



**MENDOCINO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**June 17, 2020  
1:00 – 3:00 PM**

**Zoom Meeting:**

<https://mendocinocounty.zoom.us/j/99108410080>

**To join by phone:  
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<b>1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT:</b> DENISE GORNY LOIS LOCKART RICHARD TOWLE	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT:</b> DINA ORTIZ MICHELLE RICH SERGIO FUENTES	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT:</b> MEEKA FERRETTA AMY BUCKINGHAM VACANT	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT:</b> EMILY STRACHAN LYNN FINLEY VACANT	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT:</b> MARTIN MARTINEZ FLINDA BEHRINGER VACANT
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**OUR MISSION:** *"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."*

<b>Item</b>	<b>Agenda Item / Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b> 5 minutes	<b>Call to Order, Roll Call &amp; Quorum Notice, Approve Agenda:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order by Chair Rich at: 1:10 PM.</li> <li>Quorum met.</li> <li>Members present: Behringer, Buckingham, Fuentes, Gorny, Lockart, Martinez, Strachan, Towle, and Supervisor Haschak.</li> <li>Agenda approved as written.</li> </ul>	Board Action: Motion made by Member Towle, seconded by Member Lockart to approve the agenda as written. Motion passed.
<b>2.</b> 5 minutes	<b>Minutes of the May 20, 2020 BHAB Regular Meeting:</b> <i>Review and possible board action.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes approved as written.</li> </ul>	Board Action: Motion made by Member Gorny, seconded by Member Fuentes to approve the May 20, 2020 regular BHAB meeting minutes. Motion passed.
<b>3.</b> 10 minutes (Maximum)	<b>Public Comments:</b> <i>Members of the public wishing to make comments to the</i>	Board Action:





	<p>cannabis tax dollars for Mental Health Services.</p> <p>I Supervisor Haschak commented he would like this topic to be on the BOS agenda to make sure those funds are going to those specific areas instead of the general fund.</p>	<p>Motion passed.</p>
<p><b>5.</b> 20 minutes</p>	<p><b>Measure B Discussion and Possible Action:</b></p> <p>A. Service Gap Analysis Research Report</p> <p>I The Service Gap Analysis Ad Hoc Committee will continue to work on the report.</p> <p>a Member Strachan will no longer be a part of the Ad Hoc Committee; Chair Rich will take Member Strachan’s place.</p> <p>b The Committee will work with BHRS Director Miller to move forward in completing this presentation.</p> <p>II Discussion on holding a joint meeting with Measure B Chair Donna Moschetti, NAMI, and BHAB.</p> <p>a BHRS Director Miller proposed for BHRS, BHAB, and NAMI to come together to identify service gaps, and bring back the information to the Measure B Committee.</p> <p>III Discussion on the possibility of putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to run the proposed CRT facility by a private entity.</p> <p>IV BHRS Director Miller and Alyson Bailey, Measure B Project Manager, have been working on a financial plan for proposed Measure B facilities. The financial plan will consist of what the facilities will cost to determine what facilities the County may want to build, and a strategic plan will be developed based on what the County decides.</p> <p>B. Behavioral Health Training Center Update</p> <p>I The Behavioral Health Training Center is moving along, hoping to have it up and running by August. There will be a charge to use the facility, currently in process of getting policies and procedures in place.</p> <p>C. Project Management Discussion</p> <p>I. No discussion on this item.</p>	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Follow up at next meeting.</p>
<p><b>6.</b> 15 minutes</p>	<p><b>Mendocino County Report:</b></p> <p>A. Director Report Questions</p> <p>I Director report included in agenda packet.</p> <p>II Member Towle asked for an update on the metrics Supervisor Williams asked for a couple of months ago. BHRS Director Miller explained there is a “Data Reports and Analysis” page available on the BHRS website that includes data and trends from previous years, trends of our County vs other Counties, etc. The page is updated as reports become available.</p> <p>B. COVID-19 Updates</p> <p>I There has been an increase in suicides, as is consistent across California. Mendocino County has not seen a</p>	<p>Board Action:</p>



	<p>communication with clients.</p> <p>V Member Martinez would like to know what providers are offering to the community and clients during this time.</p>	<p>to forward to BHAB members.</p>
<p><b>8.</b> 15 minutes</p>	<p><b>Board Reports and Possible Action:</b></p> <p>A. Chair – <i>Michelle Rich</i></p> <p>I Homeless Services Continuum of Care</p> <p>a The Homeless Services Continuum of Care Committee reached out to the BHAB in regards to representation of this Board on their Committee. The representative does not need to attend meetings, but rather be available to give any advice as part of the advisory role.</p> <p>b Chair Rich and Member Lockart to follow up and determine if Member Lockart can represent the Board.</p> <p>II Stepping Up</p> <p>a Chair Rich volunteered to represent the BHAB on the Stepping Up Committee.</p> <p>III Training Opportunities</p> <p>a CIBHS will be hosting a Small Counties Training on Thursday June 25, from 10:00 – 2:00 PM via Zoom, Details included on newsletter included in agenda packet.</p> <p>B. Vice Chair – <i>Member Ferretta</i></p> <p>I Membership Committee</p> <p>a The BHAB has received a couple of applications for Districts 3 and 4; Member Strachan has been working on getting in touch with the candidates.</p> <p>b Member Strachan will forward any information to Chair Rich.</p> <p>C. Treasurer – <i>Member Towle</i></p> <p>I. Member Towle reported there is a surplus in the BHAB end of the year budget; funds will go to the general fund.</p>	<p>Board Action:</p>
<p><b>9.</b> 15 minutes</p>	<p><b>Board Equity in Mental Health Services</b></p> <p>A. Discussion on concerns regarding Behavioral Health during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>I Member Martinez asked for reports on what BHRS is doing to help the community during this pandemic in regards to preventing suicide, helping clients not lose services, and helping the community feel safe. He thinks these issues need to be brought to State and Federal level attention.</p> <p>II Chair Rich commented she would like to determine what the BHAB can do to help raise awareness in regards to helping individuals with their Mental Health during this pandemic.</p> <p>B. Discussion on John Wetzler’s public comment about the hotel stays for the mentally ill homeless people.</p> <p>I BHRS Director Miller clarified that there was a variety</p>	<p>Board Action:</p>



	<p>of clients staying at hotels, not only mentally ill clients. BHRS was not overseeing that program, it was operated through Social Services.</p> <p>C. Member Gorny commented that the Board needs to raise awareness by telling people to vote and get involved.</p> <p>D. Discussion on writing a letter to State and Federal representatives expressing the BHAB's Behavioral Health concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>I Chair Rich will write letter on behalf of the Board, and will follow up with the Executive Committee to approve.</p>	<p>Motion made by Member Lockart, seconded by Member Martinez to have Chair Rich write a letter on behalf of the BHAB, to State elected officials to address the concerns discussed.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>
<p><b>10.</b> 5 minutes</p>	<p><b>Public Comments:</b> <i>Members of the public wishing to make comments to the BHAB will be recognized at this time. Any additional comments will have to be provided through email to <a href="mailto:bhboard@mendocinocounty.org">bhboard@mendocinocounty.org</a>.</i></p> <p>A. Camille Schraeder commented that RCS has been working on a Crisis Residential facility for Mendocino County clients. Agrees that contracting with private entities to run facilities is a convenient approach.</p> <p>B. John Wetzler commented that one of the service gaps in our community is housing. He would like to see a report on how Willow Terrace has been doing since it opened one year ago.</p> <p>C. Jan McGourty commented that this Board has a very important role during this time to address some of the issues going on not only in our community but globally. She thinks this Board should make a recommendation to the BOS to divert some of the Sheriff's Office funds to Mental Health, and to enforce public COVID-19 safety issues.</p>	<p>Board Action:</p>
<p><b>11.</b> 5 minutes</p>	<p><b>Adjournment:</b> 3:00 PM</p> <p><b>Next meeting:</b> July 15, 2020</p>	<p>Motion made by Member Strachan, seconded by Member Lockart to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>

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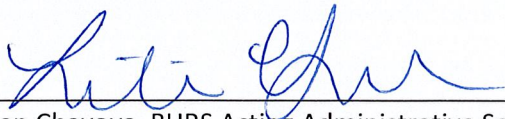
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Michelle Rich, BHAB Chair

8-8-2020

Date



Lilian Chavoya, BHRS Acting Administrative Secretary

8/24/20

Date