



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

**December 18, 2024
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Location: Behavioral Health Regional Training Center, 8207 East Road,
Redwood Valley, CA 95470

**Chairperson
Jo Bradley**

**Vice Chair
Mo Mulheren**

**Secretary/Treasurer
Jenniffer Estevo**

**BOS Supervisor
Mo Mulheren**

MEMBERSHIP:

**ANTHONY BAROZA, 25 YRS AND UNDER
JO BRADLEY, 5TH DISTRICT
MARK DONEGAN, VETERAN
JENNIFER ESTEVO, 2ND DISTRICT
DENISE GORNY, 1ST DISTRICT**

**PERRI KALLER, 3RD DISTRICT
LOIS LOCKART, 1ST DISTRICT
MARTIN MARTINEZ, 5TH DISTRICT
JEFF SHIPP, 3RD DISTRICT
PENDING, LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY**

OUR MISSION: *To be committed to consumers, their families, and the delivery of quality care with the goals of recovery, human dignity, and the opportunity for individuals to meet their full potential."*

	Agenda Item / Description	Action
1. 3 minutes	Call to Order, Roll Call, Quorum Notice, & Approve Agenda: Review and Possible Action. - Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM. - Members present Baroza, Bradley, Estevo, and Martinez. - Members not present Gorny, Kaller, and Shipp. - Members excused Donegan and Lockart. - Director Miller was present. - Supervisor Haschak and Supervisor Mulheren were present. - Chair Bradley mentioned the Local Education Agency representative was appointed to the BHAB at the December 17, 2024, Board of Supervisor (BOS) meeting. She also mentioned the intention of the January 2025 BHAB meeting to be informative BHAB 101 and Q&A for the board. - Member Martinez arrived at 1:15pm.	Board Action: None.
2. 2 minutes	Approval of Minutes from the November 20, 2024, BHAB Regular Meetings: Review and Possible Action.	Board Action: None.

3. 10 minutes (Maximum)	Public Comments: <i>Members of the public wishing to comment on the BHAB will be recognized now. Any additional comments can be provided through email to bhboard@mendocinocounty.gov</i> • No comments.	Board Action: None.
4. 10 minutes	Board & Committee Reports: Discussion and Possible Action A. Chair – <i>Jo Bradley</i> - 2025 Meeting Schedule • Chair Bradley restated the January 2025 meeting to be longer than usual to be informative and provide training to the board. • Vice Chair Mulheren expressed the importance of attendance at the meetings in outlying areas as scheduled on the draft meeting schedule. • Chair Bradley also mentioned the importance of attending meetings on the south coast as well. • Chair Bradley mentioned the need to ensure communication to the public when meetings are scheduled in outlying areas and on the coast. • It was requested that a Google Poll be sent to the board members to determine the best date for the January 2025 meeting. Friday meeting date would work for Chair Bradley and Members Baroza, Estevo, and Martinez. Vice Chair Mulheren mentioned it would vary for her. - Measure B update • Chair Bradley mentioned that City of Fort Bragg has requested funds, and that Measure B gave 2 years of funding and will need to report back. She also mentioned the priority at this time is the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and expressed how amazing the progress of the building has been made. B. Vice Chair – <i>Mo Mulheren</i> • Nothing to report. C. Secretary/Treasurer – <i>Jenniffer Estevo</i> • Nothing to report. D. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Martinez</i> • Member Martinez suggested creating a list of items that the board has completed this year to review and discuss. He also mentioned the Public Comment Committee has had public comments from those that have been present at meetings.	Board Action: None.
5. 10 minutes	Mendocino County Youth Project Report Out – <i>Amanda Archer/Designee</i> A. Services Update • They’ve onboarded three full-time staff. In addition, had two individuals in their housing program that has a capacity of eight beds. They are planning the last week of December to work with Ukiah Unified School District to hold lunch and activities every day and will also be giving away Ukiah on Ice tickets. They also have a contract with juvenile hall with a three-quarter full-time staff.	Board Action: None.

6. 10 minutes	Redwood Community Services Report Out – Victoria Kelly/Designee A. Services Update • Report was presented and provided to the board members. • There eight bed facility at times reports more than eight in some months as they have had clients enter and exit within the same month. • Success story for a client in Gualala was mentioned. The client was bussed to school and had unsafe behaviors at home. RCS workers visited the client and worked with additional resources to continue providing services. The RCS team’s willingness to do whatever it takes to support the outlying areas has been great asset. • BHRS, APS, & RCS continued collaboration to meet client’s needs and very close to finding housing. It’s been a lot of effort that’s been put in to support this client. Moving in the right direction. • Member Martinez asked if they do 5150 holds. Ms. Kelly responded yes; they can do 5150 holds. Their staff receive training and are provided additional internal training along with one-on-one training. They have bilingual staff and ASL staff available.	Board Action: None.
7. 10 minutes	Tapestry Report Out – Kendra Palma/Designee A. Services Update • Bryan Erickson provided an update and mentioned in November that they held a Thanksgiving meal for 23 of their clients. In December, they are selecting 2-3 clients that need help and support for the holidays. They have had good participation from the community too. He mentioned the Willits and Fort Bragg offices opening and transitioning was smooth. They are currently looking for another therapist to provide services along the coast as well and rehab support and mental health specialist. They have had several people requesting services that has increased the demand.	Board Action: None.
8. 10 minutes	Mendocino County Hospitality Center – Paul Davis/Designee A. Services Update • Not present.	Board Action: None.
9. 10 minutes	Anchor Health Management Report – Anchor Health Management Inc. A. Services Update • Sarah Walsh presented the report that was included in the agenda packet. • Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) submission of licensing packet has been delayed as they are waiting on partnering contractors that is currently in progress.	Board Action: None.
10. 10 minutes	Mendocino County Report – Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services A. Director Report Questions • The report was included in the agenda packet. In addition, the PHF is moving forward, and everything is on track. • Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS) and Public Health departments held a successful Hat, Sock and Glove Drive for conserved clients. This is voluntarily done by staff to ensure	Board Action: None.

	clients have presents for the holidays as some don't always have families. • Vice Chair Mulheren asked about LPS conservatorships number not changing over the last few months. • Director Miller mentioned it's due to fluctuation in those meeting criteria for LPS conservatorship. • Vice Chair Mulheren asked about a previous presentation that Karen Lovato, Acting Deputy Director presented during the last quarterly mental health report and requested another presentation at a future meeting. Director Miller mentioned she could attend the meeting in January to report out and provide updates on Care Court. • It was mentioned that additional data about LPS conservatorships to be looked at to be included in the next Director Report. • Member Martinez mentioned about percent of staff that do the work and asked how work and services were completed i.e. contracted and/or networking. • Director Miller mentioned we have had hires in both BHRS & Public Health departments and acknowledged that we all wear multiple hats. • Director Miller also mentioned the County Employee Survey results. • Public Comment: Angle Slater, Public Health Manager, commented about BHRS and Public Health departments of how well staff collaborate and work together. They have created a happy atmosphere to work together in.	
11. 3 Minutes	Member Comments: • Chair Bradley mentioned of the good progress on the PHF.	Board Action: None.
12. 2 minutes	Adjournment: 2:42 PM	Board Action: None.

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