

# Mental Health Treatment Act Citizen's Oversight Committee

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## August 28, 2019 Minutes

### AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1:00 P.M.)

**Committee Members Present:** Mr. Thomas Allman; Ms. Carmel J. Angelo; Dr. Ace Barash; Mr. Jed Diamond; Mr. Ross Liberty; Mr. Mark Mertle; Dr. Jenine Miller; Ms. Donna Moschetti; Ms. Shannon Riley; and Mr. Lloyd Weer.

**Committee Members Absent:** Ms. Jan McGourty.

### 2. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

**Presenter/s:** Ms. Michelle Rich; Mr. John McCowen,

### 3. COMMITTEE MATTERS

#### 3e) Acceptance of Suicide by Cop Update

**Presenter/s:** Sheriff Allman

**Public Comment:** Mr. Dan Anderson; and Mr. John Wetzler

The Committee received a presentation by Ukiah Police Chief Wyatt on the article, "Suicide by Cop." The article focuses on the trend of law enforcement getting away from responding to an individual who is threatening suicide without a threat of violence toward anybody else. Once law enforcement responds, there is a high chance of some type of violence occurring. Chief Wyatt also presented information on other service providers, specifically the program, Cahoots, and what response they can provide on a variety of things including mentally ill, homelessness, and other people in need.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

#### 3a) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Expenditure Report on Measure B Tax Funds

**Presenter/s:** Auditor-Controller Weer.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.



Auditor-Controller Weer reported that the life to date revenue was \$9,552,363; to date expenses were \$230,437; and interest earned was \$69,570; for a total current balance of \$9,391,496.

### **3b) Approval of Minutes of the July 24, 2019, Meeting**

**Presenter/s:** Ms. Cassandra Borgna, Committee Clerk.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Member Moschetti, seconded by Member Riley, and carried unanimously, IT IS ORDERED that the Minutes of the July 24, 2019, meeting, are hereby approved with one typo being fixed on page 3, 3g, first paragraph, second line, first word should be "Kemper."

### **3c) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Measure B Project Manager**

**Presenter/s:** Member Angelo.

The Committee received an update on the recruitment of the Measure B Project Manager. An interview process was conducted and approximately eight candidates were interviewed by a panel that included members of the committee, mental health staff, and the sheriff. There were two top candidates. On behalf of the County, Member Angelo made an offer to the top candidate. The top candidate came back and wanted additional money and a higher job classification. The second candidate was offered the position. She had two other offers, and she opted to take one of the other offers. This had nothing to with the salary of the job; she actually got a counteroffer from her current employer.

It was further reported that the position is posted again for recruitment. There are approximately four candidates who have applied as of the time of today's meeting. Another interview process will occur within the next few weeks. The process has not stopped. The committee needs a project manager - somebody to be responsible and accountable to this committee and to the board to move forward.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

### **3d) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Purchase of Regional Behavioral Health Training Center/Sheriff Sub-station**

**Presenter/s:** Sheriff Allman; and Member Angelo.

**Public Comment:** None.

The Committee received an update on the purchase of a Training Center/Sheriff Sub-station in Redwood Valley. It was reported that escrow is set to close on September 3, 2019. The County has already done a walk-through with possible basic improvements including removing the theatre-type chairs and replacing the carpet.



It was reported that the California Post Police Officers Training has confirmed that Mendocino County will be the recipient of a brand new force option simulator which will assist in training law enforcement regarding shoot/don't shoot. Mendocino County has been promised one of these \$75,000 pieces of equipment for delivery the second week of January. It is hoped that the regional training center will be up and running by then.

There were questions about how the costs of the remodel would be split and if that has been determined. It was reported that an RFP would be issued and that there is an expectation by the Sheriff's office that any costs incurred for the Sheriff's office will be the County and Sheriff's office responsibility.

### **3f) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Status of the Architect RFQ and Related Feasibility Study**

**Presenter/s:** Ms. Janelle Rau, Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

**Public Comment:** Mr. John Fremont.

Ms. Rau gave a brief update on the RFP/RFQ process, which was issued on June 19, 2019. The deadline for submittals closed on August 16, 2019. There were four responses/proposals received by the County. An evaluation panel was identified which includes some members of the Committee. Everyone on the panel should have the proposals. A written evaluation meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2019, which will be the first time the panel will meet as a group to review the written proposals and determine the top two proposals. Following that meeting, the evaluation panel will conduct oral presentations for the top proposers. Once those oral presentations are concluded, the evaluation panel will finalize their evaluations, tally up the total, make the recommendation to, in this case, the purchasing agent, as to who the number-one response-getter was. At that point, the panel would entertain contract negotiations, finalize it, and bring it to the Board of Supervisors. It is anticipated this will go to the Board in October, 2019.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

### **3g) Discussion and Possible Action Including Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to Utilize Measure B Funds as a Match to Other Funding Streams**

**Presenter/s:** Member Mark Mertle.

**Public Comment:** Mr. John Wetzler

Member Mertle requested to open discussion on funds that may exist for help with mental health. Mr. Mertle inquired if County staff have grant writers or such other staff who could work in conjunction with Measure B. He also requested the creation of a formula for funding for those individuals to be able to research available grants. Member Miller stated that Behavioral Health is always looking for grants and they do have some grant writers that they fund and work with. Behavioral Health applies for grants on a regular basis, but many of the grants are federal so they are competing across the nation and there is not much funding for capital building. Sheriff Allman stated that as far as the criminal justice arena and mental health, Governor Newsom has discussed grants that are going to be clearly for criminal justice and mental health together offered to state sheriffs. The Sheriff expects by the end of this calendar year to have some opportunities from the state that are going to require a massive grant for some kind of either buildings or services. Member Barash also stated



there is a CHAPA grant for alcohol that will be applied for. Member Riley stated there may be opportunities for funding through the California Tax Credit Accreditation Committee.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

### 3h) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Report from the Kemper Report Ad Hoc Committee

**Presenter/s:** Member McGourty absent

**Public Comment:** Michelle Rich.

Member McGourty was absent by prearrangement and no update was provided. There was discussion about the Board of Supervisor's approving the Kemper Report on its face on August 27, 2019, and confirmation that the Committee had already approved same.

## 4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

### 4a) Committee Member Reports Regarding Items of General Interest

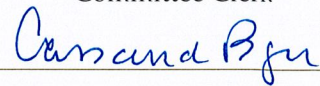
**Public Comment:** Carol Hester; Jill Bradley

The Committee discussed the concerns that members of the public sometimes have a difficult time hearing the meeting. County staff will research the possibility of having a sound system available for the meetings.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER, THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 2:17 P.M.

Attest: CASSANDRA BORGNA  
Committee Clerk



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