



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**November 12, 2025
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

Location: Behavioral Health & Recovery 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**

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MARTIN MARTINEZ, 5TH DISTRICT
JEFF SHIPP, 3RD DISTRICT
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	<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 1:06 PM • Members present Member Bosma, Member Estevo, Member Danner, Member Baroza, Member Martinez, Member Gorny, Member Donegan • Members absent Shipp • Health Services Director Jenine Miller was present • Supervisor Mulheren and Supervisor Norvell were present • Motion made by Member Baroza, seconded by Member Danner 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: <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>Brian Erickson, Operations Director, Tapestry</p>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October 2025, Tapestry served 953 people, with 761 people that were Medi-Cal (80%) of Mendocino County. • The Heroes Program has secured private foundation funding, with a three-year signed contract and an expected launch within the next month. • The Mobile Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) program will begin outreach to rural communities to expand access to care. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">3. 30 minutes</p>	<p>SUDT Providers Report Out:</p> <p>A. Ford Street: <i>Jacque Williams, Executive Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • URC (Ukiah Recovery Center) expansion is complete. • Outpatient treatment continues successfully with 8 counselors. • Bed updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Former opioid crisis beds decreased from 18 to 9. ○ 6 beds now designated for detox/withdrawal management. • Goal is to eliminate or significantly reduce patient waitlists. • Oversees local food bank: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Serves approximately 4,000 households monthly. ○ SNAP and CalFresh benefit reductions have brought in 30 new families seeking assistance. ○ Approximately 500 families have registered for Thanksgiving meal support. • MendoFood coordinates the countywide food network; local food banks collaborate rather than compete. <p>B. Redwood Community Services: <i>Kristin Bogner</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operates a residential Substance Use Disorder Services (SUDS) program that prioritizes women and children. • 15 total beds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8 beds for women ○ 7 beds for children (up to age 12) • Located in Upper Lake and serving Mendocino County residents. • Goal is to double bed capacity over the next several years. • Provides financial, legal, housing, educational, and parenting support services. • Program focuses on meeting women “where they are” and supporting individual paths to sobriety. • Average program completion / graduation target is 90 days. • Currently facing staffing shortages impacting expansion and capacity. <p>C. New Life Clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not present. <p>D. Mendocino County: <i>Angie Lewis, Acting Substance Abuse Program & Services Manager</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides outpatient services for self-referred clients and those referred to through the courts. • Initial assessments determine appropriate treatment placement. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detox services are coordinated through the local hospital, with referrals to New Life Clinic for follow-up care. • SUDT offerings include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outpatient treatment ○ Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) ○ 17 group programs across Ukiah, Willits, and Fort Bragg • Court-connected programs include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Behavioral Health Court ○ Family Dependency Court ○ Diversion Court • Domestic violence treatment is not offered directly; clients are referred to Santiago or other certified providers, as BHRS cannot sign off on completion. • Collaborates with community partners including Project Sanctuary, Ford Street, Hilltop, and New Life Clinic. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">4. 15 minutes</p>	<p>Mendocino County Report: <i>Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services</i></p> <p>A. Director Report Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report included in the agenda packet. • Director Miller highlighted improvements in early detection of symptoms (such as first-break psychosis) and noted that Behavioral Health is increasingly serving individuals experiencing early onset mental health conditions, not only older adults. • Director Miller agreed there is a need for more public education. She discussed the challenges with behavioral health treatment. She hopes the field continues to move toward a more science-based practice. <p>B. Federal Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIC is funded through December 31, 2025, under the current contract. <p>C. Legislative Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Miller reviewed state legislative updates related to LPS reform, including changes associated with SB-43, effective January 2026. • LPS/Conservatorship referrals continue to increase. • There is an ongoing statewide push to increase CARE Court referrals; counties are evaluating whether CARE Court should precede LPS depending on case circumstances. • Medi-Cal is moving toward work-hour requirements, with some programs able to help clients meet these eligibility criteria. <p>D. PHF Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is progressing on schedule with an anticipated opening of April/May 2026. • Restpadd will attend the November 19, 2025 Measure B meeting to discuss services, approaches to staffing, and provide leadership introductions. They may also be invited to present at a future BHAB meeting. <p>E. Grant Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding the Clean California Community Cleanup grant that was applied for • Discussions include the possibility that the grant work hours may help clients fulfill new Medi-Cal work requirements. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

<p>5. 10 minutes</p>	<p>MHSA Annual Update for 25-26 30-day Public Comment Period – Rena Ford, Staff Services Administrator, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ford presented the MHSA Annual Update for FY 25–26, including updates related to the ongoing transition to BHSA. Revisions highlighted improved clarity throughout the appendices, addition of a budget appendix for greater transparency, update to PEI summaries and required documentation, and the CSS expenditure plan, which includes planned investments in Wellness Centers and facility renovations. • Additional revisions are outlined on page 94 of the update. • Ms. Ford noted that some responsibilities currently handled at the county level may shift to the state under BHSA. • A public hearing for the Annual Update will be scheduled for December. • Supervisor Mulheren asked about cost per client. Staff shared that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conserved clients remain the most expensive cohort. ○ Housing-related programs generally range from \$5,000-\$10,000 per client, depending on level of need. ○ Many lower-cost programs operate at reduced expense because they rely heavily on volunteers. • It was noted that under BHSA, 5% of Prevention and Early Intervention funding will shift to Public Health, creating opportunities for expanded prevention alignment across Health Services. • Motion made by Member Baroza, seconded by Member Martinez (Bosman), to open the 30-day public comment period for MHSA Annual Update for 25-26. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously. 	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Approved.</p>
<p>6. 15 minutes</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2025, Regular Meeting: Review and Possible Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made by Member Bosma., seconded by Member Gorny to approve October 15, 2025 Minutes. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously. 	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Approved.</p>
<p>7. 20 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"> • 2026 Meeting Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meetings planned for Covelo in Spring and Mendocino in Summer, with Mendocino location changed due to a scheduling conflict. ○ Member Baroza requested all members receive a copy of the schedule. ○ Member Danner asked how to report conflicts; members should notify the BHAB Admin Clerk if unable to attend. ○ Chair asked members to review the dates and confirm availability at the next meeting for adoption of the 2026 schedule. • 2026 Office Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Survey Monkey to be sent out for 2026 office nominations. <p>B. Vice Chair – <i>Mo Mulheren</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. <p>C. Secretary/Treasurer – <i>Jenniffer Estevo</i></p>	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>None.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report. D. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Martinez</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report. 	
8. 10 minutes	Member Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director Miller introduced Davian Harris, the newly hired Administrative Secretary and clerk to BHAB, Measure B, PHAB, and Health Services administrative support. Chair Bradley mentions articles that referenced concerns about public awareness and asked whether there are items she should bring to Measure B. Discussion on partnering with reporters and improving public outreach. Request to add laptops/tablets back onto agenda for member preference and accountability. Request to add agenda item to list current and past committee members for recognition. The Good to Know Mendo Page has a subpage under development to share a health data dashboard. The page is expected to launch in January 2026 and members are encouraged to provide feedback. 	Board Action: None.
9. 2 minutes	Adjournment: 2:42 PM Motion to adjourn made by Member Martinez. Motion approved unanimously.	Board Action: Approved.


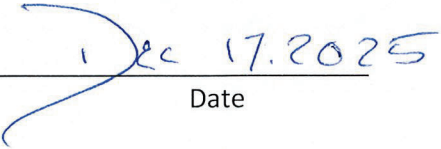

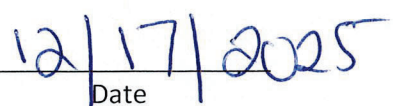
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