password 4154737719# / Host/Moderator: password 633863#</p>
	<p>Next AOD Board Meeting: Monday. July 10, 2023 @ 6:00 pm via Zoom</p>

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