



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

**May 28, 2025
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Location: Preston Hall, Mendocino Presbyterian Church,
44831 Main Street, Mendocino, CA

**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
TIM BOSMA, 4TH DISTRICT
MARTIN MARTINEZ, 5TH DISTRICT
JEFF SHIPP, 3RD DISTRICT
GINA DANNER, 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: <i>Review and Possible Action.</i> • Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 1:11 pm • Members present: Member Baroza, Member Bosma, Chair Bradley, Member Donegan, Member Estevo, Member Martinez, and Member Mulheren • Members excused: Member Danner, Member Gorny, Member Shipp • Members not present: Member Kaller • Director Jenine Miller was present • Supervisor Norvell was present • Motion made by Member Bosma, seconded by Member Baroza to approve the Agenda. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.	Board Action: Approved
2. 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>	Board Action: None

	Victoria Kelly, <i>Redwood Community Services</i> - Gave a brief update on activities at RCS, highlighting practice trainings. Serenity House play was performed to illustrate for the community the type of care available through RCS. Tim Schraeder, <i>Anchor Health</i> - Spoke about Anchor Health's Medication & Psychiatric Support. 923 people served in the county, including 541 in Ukiah. 144 people in whole-person care. - Their Mental Health Center is planning for a ribbon cutting on July 23, 2025, with potential placements as early as August 4, 2025. Brian Erickson, <i>Tapestry</i> - Tapestry is offering Parent/Child interactive training. - They are expanding in Ukiah, Willits, and Laytonville. - Will be opening a new office soon near the RCS office. - Tapestry is modifying group services to include lots of varied activities, including gardening and martial arts. Amanda Archer, <i>Mendocino County Youth Project</i> - MCYP provides respite care and crisis management. - Gave an example of a minor without an adequate living situation who was helped by MCYP to keep him housed and supported. Expressed how it will be useful to partner with other organizations/providers to help this individual and those like him. - MCYP offers domestic abuse support, including coordination with mediators and legal counsel.	
3. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes from the April 23, 2025, BHAB Regular Meeting: <i>Review and Possible Action.</i> Motion made by Member Baroza, seconded by Member Estevo to approve April 23, 2025 Minutes with changes to members present and removing Member Miller from members present and removing repeat word Member Member under the motion to approve the agenda. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.	Board Action: Approved
4. 15 minutes	Board & Committee Reports: <i>Discussion and Possible Action</i> A. Chair – <i>Jo Bradley</i> - Chair Bradley reminded everyone of the importance of limiting public discussion to 3 minutes each. A countdown timer will be used at future meetings. - Measure B Update - Discussion regarding the items on the Measure B meeting agenda. Motion made by Member Bosma, seconded by Member Estevo for Chair Bradly to vote in support of the RFP for Substance Misuse Services, with the recommendation that we prioritize services outside the Ukiah area. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously. - Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation to Flinda Behringer B. Vice Chair – <i>Mo Mulheren</i> - None C. Secretary/Treasurer – <i>Jenniffer Estevo</i>	Board Action: Approved

	• None D. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Martinez</i> • None	
5. 15 minutes	Ukiah Recovery Center / Ford Street Project – <i>Jacque Williams, Executive Director</i> A. Program Highlights & Update • Jacque Williams played a video that highlighted the services provided by Ford Street. She spoke about their focus on ways to expand their services in the most effective ways. • Previously had 6 detox beds; now serving 10-12 people/day. • Currently building a 24 bed Sober Living facility which has a benefit of being close to the hospital. Funding was provided from several sources, including Northern Circle and the state of CA. • Entire facility expected to be finished by August 1, 2025. • Member Martinez added that Native Ceremonies will be offered as one of the services. He expressed that more services for youth should focus on prevention of substance abuse, and that more facilities need to be available to youths for rehabilitation.	Board Action: None
7. 15 minutes	Mendocino County Substance Use Disorders Treatment – <i>Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services</i> A. Program Highlights & Updates • Member Miller gave an overview of the substance use services provided by the county. • The Opioid Task Force determined that there is a high meth overdose rate (which is underestimated among users) as well as a high incidence of overdoses that occur with multiple drugs concurrently. • Mendocino County SUDT serves 150-200 individuals/month. • Proposition 36 is moving forward, getting referrals on a weekly basis. • Random drug testing is done. • Free translation services are offered including sign language and Spanish. • No current waiting list for services. • Narcan is available in multiple places including the courthouse, the Sheriff's Department, the library, and county offices.	
7. 45 minutes	Mendocino County Report – <i>Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services</i> A. Director Report Questions • Director Miller reviewed the report and asked if there were any questions. B. Federal Updates • Director Member discussed some proposed federal changes that could impact Behavioral Health. Some of the changes could be cuts to Medicaid/Medi-Cal. Approximately 46% of individuals living in Mendocino County are on Medi-Cal. There are discussions about moving to a Block Grant system	

	which would cap Federal reimbursements. Cuts could reduce the numbers of clients who would qualify for MediCal. • The possible changes of UIS (Unsatisfactory Immigration Status) could create more indigent populations needing care. • staffing. C. Legislative Updates • Director Member discussed some legislative bills regarding language change on serious mental illness definition. D. County Behavioral Health Contracts • Director Member asked if anyone had questions regarding the contracts discussed at the last minute. Mendocino County Health Care Collaborative • Director Member introduce the Mendocino County Health Care Collaborative. • Miranda Ramos spoke about the need for coordination between mental health providers (approximately 25 organizations in the county including hospitals, clinics, treatment centers and Public Health) to provide comprehensive service to clients/patients for the best care. Collaboration between the available resources in the coalition will allow sharing of information in a secure way so resources can be used effectively and efficiently. • On June 24, 2025 a presentation will be made to the BOS.	
8. 3 Minutes	Member Comments: • Member Bosma mentioned that there will be a BHAB Special Meeting for Strategic Planning on Monday, June 23 from 10 AM to 2 PM at Harvest Market, 171 Boatyard Dr., Fort Bragg, CA. • Chair Bradley requested that a list of Board members' emails and phone numbers be available to the members at the next meeting on June 18, 2025.	Board Action: None
9. 2 minutes	Adjournment: 12:00 pm Motion to adjourn made by Member Martinez, seconded by Member Donegan, approved unanimously.	Board Action: Approved

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