MENDOCINO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

September 16, 2026
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Health Services Conference Room 1,
1120 S. Dora Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

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*
JENNIFFER ESTEVO, *2ND DISTRICT*
DENISE GORNY, *1ST DISTRICT*
JEFF SHIPP, *3RD DISTRICT*
JILL ALES, *COMMUNITY MEMBER*
TIM BOSMA, *4TH DISTRICT*
MARTIN MARTINEZ, *COMMUNITY MEMBER*
GINA DANNER, *LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY*

OUR COMMITMENT: *"To be committed to individuals, their families, and the delivery of quality care with the goals of recovery, human dignity, and the opportunity for participants 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 1:06 pm. • Members present: Member Baroza, Member Danner, Member Donegan, Member Estevo, Member Shipp. • Members excused: Member Ales, Member Bosma, Member Gorny, Member Martinez. • Health Services Director Jenine Miller was present. • Supervisor Mulheren was present. • Motion made by Member Baroza and seconded by Member Estevo to approve the Agenda. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.	Board Action: Approved.
2. 10 minutes (Maximum)	**Public Comments:** *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* • None	Board Action: None.
3. 5 minutes	**Appreciation Committee – *Member Martinez*** A. Current/Past BHAB Member Appreciation – Perri Kaller	Board Action: None.

	• A plaque was commissioned for former member Perri Kaller in recognition and appreciation for her time on the Board. Perri had been invited to receive the award, but could not attend. Award to be delivered to her.	
4. 5 minutes	**Approval of Minutes from August 26, 2026, Regular Meeting:** *Review and Possible Action* • Motion made by Member Danner and seconded by Member Baroza to approve the August 26, 2026 Minutes. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.	Board Action: Approved
5. 60 minutes	**SUDT Providers Report Out:** A. Ford Street Jacque Williams, Executive Director • The Ford Street Project has been focused on serving those who struggle with substance misuse and the homeless in the community, with a focus on adults, since 1974. • Jacque discussed the future changes Ford Street would be undertaking, with a move from being a Partnership provider to working on being a contractor with Mendocino County for withdrawal management, residential and outpatient treatment. Moving forward, Ford Street Project is looking at predominantly serving Mendocino County residents. • Jacque introduced Marla Foyle, newly hired Executive Director of the Ukiah Recovery Center. Marla has been the Executive Director of the Ukiah Recovery Center since August. She talked about her history and experience in behavioral health and substance use fields. She had previously served as Deputy Director with Napa County Behavioral Health. • Supervisor Mulheren thanked her and welcomed her to the community. • Jacque discussed the Ford Street Program food bank and upcoming changes. With the change in the economy, prices have increased and vendors that Ford Street worked with that were not charging for goods are now charging for them. B. Redwood Community Services Victoria Kelly, CEO • RCS is hopeful to break ground on the expansion on Redwood Community Services' (RCS) Tule House by the end of September. The expansion would add eight beds, bringing the total of sixteen beds for mothers with children. • RCS is currently working with CalMHSA to become a regional provider for CalMHSA affiliated counties to take over for the Partnership Regional Model as Partnership steps out from being the Managed Care entity and CalMHSA takes over. RCS is also working with Mendocino County on specific contracting for residential services. C. New Life Clinic Gabrielle Wens Outreach Coordinator and Marketing • Gabrielle provided an introduction and overview of New Life Clinic and the services they provide. New Life Clinic is an outpatient treatment facility, offering services such as Medication Assisted Treatment, Substance Use Disorder counseling,	Board Action: None.

	Behavioral Health support, case management, peer support, traditional medicine and other wrap around services. They are also a sole source provider for transportation services. New Life Clinic is owned by Pinoleville and maintains strong connections with the tribal community. • New Life Clinic will host its 3rd Annual Tribal Summit on October 8, which will include an elder panel, youth panel, and information on Native American culture, traditions, and substance use disorder awareness. • New Life Clinic is open seven days a week and accepts walk-ins without an appointment. • Supervisor Mulheren asked about New Life Clinic's referral process. Gabrielle explained that referrals are accepted but are not required. Clients may walk in to receive services and are required to provide a photo ID or a booking log photo. • Chair Bradley asked whether New Life Clinic accepted everyone. Gabrielle explained that the primary criteria is that individuals be 16 years of age or older. D. Mendocino County Phillip Underwood, Substance Abuse Treatment Supervisor • Philip provided a brief overview of the programs offered by Mendocino County Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SUDT). • SUDT currently offers three court programs: Behavioral Health, Family Dependency, and Adult Drug Court. Also, offers two levels of outpatient programs, level one outpatient and level two-point one intensive outpatient. The Behavioral Health Court program is currently growing, while the Family Dependency and Adult Drug Court programs are staying stable in size. • Referral sources include self-referred, probation, general assistance, parole or children and family services. • Mendocino County SUDT also provides services within the jail, where counselors facilitate individual and group counseling sessions. An adolescent program is also available, with counselors provides counseling and education at Juvenile Hall and schools. • Phillip noted that Prop 36 assessments are currently increasing. • Supervisor Mulheren asked whether there was a waiting list and what the timeline is for clients to begin services. Phillip stated that there is not a waiting list, however, vary by location. Depending on the site, a client may call and begin services within approximately a week.	
6. **10 minutes**	**BHAB Meeting Recording Equipment:** *Discussion and Possible Action* Dustin Thompson, Mendocino County Health Services • Itemized equipment list included in the agenda packet. • Dustin gave an overview of the itemized list of equipment recommended to the Board. • Motion made by Member Shipp and seconded by Member Baroza to approve the purchase of the BHAB recording equipment.	Board Action: Approved.
7. **10 minutes**	**Mendocino County Report:** *Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services* A. Director Report Questions • Report included in the agenda packet.	Board Action: None.

	• Construction on the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) was anticipated to be completed by the end of September or early October, followed by the certification. As previously discussed, BHAB may hold a meeting in the facility once the certification of occupancy is obtained. The Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee (Measure B) has also expressed interest in holding a meeting at the PHF. • Supervisor Mulheren provided a brief overview of the CORE program. The CORE program will help reach the unhoused that do not meet specialty mental health criteria and find ways to get them into housing. The program will also work with individuals that are at risk of becoming unhoused to help them achieve stability and keep their housing. BHRS is currently hiring. B. Substance Use Disorders Treatment • BHRS is currently working with the State to move forward with single county Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS), and currently on track to be ready by January 1, 2027. C. Specialty Mental Health • Working with Centers for Excellence to meet the training requirements to implement the various Evidence Based Practices required by The Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). Currently at the same level as other counties in the State. • The Board of Supervisors (BOS) formed an Ad Hoc Committee, with Supervisor Mulheren and Supervisor Williams, to meet with the Board and providers to bring a decision back to the BOS regarding interoperability with Electronic Health Records (EHR). The plan is to bring back recommendations to the BOS by November. • Dr. Miller addressed the changes made to Medi-Cal requirements and coverage and the risks of people losing coverage with the implementation of H.R.1. • Chair Bradley asked whether additional Fentanyl High showings were being planned in the community. • Dr. Miller stated that were currently planning showings in Willits and Covelo, and received a few other requests from the community. A showing in Willits had been previously planned but was postponed. Currently, working with MCOE to schedule a showing in Willits. • Dr. Miller reminded the board that most of the Good To Know data dashboards are live and available for viewing, with exception of the overdose dashboard.	
8. **10 minutes**	**Board & Committee Reports:** *Discussion and Possible Action* A. Chair – *Jo Bradley* o Discussion about schedule and attendance. o Motion made by Member Shipp and seconded by Member Baroza to approve the revised meeting schedule included in the agenda packet changing the meeting time from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM, to 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, except for meetings that coincide with Measure B. B. Vice Chair – *Mo Mulheren* • None.	Board Action: Approved.

	C. Secretary/Treasurer – *Jenniffer Estevo* • None.	
9. **5 minutes**	**Member Comments:** • None.	Board Action: None.
10. **2 minutes**	**Adjournment:** 2:36 pm Motion made by Member Baroza and seconded by Member Shipp to adjourn the meeting.	Board Action: Approved.

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Jo Bradley, Chair — Date: 21, 2026

BHAB Clerk — Date: 10-21-26