



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

**August 27, 2025
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Location: Behavioral Health Regional Training Center, 8207 East Rd.,
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
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JENNIFFER ESTEVO, 2ND DISTRICT
DENISE GORNY, 1ST DISTRICT**

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MARTIN MARTINEZ, 5TH DISTRICT
JEFF SHIPP, 3RD DISTRICT
GINA DANNER, LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY**

OUR COMMITMENT: *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.*

OUR VISION: *We support recovery and wellness for Medi-Cal beneficiaries with serious mental illness or substance misuse disorders through compassionate, culturally responsive care —working together to reduce disparities and strengthen our community.*

	Agenda Item / Description	Action
1. 3 minutes	<p>Call to Order, Roll Call, Quorum Notice, & Approve Agenda: <i>Review and Possible Action.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 10:02 am • Members present: Member Baroza, Chair Bradley, Member Estevo, Member Gorny, Member Martinez, Member Danner, • Members excused: Member Donegan, Member Bosma • Director Jenine Miller was present • Motion made by Member Gorny, seconded by Member Baroza to approve the Agenda. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously. 	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Approved</p>
2. 10 minutes (Maximum)	<p>Public Comments:</p>	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>None</p>

	<p><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></p> <p>Jolene Treadaway, RCS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported out on the number of individuals RCS are currently serving within their outpatient and crisis services. Their locations are Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg and Redwood Valley. RCS has openings for services for clients on the coast. <p>Brian Erickson, Tapestry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported out that Tapestry has seen an increase in referrals. Services have expanded in Fort Bragg. Tapestry provides services to Willits, Ukiah and Fort Bragg. HERO's program in the interview round for a private foundation funding, to fund the program for three years. <p>Sarah Walsh, Anchor Health Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported that medication management has been moved to Anchor's new building on Orchard Street. Reported Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) is still under construction, but is almost done and will start posting jobs on Anchor's website soon. No update on date of completion. They have started reaching out to contract with counties, and have started the referral process with Mendocino County Behavioral Health. <p>Wynd Novalty, NAMI Mendocino</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wynd stated that NAMI is primarily a volunteer organization. Invited to the State NAMI conference in Sacramento on October 16th, to speak about bringing NAMI to different cultures. 	
<p>3. 25 minutes</p>	<p>Fort Bragg Police Department: <i>Thomas O'Neil, Captain</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Captain O'Neil presented a history and overview of the Care Response Unit (CRU) in Fort Bragg. CRU was established in 2020 through the efforts of Captain O'Neil and Supervisor Norvell, with the mission of reducing contacts between Law Enforcement and individuals with mental illness and substance misuse. Captain O'Neil discussed the Fort Bragg Police Department (FBPD) acquiring the Emergency Weather Shelter (EWS) in 2021. Previously run through Hospitality Center based on the utilization of different churches around town in order provide shelter when the weather would meet certain conditions. In the four years since FBPD took over, they have had 2300 bed nights, and over 200 unduplicated clients utilize the Emergency Weather Shelter. Captain O'Neil discussed Project Right Now. Project Right Now was funded through Youth Opioid Response Grant, with the intent of getting additional help for substance misuse in the schools, specifically after school and during the summer. Talked about implementing a Fentanyl Task Force in response to tragic fentanyl deaths. Created three subcommittees: access to treatment, education, and to conduct a feasibility study on youth treatment closer than Tarzana that accepts Medi-Cal. Talked about application and receiving Prop 47 Grant funds, 2.5 million dollars over three and a half years. With the grant funds 	<p>Board Action: None</p>

	<p>and money saved through non incarceration, FBPD agreed to go south from Fort Bragg to assist Mendocino, in conjunction with the community and the Sheriff's office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated that FBPD's current mission statement is to treat the chronic to reduce the acute. • Member Shipp asked if there were other cities around the country that Captain O'Neil found inspiration from and also asked what the biggest hurdle to starting and maintaining the CRU team • Captain O'Neil stated that they did not take inspiration from anyone else, but they have replicated and assisted other programs. Stated the biggest hurdle was convincing people that the current model needs to look outside limitations. • Vice Chair Mulheren asked how FBPD interacts with Crisis, beyond housing. • Captain O'Neil stated he felt interactions have been reduced. He stated he has a good relationship with Crisis providers such as Denise Addison with RCS Crisis. Officers do not interact with Crisis outside of hospitals. • Supervisor Norvell asked about stigma relating to conservatorship, thoughts regarding taking away peoples rights, and the turn around after conservatorship ends. • Captain O'Neil stated he feels immediate change is necessary. • Member Martinez asked for information brochures. • Captain O'Neil gave an email (CRU@fortbragg.com) • The board thanked Captain O'Neil for attending and sharing input. 	
<p>4. 25 minutes</p>	<p>Ukiah Police Department: Jason Chapman, Captain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captain Chapman presented and discussed the Mobile Crisis Unit and the Heads Up program. • Captain Chapman talked about Megan Van Sant and the Heads Up Program and how amazing they have been with assisting individuals who need services. • Talked about Mobile Crisis (County and RCS) and how they are a great resource for the Ukiah Police Department (UPD). Mobile Crisis allows UPD to no longer be necessary on calls that Mobile Crisis is responding to. • Member Gorny asked if UPD had any interest in the Blue Envelope Program that is currently implemented on the Coast. Gave a brief overview of what the program entailed. • Captain Chapman was not familiar with the Blue Envelope Program, but was interested in more information. • A member of the community gave Captain Chapman information on the program as well. • Vice Chair Mulheren asked about what kind of training UPD officers receive regarding Crisis. • Captain Chapman stated that UPD officers have been going to CIT training seminars for the past four years. • Member Martinez asked if any officers were bi or multilingual. • Captain Chapman stated yes, multiple officers were bilingual. 	<p>Board Action: None</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Martinez asked what’s missing, what could be offered, or that isn’t already. • Captain Chapman stated more resources are the biggest hurdle. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">5. 30 minutes</p>	<p>SUDT Providers Report Out:</p> <p>A. Ford Steet: <i>Jacque Williams</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacque Williams reported out on the expansion efforts at the Ukiah Recovery Center, in particular a large treatment pavilion completed with multiple group rooms and one on one office rooms. The Sober Living Environment, 24 beds, to be completed at the same time. Completion to be on September 12, with a ribbon cutting. <p>B. Redwood Community Services: <i>Jolene Treadaway</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jolene Treadaway reported out on Redwood Community Services (RCS) various Substance Misuse Disorders programs. Discussed Tule house, which is for pregnant and parenting women. Any woman over the age of 18 and has Medi-Cal, pregnant and parenting specifically. Currently, has 8 treatment beds and 7 children’s beds, with a grant plan of expanding to 16 treatment beds. <p>C. New Life Clinic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported out on New Life Clinic. New Life Clinic currently sees 315 patients. New Life Clinic has currently treated 46 patients with Hepatitis C, with a cure rate of 40. They are actively hiring, and have recently hired a registered nurse (RN) and another substance use counselor. She discussed the changes to Methadone treatment at the State and Federal level, and changes to testing. Discussed frequency in monitoring pregnancy patients. New Life Clinic has expanded their house to 6:00 AM to 3:30 PM, with plans to expand to 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM as they grow. • Vice Chair Mulheren asked to discuss group treatment. • Explained that groups are led by counselors or a licensed therapist, and if patients have co occurring mental disorder diagnosis, they are able to receive med treatment through New Life Clinic. <p>D. Mendocino County: <i>Jill Ales, Substance Use Manager</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill announced impending retirement in four months. Discussed offices in Willits, Ukiah and Fort Bragg. Program recently went to a client centered model. The program has added evening groups and afternoon drug testing to meet the needs of those that work. SUDT offers three Court programs: Family Dependency Drug Court, Adult Drug Court, and Behavioral Health Court. SUDT offers a program within the Mendocino County Jail, that serves all populations. Ukiah Office has seventeen groups running weekly. 	<p>Board Action: None</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">6. 5 minutes</p>	<p>Mendocino County Report: Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services</p> <p>A. Mendocino County Director Report Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No questions <p>B. Federal Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEO Antle is working on bringing a Health Summit before the Board of Supervisors on September 10th with the intent on discussing with providers the impact of Federal changes at all levels. Plan is to have County and Tribal representatives. 	<p>Board Action: None</p>

	<p>C. Legislative Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed some of the proposed legislative changes. <p>D. PHF Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities will be presenting to Measure B Committee on PHF updates. 	
<p>7. 3 minutes</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2025, Regular Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion made by Member Gorny, seconded by Member Estevo to approve July 23, 2025, Minutes. Member Martinez abstained. 	<p>Board Action: Approved</p>
<p>8. 10 minutes</p>	<p>Board & Committee Reports: Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>A. Chair – <i>Jo Bradley</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Reports <p>B. Vice Chair – <i>Mo Mulheren</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Reports <p>C. Secretary/Treasurer – <i>Jenniffer Estevo</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Reports <p>D. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Martinez</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Reports 	<p>Board Action: None</p>
<p>9. 3 Minutes</p>	<p>Member Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member Shipp commented that he was impressed with everything that was discussed. He voiced his concerns regarding Youth Residential treatment, stating it is on the right path, but more needs to be done. Chair Bradley commented that maybe Measure B funds could be used for youth, and maybe that was something to start working with. Member Martinez further discussed the topic of youth treatment, stating what is happening currently with the youth in the county is concerning. Dr. Miller stated working with Supervisor Cline on a resolution to band whippets, in the County. 	<p>Board Action: None</p>
<p>10. 2 minutes</p>	<p>Adjournment: 11:55 am</p> <p>Motion to adjourn made by Member Shipp, seconded by Member Estevo, approved unanimously.</p>	<p>Board Action: Approved</p>

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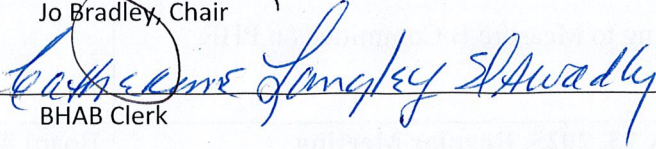
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Jo Bradley, Chair

Sept 17, 2025
Date


BHAB Clerk

Sept. 17, 2025
Date