

# Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee

## Mendocino County Behavioral Health

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## Minutes: Wednesday, July 22, 2020

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL ( 1:07 P.M.)**

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

Guests: Christian Curtis - County Council, Sheriff Kendall - Mendocino County , DeAnn Splinter and Eric Faddness - Nacht & Lewis

2:10 P.M. Vice Chair J. Diamond takes over meeting due to technical problems

2:28 P.M. Chair D. Moschetti resumes control of meeting

Exit: Vice Chair J. Diamond (3:42 P.M.); Mr. T. Allman (4:15 P.M.)

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

None

### **3. COMMITTEE MATTERS**

None

#### **3a) Approval of Minutes of the June 24, 2020, Meeting**

Presenter/s: Chair D. Moschetti

Public Comment: None

Committee Comment: Correct misspelling of “proceeds,” and emphasize required itemized invoices and financial statements by Contractor Sally Riley upon receipt of renewed County contract in June 24, 2020 minutes.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Mr. T. Allman, seconded by Ms. S. Riley, IT IS ORDERED that the Minutes for the June 24, 2020 meeting, are hereby approved barring corrections specified above in Committee Comment.

Motion Passes with Ten approvals, and One Abstention

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### **3b) Discussion of the Auditor's Expenditure Report on Measure B Tax Funds, and Estimates of Sales Tax Revenue**

Presenter/s: Mr. L. Weer

Public Comment: Sherri Ebryum

Committee Comment: Ms. Shannon Riley questioned the addendum added: Measure B Budget. Chair D. Moschetti suggested that the budget join the agenda for August, and that questions may be answered by email to committee members who would like to know more about the budget between meetings.

Mr. T. Allman objected to bypassing the budget, and requested that more time be taken.

Mr. T. Allman makes an informal recommendation that the budget become a standing line item on each agenda going forward. Not seconded.

Chair D. Moschetti agrees to a brief question period.

Mr. L. Weer addresses Ms. S. Riley's questions regarding Special Program Expenses, Travel Out of County, and Operational Transfers (Expenses).

A budget report will be prepared for August; again, informal.

**Committee Action:** None

### **3c) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Kemper Ad Hoc Committee's Recommendations from the Collaboration on Funding for Service Gaps and Programs**

Presenter/s: Dr. J. Miller, Ms. C. Angelo, Chair D. Mochetti

Public Comment: Jan McGourty, Sherri Ebryum, Bernie Norvel

#### **ci) Supportive Housing**

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Committee Comment: Ms. S. Riley agrees with housing concern, but it feels that Measure B funds could have a better use since there are many housing grants available, and expressed concern regarding locating an appropriate agency to provide supportive services within a supportive housing model. Mr. T. Allman suggested that Measure B monies are tailored to working with matching grants, and that there may be a way to include outside monies that fit the program.

Vice Chair J. Diamond questioned the revisiting of services after so much controversy on the subject. Dr. J. Miller suggested that the change comes from analysis, not just through the Kemper Report, but by existing, working agencies in Mendocino County.

Ms. M. Feretta spoke to the preventative aspects of housing, as well as aftercare. This is why BHAB supported this particular item.

Mr. M. Mettle is concerned that the funding suggested would not be sufficient. Tax credits or other funds may lead to adequate funding. Measure B money is potential “seed money,” not necessarily all funding needed for the project, according to Dr. J. Miller.

Ms. R. Riley suggests that housing should be developed in conjunction with the jurisdiction of the proposed location to ensure project success.

She also suggests that Measure B money may be more powerful in providing the supportive service aspect of the housing proposal instead. Asks whether or not Project Homekey [a new funding initiative] would be appropriate?

Dr J. Miller explained that most services through supportive housing are billable and will not require Measure B dollars. Medical can be billed, which is why a service component is not detailed in the suggestion.

Mr. R. Liberty is against building and renovation at this time due to current costs.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Vice Chair J. Diamond, seconded by Ms. M. Feretta, IT IS ORDERED THAT the Mental Health Treatment Citizens Oversight Committee recommends to the Board of Supervisors that Measure B contributes a one-time allocation of One Million - Three Hundred Thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) to purchase and renovate or build permanent

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supportive housing for individuals on the coast who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of chronic homelessness who have a mental health condition in addition to pursuing matching funds.

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/No, Ms. S. Riley/No, Mr. R. Liberty/Yes, Ms. C. Angelo/Yes, Ms. M. Feretta

Motion Passes with Nine Approvals; Two Disapprovals

### cii) **Community Education and Support**

Committee Comment: Ms. S. Riley questions as to whether or not the Behavioral Health Regional Training Center could be involved in implementing the service (it can).

Any agency should have to put forward a business plan, a way to implement it {the service}, and so would any other organization who took services on, under Measure B. All organizations would be paid only for services provided.

Mr. J Diamond asked Dr. J Miller if there was an agency within Mendocino County that she would recommend to provide the services being proposed. Dr. J Miller stated that she would recommend NAMI, as this is something NAMI does in other Counties.

Ms. C. Angelo is in support of NAMI championing the anti-stigma, outreach and education initiative if approved. An RFQ process would take on additional time and money.

Christian Curtis (County Council) plans to research whether or not a committee member who also represents a potentially eligible agency may both represent the committee and said agency while applying for the contract in question.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Vice Chair J. Diamond, seconded by Ms. C. Angelo, IT IS ORDERED that committee for Measure B recommend to the Board of Supervisors that a contract with an agency for community education and support in the amount of \$350,000 per year for four years (1.4 million dollars) and authorizing the Behavioral Health Director to award and sign-off on said contract

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Motion Passes with Six Approvals; Three Disapprovals; Two Abstentions

### ciii) **Aftercare**

Committee Comment: Mr. T. Allman asked about service providers. It is explained that the potential funding would go to agencies that already provide aftercare to clients who are within the Specialty Mental Health network, allowing for out-of-network individuals to receive the same services.

Vice Chair J. Diamond questioned the number of people who would be served by this endeavor annually. The answer is approximately 140 clients who would otherwise be discharged from Crisis or hospitalization with no follow up. This provides for 60 days of aftercare services to allow for individuals to be provided with services as they are being linked to services within their insurance provider's network of care.

Though private insurers are supposed to provide mental health parity, they do not which is responsible for the problem, requiring the need for intervention.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Mr. T. Allman, seconded by Vice Chair J. Diamond, IT IS ORDERED that committee for Measure B recommend to the Board of Supervisors allocate two-hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) per year for four (4) years (\$1,040,000 total) to provide follow-up services to all individuals not eligible for County services being discharged from a psychiatric hospital stay, receiving a 5150 crisis assessment

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/Yes, Mr. R. Liberty/ Yes, Ms. C. Angelo/Yes, Ms. M. Feretta

Motion Passes Unanimously

### civ) **Mobile Crisis Team**

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Guest - Sheriff Kindall : Looking to adopt Butte County's model; Dual Response (an Officer with a Mental Health Rehab Specialist.)

Almost 40% of Mendocino County calls within one week have been Behavioral Health in nature.

Butte County has seen a: 33% decrease in 5150 criteria, 37% fewer ambulance transports to out-of-county services, and beneficial cross training between law enforcement and behavioral health. Confirmed that the Ukiah Chief of Police would also be interested in participating based on past conversation/s.

Committee Comment: Ms. S. Riley is concerned that the program will only be tested throughout the Sheriff's jurisdiction, and that the program/funding will not benefit the incorporated areas in Mendocino County, such as Ukiah, the largest tax and population base. Suggests allocating more funds. Strongly feels that the program should be rolled out countywide.

Dr. J. Miller explained that the pilot program is being recommended to start with the Sheriff's office partially because the more populous areas have crisis resources and hospitals, while citizens in the unincorporated areas are without crisis resources. She is also concerned about rolling out a huge program without a smaller trial and error phase.

Ms. M. Ferreta suggests using the Behavioral Health Regional Training Center as a place where multiple law enforcement and behavioral health agencies can learn and develop together.

Mr. T. Allman suggests that the pilot program could be discussed more fluidly, and become a standing item on the committee's monthly agenda.

Christian Curtis, Esq. CC mentioned that Measure B does need to be cautious in wording when it comes to rolling out civic programs in collaboration with local government entities.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Ms. S. Riley, seconded by Mr. T. Allman, IT IS ORDERED that the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee recommends to the Board of Supervisors that they support the development of a Mobile Crisis Team in partnership with local law enforcement to be reviewed in six months and allocate Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$340,000) per year for 4 years to fund three Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist for the Mobile Crisis Team program.

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Motion Passes Unanimously

### **3d) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Estimated Proceeds, Facility Operating Costs (including Construction of the Crisis Residential Treatment Facility), and Renovation/Construction of an Acute Psychiatric Hospital or PHF**

Presenter/s: Mr. L. Weer, Dr. J. Miller, Alyson Bailey P.M.

Public Comment: Jan MCGourty

Committee Comment:

Mr. M. Mertle questions CHFFA funds and how they will be used?

**Committee Action:** None

### **3e) Discussion and Possible Action on Presentation by Nacht and Lewis on the Proposed Design, Site, and Floorplan of the Crisis Residential Treatment Facility, and Continuation of Construction/Project**

Presenter/s: Alyson Bailey P.M., Guests DeAnn Splinter and Eric Fadness

Public Comment: Jan MCGourty

Guest - Eric Fadness of Nacht & Lewis

Explained that the CRT project is ready to share with the Planning and Building S\_\_\_ of Mendocino County. Plans are at 95%. He provided a digital walkthrough of the project design.

The building has been designed to be prefabricated units due to speed and costs.

The outside of the building that will need to be completed.

Masonite and stucco will finish the house, and the roof will have standard concrete shingles.

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There are double occupancy rooms for eight to ten residents, three bathrooms, laundry, discrete intake, quiet room, med room, storage, kitchen, and dining.

The building is completely ADA compliant.

Committee Comment: Mr. M. Mertle is concerned about not having certainty that operations are feasible, as is Mr. R. Liberty.

Dr. J. Miller explains that RFP for operations has already been written and is being prepared for release. She also explained that the CHFFA grant funding for \$500,000 will be pulled if the construction process is delayed.

Chair D. Moschetti pointed out that the CRT provides an alternative to the high level of care for clients like a PHFs

Mr. R. Liberty makes a motion to halt all construction on the CRT until the feasibility of affordable operations is determined.

Ms. C. Angelo is supportive of the spirit of the motion; suggests amendment.

No amendment. There is no second.

Ms. S. Riley agrees to move forward, but feels coerced into the decision because of pressure regarding the CHFFA grant.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Ms. M. Feretta, seconded by Dr. A. Barash, IT IS ORDERED that the committee for Measure B recommends that the Crisis Residential Treatment Facility project continue from the design phase to the Construction Management, and Construction phases for 3.7 million dollars.

Yes, Dr. A. Barash/Yes, Mr. L. Weer/Yes, Dr. J. Miller/Yes, Chair D. Moschetti/Yes, Mr. M. Mertle/Yes, Ms. S. Riley/No, Mr. R. Liberty/Yes, Ms. C. Angelo/Yes, Ms. M. Feretta  
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### **3f) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Recommendation for Contracting**



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**with AECOM, Construction Management Services, for the CRT Project Concerning Pre-Construction and Contract Administration in the Amount of \$62,162 and \$269,676 Respectively**

Presenter/s: Alyson Bailey P.M.

Public Comment: None

Committee Comment: Mr. M. Mertle asked about Facility's RFI process and the number of bids. There were five qualified candidates. This is a Facility's contract for over five years; not just for Measure B.

The County does not have the staff to engage in Construction Management inhouse.

**Committee Action:** None (Informational)

#### **4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

None

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

**THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER, THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 5:09 P.M.**

Attest: Alyson Bailey

Committee Clerk

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