



Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

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Minutes: Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Location: Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Conference Room 1, 1120 S. Dora St., Ukiah, CA

1 **CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL:** 1:08 PM

Committee Members Present: Chair Ebyam, Member Allman, Member Barash, Member Bradley, Member Miller, Member Moschetti, Member Pierce, Member Ramos, Member Vau, and Member Willeford.

- A quorum is established.

2 **PUBLIC EXPRESSION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

- None.

3 **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

3a) **Approval of Minutes from August 27, 2025, Regular Meeting**

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Allman, seconded by Member Ramos, IT IS ORDERED that the minutes from August 27, 2025, regular meeting to be accepted as presented.

- Motion passes with approval.

Public Comment: None.

3b) **November 2025 Measure B Financial Report**

Presenter: Member Miller/Designee

- Andrea Turchin presented the November 2025 Measure B Financial Report as included in the agenda packet. Clarification was provided regarding the acquisition cost for the training center, noting that the purchase was split between Measure B (two-thirds) and the Sheriff's Office (one-third) to support the Sheriff substation and associated facilities. Questions were raised about discrepancies between the expenditure plan and title records, and staff confirmed that documentation will be finalized upon completion of the remaining steps.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Allman, seconded by Member Barash, IT IS ORDERED that the November 2025 Measure B Financial Report is accepted as presented.

- Motion passes with approval.

Public Comment: None.

3c) **Update and Discussion Regarding Measure B Related Items at the Board of Supervisors Meetings**

Presenter: Member Miller/Designee

- No updates.

Committee Action: None.

Public Comment: None.

3d) Update and Discussion Regarding the Status of Current Measure B Projects

Presenter: Member Miller/Designee

- Current Measure B project updates are included in the Behavioral Health Director's Report within the agenda packet.
- Restpadd staff attended to share their business model and provide updates related to the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF).
- Discussion occurred regarding PHF Medi-Cal certification timelines, estimated as 90-days to six months, and identifying the most appropriate time to submit the certification request.
- Additional facility updates included switchgear timelines and generator-related delays.
- Restpadd has submitted follow-up questions to DHCS for clarification on regulatory requirements.
- Members discussed operational considerations, including whether the PHF should open prior to receiving Medi-Cal certification and long-term planning for uninsured individuals.
- Member Allman requested more frequent PHF project updates; Member Miller agreed to include projected opening timelines in future Director's Reports.

Committee Action: None.

Public Comment: None.

3e) Update and Discussion on the Construction of the Psychiatric Health Facility

Presenter: Member Miller/Designee

- Construction is progressing, with the electrical switchgear estimated to arrive by the end of December 2025.
- The project completion date is currently estimate for March 2026, with the generator delivery delayed until June 2026; efforts are underway to secure temporary generator equipment to maintain the March timeline.
- The contract date remains set for January 2026. PG&E is also scheduled for January 2026, with remaining tasks anticipated to be completed by March 2026.
- Once construction is near completion, Restpadd will be able to provide a more accurate projected opening timeline for the PHF.
- The State of California requires 90 days to six months to process PHF Medi-Cal certification and licensing applications; applications cannot be submitted until construction is sufficiently complete.
- Clarification was provided that critical components, including electrical infrastructure, remain the primary variables affecting the final timeline interior work such as wall finishing can continue while awaiting power activation.

Committee Action: None.

Public Comment: None.

3f) Discussion from Psychiatric Health Facility Provider On Opening and Operating the Facility

Presenter: Doug Anderson

- Restpadd provided an overview of the upcoming Mendocino PHF, which will open with 16 adult beds. Their existing facilities in Redding (adult) and Red Bluff (adult + youth 13–17) operate at or near capacity, and the Mendocino PHF is expected to experience similar demand.
- The PHF will be a locked inpatient facility serving individuals on 5150, 5250, and 5270 holds, following medical clearance at the ER. The primary goal is short-term stabilization.
- Restpadd emphasized their organizational mission of compassionate, recovery-oriented care, offering structured programming including meals, crafts, groups, and supportive services in a secured environment.
- Staffing remains the primary challenge. Restpadd is coordinating with local nursing and vocational programs and plans to recruit locally with competitive wages (\$21/hr rising to \$23/hr in July 2026). A psychiatrist has already been identified for the PHF. Experienced staff from other Restpadd facilities will support operations during the initial start-up.
- Title 22 staffing ratios and safety requirements were reviewed; Restpadd intends to maintain staffing levels above minimum requirements. If staffing becomes insufficient, census may be temporarily reduced.
- The PHF will prioritize Mendocino County clients, while also serving Lake County as space allows. Billing will be based on a flat daily rate; Medi-Cal reimbursement flows back to the County. Uninsured clients may be covered through Short Doyle funding.
- Members requested clarity on the anticipated opening date. Restpadd noted recruitment and advertising will begin once the construction timeline is finalized. An open house and job fair are planned a few months prior to opening to support hiring and community education.
- Additional operational considerations included: availability of clothing and personal items for clients; collaboration with law enforcement; partnership with Adventist Health and local businesses; and maintaining consistent communication with county leadership.

Committee Action: None.

Public Comment: None.

3g) Discussion and Possible Action on the Current Prudent Reserve Allocation/Percentage

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

- Chair Ebyam referenced the financial report showing a \$12.4 million prudent reserve, noting that approximately 35% may become available after five years. She opened discussion on determining an appropriate reserve level, acknowledging funds cannot be used to expand or introduce new programs.
- Member Allman supported maintaining a substantial reserve for long-term needs, emphasizing the PHF's projected 50-year lifespan and cautioning against reallocating funds unnecessarily.
- Member Moschetti highlighted the need to plan for ongoing maintenance of multiple facilities, which can be costly over time.
- Member Pierce provided an Executive Office perspective, noting that counties typically recommend maintaining at least two months of operating expenses in reserve. She explained the reimbursement delays from insurers can create cash flow gaps, and if the funds were to enter deficit, the General Fund would be impacted.

- Questions were raised whether future RFPs, including the SUDT RFP, could draw from the reserve. Staff noted that separate grant funding is available for certain initiatives.
- Additional concerns included the impact of potential facility damage on PHF operating costs and the need for clear criteria before adjusting the reserve allocation. Member Allman reiterated that much of the conversation remains hypothetical pending concrete cost projections.
- Member Pierce will return with additional cost estimates to support further discussion.

Committee Action: None.

Public Comment: None.

3h) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Vice Chair Nomination

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

- Chair Ebyam announced that Member Bradley will transition into the Chair role for the next two years.
- The responsibilities of the Vice Chair were reviewed, including assisting with agenda preparation and filling in when the Chair is unavailable.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Allman seconded by Member Moschetti, IT IS ORDERED that the Member Ramos to be Vice Chair of the Committee.

- Motion passes with approval.

Public Comment: None.

3i) Discussion Regarding Press Outreach: “How to get the Word Out”

Presenter: Member Bradley

- Members discussed improving community outreach and addressing misinformation circulating in the community.
- Member Bradley noted the public perception improved after community members toured the facility and gained accurate information.
- Member Allman suggested leveraging upcoming PHF milestones, such as the open house, as positive press opportunities and offered to contact KZYX regarding a radio segment.
- Member Vau emphasized the importance of reaching people where they are, suggesting the creation of Measure B social media accounts (e.g., Facebook, Instagram) to share updates and press releases.
- Members discussed adding website links to press releases and ensuring regular updates to maintain public engagement.
- Restpadd’s willingness to participate in community outreach and education efforts was noted, including potential open house events and collaboration with partner agencies.

Committee Action: None.

Public Comment: None.

3j) Discussion and Possible Action 2026 Measure B Meeting Calendar

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Moschetti, seconded by Member Bradley,

IT IS ORDERED that the 2026 Measure B Meeting Calendar be accepted as presented.

- Motion passes with approval.

Public Comment: None.

4 **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

4a) Committee Member Reports Regarding Items of General Interest

- None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee adjourned the meeting at **3:19 PM**.

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