
**“Mental Health Treatment Act”
Measure B Citizens Oversight Committee
JULY 25, 2018; 1:00-3:00 PM**

MINUTES
APPROVED AUGUST 29, 2018

**MENDOCINO COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
CONFERENCE ROOM C
501 LOW GAP ROAD, UKIAH, CALIFORNIA**

1. **Roll Call** was called by Dora Briley, Committee Clerk.
 - a. Present: Jan McGourty, Carmel Angelo, Ross Liberty, Lloyd Weer, Mark Mertle, Jed Diamond, Shannon Riley, Thomas Allman, Donna Moschetti.
 - b. Absent: Jenine Miller, Ace Barash.
 - c. Quorum was established.
2. **Approval of June 27, 2018 Minutes**
 - a. June 27, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

Motion by Jed Diamond, seconded by Lloyd Weer.

Vote was called for by Chair Allman:

Yay	9	Committee unanimously passed the motion.
No	0	
Absent	2	Members Miller and Barash

3. **Communications Received and Filed:**
 - a. None received.
4. **Public Expression.**
 - a. Chair Allman invited public expression for items not on the agenda.

No one came forward.

The July 25, 2018 meeting can be viewed at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRsz_YbzfWY&feature=youtu.be

5. Discussion and Possible Action Items.

a. Report from Auditor, on Measure B Tax Funds with Discussion and Possible Action. *Member Weer.*

Member Weer reported that the second installment from the Ordinance Tax Fund was received and the amount is \$ 591,270.18. The total thus far collected is \$1,108,329,27. The funds, as directed by the Ordinance, are deposited in a special Measure B account and kept separate from any other County funds. Member Weer will be reporting to the committee on a quarterly basis on the funds received. So far, the actuals have exceeded his projections as sales taxes are performing well. The County does have a sales tax consultant, who will add the Measure B funds to their quarterly forecast. There will be two sources to keep us informed. No expenditures have been received yet. Member Weer went over the hand out covering the Measure B election costs. The Ordinance provides to reimburse the County for the cost of the Ordinance in the special election. That amount for Measure B is \$161,577.84.

Discussion occurred.

Chair Allman called for public comment, none received.

b. Stepping Up Initiative with Discussion and Possible Action. *Chair Allman*

Chair Allman gave his overview of the purpose of Measure B and referenced a Board of Supervisors Resolution #15-079 on the topic. A reduction of people with mental health illness in the County Jail is the goal. Chair Allman has met with Members McGourty and Miller regarding a first responder training in September with the funds that the Board set aside in 2015 for the initiative (\$150,000) The funds will be used to reimburse cities who send their first responders to the training to back fill their attendees.

Member McGourty shared that the main purpose of the Stepping Up Initiative is jail diversion with the most important piece being to gain collaboration between each system within each governing body (criminal justice, mental health and the jail system). That is the most important piece , to see how each of them can work together. She hopes that the Kemper report will reveal the holes in the system, where things don't overlap. We should not limit our thinking to just training for first responders on how to recognize mental illness and how to manage the escalation.

Member Angelo shared that she agrees with member McGourty on the team approach, but thinks it really needs to happen in the Jail with an assessment of mental illness as people enter the jail. The Board Resolution gives the activities desired. It would be good to involve the Jail's health care provider, Naphcare, and the consultant to look at how we can begin to do the activities

that the Resolution calls for in the Jail. Member Angelo thinks Stepping Up isn't a part of the Measure B Ordinance and should not be on the agenda in the future.

Chair Allman shared that he reported to the Board of Supervisors in May that over a third of the jail population in May was taking some sort of psychiatric medication. Chair Allman wanted to assure all that the training will not end with the expenditure of the Stepping Up Funds. Work will continue with NAMI and other non-profit organizations in our county on this issue. His focus is to take the first step by training first responders who are often the first ones who have the opportunity to divert and prevent people from entering the jail and getting them into the mental health system.

Member McGourty shared that it is her understanding that the \$150,000 set aside for the Stepping Up Initiative has vanished.

Member Weer reported that the 2015 final budget included a one-time transfer of funds to be used in Mental Health for 1.) a pilot project related to the Stepping Up Initiative to reduce the mentally ill jail population in the amount of \$150,000 and 2.) \$100,000 for a Laura's Law project. The \$250,000 transfer was approved in the 2015 final budget. The \$250,000 transfer was done from the General Fund to the Mental Health fund on October 1, 2015. The Mental Health fund is a special revenue fund and all funds remain in that account until spent. As long as nothing has been spent from the funds transferred into the Mental Health fund account, they remain in that account.

Member Angelo stated that although there is a sweep of General Fund, they do not sweep Mental Health funds. A separate brief presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Stepping Up should be done and talk about the next steps of the Stepping Up Initiative. Since it involves the jail, the Sheriff should present to the Board. The Stepping Up Initiative and Measure B need to be separate issues.

Chair Allman will have a training syllabus for the proposed first responder training on next month's agenda. He made it clear that the training can include the public and health professionals who are often on the front line.

Member Mertle feels that Stepping Up Initiative is relevant to the Measure B Ordinance and would like to see a quarterly report to the committee on the Initiative.

c. Needs Assessment Progress Report; with Discussion and Possible Action. *Member Diamond*

Member Diamond went over data reports he received from Member Miller regarding mental health statistics. The reports were provided in member packets and available to the public.

Member Diamond spoke with Lee Kemper twice over the month, July 2 and July 20. Assessment update is as follows:

Mr. Kemper reads the committees minutes and watches the videos and concerns will be addressed in his assessment.

He has met with stakeholders in the mental health field, moving as quickly but as thoroughly as possible to complete the assessment.

He felt Mendocino County is exemplary in its actions to address the mental health issues in the county.

The assessment is nearing completion. He expects to submit his report to the Board and the Committee prior to our next meeting in August.

The assessment will address the following 12 elements:

1. What do we have now?
2. What do we need?
3. How much money do we have coming in to meet the unmet needs?
4. How much money is expected over the next 5 to 10 years?
5. What new facilities and services will be needed? How will anything new fit into the current continuum of care?
6. What new services may be needed to place people in the least restrictive settings that meet their mental health needs?
7. There is likely a need for crisis services but we should also focus on programs that prevent crises.
8. Funding new services should always keep in mind the need to sustain them over the next 5 to 10 years.
9. Mr. Kemper said the report would also include information on what other counties are doing to address similar issues.
10. The report *will not* recommend specific facilities.
11. The report will detail the steps that need to be taken to implement the plan.
12. Any further involvement by the Kemper group would be decided by the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion occurred around the timeline of the report release to the committee and the Board of Supervisors.

Member Angelo stated that if the report is received by August 15, it could go on the Measure B's August Agenda, then to the Board of Supervisors in September. Member Angelo will contact Lee Kemper regarding the rollout process of the report.

Chair Allman called for public comment.

Gregory Sims spoke about taking the time to review the report adequately before sending to the Board to act upon.

d. City of Willits, Resolution 2018-30. Response to City of Willits from the Committee; with Discussion and Possible Action. *Member McGourty*

Chair Allman shared that the City of Willits, City Council is a governing entity and the resolution should be responded to by the County governing entity, the Board of Supervisors, not our committee. He reviewed the roll of the committee and reminded that we are an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors.

Member Diamond continues to meet with the public and the City of Willits Council members and he will continue to make himself available.

Member Riley shared that she gave contact information to Clerk Briley for all city councils and jurisdictions in Mendocino County.

Clerk Briley reported that the email addresses were received, added to the distribution list and monthly agenda's and handouts from the Measure B email account are going out to the full list.

Chair Allman called for public expression. None given.

e. Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF), Cost Analysis, Staffing, Can We Afford One and Can We Sustain One; With Discussion and Possible Action. *Member Mertle*

Chair Allman went over the handout from Member Miller regarding license requirements for PHF's.

Member Mertle shared as he did at the last meeting, he is willing to put some costs together for a PHF. He would like to have some figures for county employee benefit packages. This would give us a general feel for the expense of staffing a PHF. Member Angelo will get those figures to member Mertle; but she reminded all that we don't know yet if a PHF is established whether it would be staffed with county employees or by a contractor.

Discussion occurred.

Member McGourty would like to see a sub-committee to explore the different types of mental health treatment facilities, what are the different types. Unless the Kemper report will include that information.

Member Riley asked for clarification on the Kemper Report, would it recommend a facility type? Not a facility location, but a type.

Member Diamond clarified that was correct, a type but not a specific location. He will double check with Lee Kemper for clarity.

Member Mertle is willing to start a spreadsheet of potential costs so we have an idea of what we may be looking at cost wise.

Member Liberty has received requests from his constituents on a variety of possible treatment facility situations/locations, so clarity from Lee Kemper on what will be in the report would be good.

Chair Allman called for public expression.

Dr. Dan Anderson, Willits, feels it would be prudent to contact every PHF Unit in the State, there are 29 of them. We should contact them to see what the pluses and minuses are, the deficits and any surplus. It would be straight forward and easy to do.

Member Liberty asked if Lee Kemper can make the contact, Member Diamond will ask Lee Kemper and report back to the committee.

- f. **Monthly Committee Update to the Board of Supervisors at their First Meeting of Each Month with Discussion and Possible Action.** *Chair Allman.*

Chair Allman addressed the Board of Supervisors on July 10, 2018 as to the business of the committee.

The next update to the Board will occur on August 7, 2018 and will be presented by Chair Allman.

6. Committee Member Reports.

- a. **Member McGourty:**
BHAB had a presentation by Lt. Bednar from the jail on the new jail expansion project. This project is completely separate from Measure B. Also heard from Jay Holden who conducts misdemeanor competence training for people in the jail who are mentally ill. Participated in a training. Also, reading a book titled "Insane Consequences, How the Mental Health Industry Fails the Mentally Ill" by DJ Jaffe. All are invited to visit the NAMI library where there are a lot of books on mental illness. It is located at 564 S. Dora Street Suite E in Ukiah.
- b. **Member Angelo:**
Will not be present at the August meeting.
- c. **Member Liberty:**
Nothing to report.
- d. **Member Weer:**

Nothing to report.

e. **Member Mertle:**

He wanted to meet with some stakeholders, but time did not allow.
He did speak with some constituents regarding treatment facilities.
He received some information that he has not reviewed yet on facilities.

f. **Member Diamond:**

Nothing more to report.

g. **Member Riley:**

Nothing to report.

h. **Chair Allman:**

Peace Officers Standards and Training, (POST), is the training agency administered by the Governor's office for training of all peace officers throughout the State. They offer a program to stay current on the best training facilities in the State. The tech, physical contact training centers, etc. Part of Measure B was for a mental health training facility in Mendocino County. Chair Allman is meeting with the POST Coordinator for our region to discuss the best training centers in Northern California. POST will reimburse two people to go look at these sites to see if this is what we want for our County. We need to keep the topic of a mental health training center at the forefront of discussion per the Measure B Ordinance.

i. **Member Moschetti:**

Nothing to report.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Tasks

Given to	Task	Comments
Member Angelo	Contact Lee Kemper to give him the time frame for roll out of his assessment report	
Member Angelo	Provide county employee benefit package numbers to Member Mertle	
Member Angelo	Work with Sheriff to bring a Stepping Up Initiative report to the Board of Supervisors	
Chair Allman	Provide a syllabus for the First Responder Mental Health Training slated for Fall 2018	
Member Diamond	Follow up with Lee Kemper re: surveying all PHF Units in Ca.	