

# **Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee**

## **Mendocino County Behavioral Health**

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### **Minutes: Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1:02 P.M.)**

Committee Members Present: Mr. T. Allman; Dr. A. Barash; Mr. M. Mertle (arrived 1:08 P.M.); Mr. L. Weer, Dr. J. Miller; Chair D. Moschetti; Vice Chair J. Diamond; Ms. S. Riley; and Mr. R. Liberty (arrived 1:06 P.M.). Ms. C. Angelo

Committee Members Absent: Ms. M. Ferretta

#### **PUBLIC EXPRESSION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

#### **3. COMMITTEE MATTERS**

Chair Moschetti explained that due to COVID-19, holding an in-person public meeting in Fort Bragg as intended, on the 22nd of July, will not be possible.

##### **3a) Approval of Minutes of the May 27, 2020, Meeting**

Presenter/s: Chair D. Moschetti

Public Comment: Ms. Sherrie Ebyam

Committee Comment:

Committee Action: Upon motion by Ms. S. Riley, seconded by Mr. J. Diamond, IT IS ORDERED that the Minutes for the May 27, 2020 meeting, are hereby approved barring corrections made on page three to Member J. Diamond's comment, a corrected misspelling of Mr. T. Allman's name, and the removal of the highlight on a highlighted action item.

##### **3b) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Project Manager's Report, and Request for Orchard Ave Site Maintenance**

Presenter/s: Alyson Bailey P.M.

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P.M. presented information on budget and action for the Behavioral Health Regional Training Center, while Chair D. Moschetti announced the tentative acceptance of a sign for said facility with approved proof from the sign manufacturer.

P.M. also noted that the program and project estimates rough drafts have been completed, and that input from the Auditor's Office and Behavioral Health were being added before the numbers were shared with the public to promote accuracy and understanding.

P.M. updated the committee on the CRT and the transition from the design phase to preparing for construction. In addition, she announced that Behavioral Health planned to issue a RFQ for potential operators to run the CRT within the next two weeks.

Lastly, she requested that the committee assist her in a financial ask of \$430, to clear weeds on the presumed CRT site, awarded to Sonoma Sweepers; a maintenance and landscaping contractor for the County.

Committee Comment: Ms. S. Riley asked about the internal landscaping services and their ability to manage the weeds.

P.M. answered that Facilities and Fleets has three personnel to manage all County properties, and outside help is required. Sonoma Sweepers currently maintains the Dora Street Behavioral Health building, for instance.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Mr. T. Allman, seconded by Dr. J. Miller, IT IS ORDERED that \$430 allocated from the Board of Supervisors to Sonoma Sweepers for weed abatement on the CRT/Orchard Ave property be requested.

Yes, Mr. T. Allman; Yes, Dr. A. Barash; Yes, Mr. L. Weer, Yes, Dr. J. Miller; Yes, Chair D. Moschetti; Yes, Vice Chair J. Diamond; Yes, Mr. M. Mertle; Yes, Ms. S. Riley; and Yes, Mr. R. Liberty. Yes, Ms. C. Angelo Absent: Mr. M. Mertle

Motion Passes with Ten Approvals; Zero Disapprovals; One Absence

### **3c) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request for Qualification/Information for the Operation of a Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) or Psychiatric Hospital**

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Presenter/s: Dr. J. Miller

Public Comment: Ms. Emmy Good

Behavioral Health is reaching out for a provider before the discussion of sites and buildings are had to determine if building a PHF or Psychiatric Wing in/with a hospital is viable for Measure B.

In addition, Dr. J. Miller has reached out to Lake County's Behavioral Health Director regarding their interest in using Mendocino County facilities for their citizens, and there is interest: another potential source of funding and stability.

Committee Comment: Mr. R. Liberty is concerned that no one will want to operate these buildings, even after the RFQ is circulated.

Mr. J. Diamond is wondering how this will affect the discussions with Adventist Health regarding a psychiatric wing?

Dr. J. Miller answered that Adventist will be able to bid on the new RFQ/I.

Mr. L. Weer asks how a facility would be identified after the fact of agreeing to work with an operator?

Dr. J. Miller explained that the operator would work with Behavioral Health and the P.M. to build a facility that they are able to work in, while preparing for licensing a health facility and their administration needs.

Mr. M. Mertle noted that the course of action suggested passed in September 2019.

Mr. T. Allman agrees that this is correct.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Dr. J. Miller, seconded by Mr. T. Allman, IT IS ORDERED that we continue to move forward with an RFQ/RFI for an interested party to operate an inpatient psychiatric facility in Mendocino County.

Yes, Mr. T. Allman; Yes, Dr. A. Barash; Yes, Mr. L. Weer, Yes, Dr. J. Miller; Yes, Chair D.

Moschetti; Yes, Vice Chair J. Diamond; Yes, Mr. M. Mertle; Yes, Ms. S. Riley; and Yes, Mr. R.

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Liberty. Yes, Ms. C. Angelo Absent: Mr. M. Mertle

Motion Passes with Ten Approvals; Zero Disapprovals; One Absence

### **3d) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Kemper Ad Hoc Committee Concerning Services, and the Measure B Strategic Plan**

Presenter/s: Chair D. Moschetti

Public Comment: None

Chair D. Moschetti confirmed that Behavioral Health, NAMI, and the BHAB committee have been charged with identifying holes in the behavioral health system of care, and that (as a team) these three entities are making swift progress, planning to have information to the committee by the July 22nd committee meeting.

She noted that with all of the progress that has been accomplished in the last few months, as well as the updates on the CRT project, the committee will have enough information to start making big decisions.

Committee Comment: Vice Chair J. Diamond mentioned that looking at services that work with or in the Behavioral Health Regional Training Center would be beneficial since it's a ready resource.

P.M. reminded the committee and public that many of the concerns regarding foundational and fiscal aspects of Measure B have been completed and will soon be resolved.

Committee Action: None

### **3e) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Renewal of Sally (Sarah) Riley's Contract for Multi-Project Consultation on Construction RFQs, Laws, and Policies**

Presenter/s: Alyson Bailey P.M.

Community Comment: Ms. Sherrie Ebyam

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Current Measure B consultant (Sally Riley) would like to renew her contract with the County.

She is strong in Government Construction law and policy, Risk Management, and RFI/Q/P building and processes.

A suggested renewal of 12 months and a cap of \$20000 has been suggested.

Committee Comment: Mr. M. Mertle believes that Riley provides a valuable service due to her expertise.

Mr. T. Allman is curious about how much time she is using, and if County Council can assist with questions?

County Council response by Christian Curtis, Esq. paraphrases that the consultant in question is helping the County Council office avoid fielding Measure B questions, which is beneficial because of their workload, and it is less expensive to use an expert consultant than an Attorney, even internally.

Committee Action: Upon motion by, Mr. M. Mertle, seconded by Mr. T. Allman, IT IS ORDERED that an award a time and material budget of \$20000 at \$120 per hour not to exceed \$20000 for 12 months, on the condition of consistent and robust itemizing/reporting, will be suggested to the Board of Supervisors in order to renew the contract of Sally (Sarah) Riley: Measure B consultant.

Yes, Mr. T. Allman; Yes, Dr. A. Barash; Yes, Mr. L. Weer, Yes, Dr. J. Miller; Yes, Chair D. Moschetti; Yes, Vice Chair J. Diamond; Yes, Mr. M. Mertle; Yes, Ms. S. Riley; and No, Mr. R. Liberty. No, Ms. C. Angelo Absent: Mr. M. Mertle

Motion Passes with Eight Approvals; Two Disapprovals; One Absence

### **3f) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Expenditure Report on Measure B Tax Funds with Comments on Sales Tax Recovery Estimate**

Presenter/s: Mr. L. Weer

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Public Comment: None

We are two years into receiving proceeds.

According to Mr. L. Weer, March 2020 has shown 15% fewer proceeds than March 2019 due to the fiscal impact of the pandemic.

The expectation is that a million dollars a year or more may be lost, and there will be reports as final numbers are revealed.

HDL, the County Tax Consultant, will meet in July with Mr. L. Weer to revisit the estimate, which will help him and the Committee guide the Measure B budgeting process through the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Current Balance for Measure B: \$16,099,224

Committee Comment: None

Committee Action: None

### 4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Dr. J. Miller: None. Reminder - Make sure that Measure B has your call-in number before the Zoom meeting begins so that the Administrator can unmute you.

Ms. S. Riley: None

Mr. T. Allman: Stated that it has been a slow month for the Training Center, and is looking forward to opening in August. Expressed appreciation for the P.M.

Chair D. Moschetti: Expressed excitement for the BEHAB, Behavioral Health, and NAMI meeting.

Ms. C. Angelo: None

Mr. R. Liberty: None

Mr. M. Mertle: None

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Dr. A. Barash: Announcement that he has been working on a homeless shelter and rehab facility in Willits on behalf of Adventist Health.

Vice Chair J. Diamond: Continually writes more about mental health in the time of COVID, as well as engages in media interviews. [www.menalive.com](http://www.menalive.com)

Mr. L. Weer: None. Also notes his appreciation of the P.M.

### 5. ADJOURNMENT

**THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER, THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 2:32 P.M.**

Attest: Alyson Bailey  
Committee Clerk

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