



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

**September 17, 2025
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

Location: Behavioral Health Regional 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**

**PERRI KALLER, 3RD DISTRICT
TIM BOSMA, 4TH DISTRICT
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 1:05 pm Members present: Member Baroza, Member Donegan, Member Estevo, Member Gorny, Member Kaller, Member Bosma, Member Mulheren Members Absent: Member Shipp Members excused: Member Danner, Member Martinez Director Jenine Miller was not present Deputy Director BHRS Operations Karen Lovato was present Supervisor Norvell was present Motion made by Member Baroza, seconded by Member Estevo to approve the Agenda. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously. 	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Approved</p>

<p>2. 10 minutes (Maximum)</p>	<p>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></p> <p>Sylvia Clark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is attending the BHAB meeting to observe and learn about the Board's order of business. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>3. 10 minutes</p>	<p>Plaque of Appreciation for Lois Lockart: Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bradley advised Lois Lockart was unable to attend today's BHAB meeting and noted a plaque of appreciation will be presented to her for her dedicated years of service. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>4. 10 minutes</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes from August 27, 2025, Regular Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion made by Member Baroza, seconded by Member Bosma to approve August 27, 2025, Minutes. 	<p>Board Action: Approved.</p>
<p>5. 15 minutes</p>	<p>Mendocino County Youth Project Report – Amanda Archer/Designee A. Services Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported not all relevant service updated information is available at this time. Provided updated information regarding availability of housing grants for those persons requiring mental health services that is contingent on Medi-Cal eligibility considerations. Additionally, Mendocino County Youth Project is diligently working through the application process for installation of the Avatar electronic program to improve and better assist with the efficiency of securely obtaining health records. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>6. 15 minutes</p>	<p>Redwood Community Services Report – Victoria Kelly/Designee A. Services Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaborated on the Redwood Community Services (RCS) Service Organizational Update, dated September 17, 2025, and presented status updates relative to adult and children referral/eligibility and intake/assessment totals for Mendocino County Specialty Mental Health outpatient service clients as well as status updates for active Mendocino County Crisis Services. Commented on current staffing shortage issues and how staff has taken extra shifts to compensate for staffing shortfalls to ensure professional/adequate coverage is available to meet client needs and be able to maintain/preserve their high-quality level of care. RCS closely monitors all current/potential Federal changes to Medi-Cal eligibility/benefits requirements for RCS clients who receive services. Referred to the training calendar on the RCS website for a list of training opportunities. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>7. 15 minutes</p>	<p>Tapestry Report – Kendra Palma/Designee A. Services Update – Brian Erickson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gave an overall third quarter Fiscal year update. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided current statistical information on the number of clients Tapestry Family Services assisted for the various specialty mental health and other services they provide that include therapy, counseling, rehabilitation/group rehabilitation, and other mental well-being services extended to children, adolescents, and adult clients. • Advised Tapestry is fully staffed in all areas of service necessary to make certain their clients are adequately accommodated. • Briefly discussed other potential specialized program strategies for those persons seeking mental health support/assistance by incorporating systematic team efforts and standards aimed at ensuring the deliverance/performance of Quality Assurance (QA) care is provided to clients. • Addressed the importance of office translation services being offered to clients as well as ongoing staff training opportunities. • While the exact number of homeless persons served is not readily known at this time, concerted efforts are made to effectively track/monitor the many homeless persons served/assisted by this agency. <p>Tapestry Family Services employee, Esmesalda Gomez was introduced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esmesalda Gomez presented her story how her enduring dream/desire of coming to the United States from Mexico after graduation from high school to pursue her higher educational goals that resulted in successful career opportunities ultimately came to fruition. 	
<p>8. 15 minutes</p>	<p>Mendocino County Hospitality Center Report – Paul Davis/Designee A. Services Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talked about software conversion plans. • Explained the working relationship Mendocino County Hospitality Center has with the Fort Bragg Police Department including contract elements held relative to agency operations as a service provider for emergency shelter, housing, and other community engagement activities. • Provided updated information relevant to the number of transitional housing beds and number of intakes for adults and families with children. • There was discussion about the agency’s Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SUDT) program, mental health, and other services provided in connection with program policies and corresponding working referral system. <p>Chair Bradley inquired about how mental health assessments are conducted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that case management handles intake assessment together with assistance from other agencies such as Tapestry to make this portion of the service operation successfully work. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>9. 15 Minutes</p>	<p>Anchor Health Management Report – Sarah Walsh and Tim Shraeder, Anchor Health Management Inc. A. Services Update</p>	<p>Board Action: None</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted a Director of Nursing have been recently hired to lead the 24-hour nursing operation component. • Construction continues on the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) and staff is transitioning in this regard. Construction/restoration is in the final stages of development with the need to still obtain certain necessary permits to allow for the full provision of planned services. • There has been review concerning the managing of program referrals pertinent to patients who have not progressed despite ongoing treatment services and placements. • Provided statistical updates for medication support services regarding the number of new clients served, those clients completing treatment, and utilizing percentage data for clients showing improvements with medication. • Advised the medication management clinic is operating smoothly in the new location at 531 S. Orchard Avenue. • Briefly addressed substance abuse outpatient care. 	
<p>10. 15 Minutes</p>	<p>Mendocino County Specialty Mental Health Report – Karen Lovato, Deputy Director BHRS Operations</p> <p>A. Services Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave statistical updates on current BHRS programs and commented on other information contained in the BHRS Report for September 2025, including further BHRS supplemental document information pertinent to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding ○ LPS Conservatorship data and associated criteria ○ Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) data & criteria – August 2025 ○ Mobile Outreach and Prevention Services (MOPS) – August 2025 ○ AB 109 Monthly Report – August 2025 ○ Mobile Crisis Monthly Report – August 2025 ○ Jail Discharge Monthly Report – August 2025 ○ Care program and other relevant BHRS client program referral/assessment information <p>Noted RCS offers after-hour mobile crisis services.</p>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>11. 10 Minutes</p>	<p>Mendocino County Report: Karen Lovato, Deputy Director BHRS Operations</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"> • Noted the department continues to monitor State and Federal changes that may affect County service programs and other relevant agency business functions to stay in compliance with new government laws and policies. <p>C. Legislative Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is review of any proposed legislative changes. <p>D. PHF Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No discussion. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

<p>12. 15 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>13. 10 Minutes</p>	<p>Member Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bradley acknowledged BHAB regular meetings occur on the third week of each month. Mendocino County Counsel stated there must be a quorum in order to vote and conduct meeting business. There cannot be a meeting without a quorum present. There was board discussion regarding attendance and likelihood of a possible quorum for a BHAB meeting in Covelo and on the Coast. The board was polled to determine whether a quorum is feasible. No determination relevant to a quorum was made. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>14. 2 minutes</p>	<p>Adjournment: 2:13 pm Motion to adjourn made by Member Kaller, seconded by Member Baroza, approved unanimously.</p>	<p>Board Action: Approved</p>


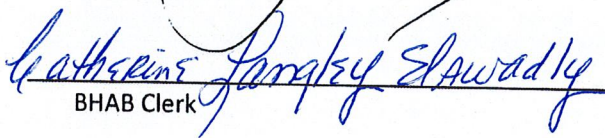
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 <hr/> <p>Jo Bradley, Chair</p>	<p><u>10/23/25</u> Date</p>
 <hr/> <p>Catharine Langley Slawadly BHAB Clerk</p>	<p><u>10-28-2025</u> Date</p>