

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

## **Mendocino County Behavioral Health**

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## **Minutes: Wednesday, May 22, 2020**

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1:10 P.M.)**

Committee Members Present: Mr. T. Allman; Dr. A. Barash; Mr. M. Mertle; Mr. L. Weer, Dr. J. Miller; Chair D. Moschetti; Ms. M. Ferretta; Vice Chair J. Diamond; Ms. S. Riley; and Mr. R. Liberty. Ms. C. Angelo arrived at 1:30 P.M.

Committee Members Absent: None

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

Ms. Emmy Good

### **3. COMMITTEE MATTERS**

Dr. J. Miller explained the online meeting process regarding comments for non-committee or administrative attendees.

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

Presenter/s: Chair D. Moschetti

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Diamond, seconded by Member Liberty, IT IS ORDERED that the Minutes for the April 27, 2020 meeting, are hereby approved.

#### **3b) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Treatment and Service Monies Disbursement**

Presenter/s: Chair D. Moschetti

Public Comment: None

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Mr. T. Allman began with an explanation of the Measure B public appeal while building voter support and identified the public desire to have at least two non-government, citizen mental health affiliates involved. Representatives from both NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and BHAB (Behavioral Health Advisory Board) are on the committee (as detailed in the measure) in order to assist with mental health matters and (potentially) the identification of service gaps.

Vice Chair J. Diamond agreed with the item, and that the disbursement of funds for services would ensure action, but if given too quickly could result in an unsustainable investment.

Ms. M. Ferretta (the representative from BHAB) is working on advising the committee, by providing the combined analysis of the Mueller Report (a study on homelessness in Mendocino County) and the Kemper Report (an analysis of service gaps specifically to guide the Measure B program).

Mr. R. Liberty referenced item 31 from the February 26, 2020 meeting regarding identifying service gaps that could be funded by Measure B, and that investment in prevention and early intervention was suggested and detailed within the Kemper report as a way to preserve funds and quality of life for clients.

Mr. T. Allman reminded the committee that they are not present to make mental health decisions as a whole, but act as a fiduciary safeguard.

Discussion regarding service gaps and potential approaches to them was held between Chair D. Moschetti and Dr. J. Miller such as pilot programs, and the fact that citizens of Mendocino County receive up to 10x the services if they have Medi-Cal and are receiving specialty mental health services as opposed to private insurance.

Mr. R. Liberty implored that the committee do something now, questioning what has been done for mental health today. Ms. S. Riley countered with the importance of following policies regarding public spending, and the need for a strategic plan for transparency and fiscal stewardship.

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Vice Chair Diamond stated that his worry regarding the desire to work within the bounds of the voters initial intent and to avoid disturbing the facilities that have already been committed to, are his first priorities.

Ms. M. Ferretta suggested reaching out to existing service providers regarding what they need or would like to contribute could be an effective tactic. Mr. T. Allam agreed, but stated that these submissions should go to NAMI or BHAB, then presented to the committee after being vetted.

Chair D. Moschetti reiterated the intent of this item, stating that she wanted a recommendation that [they] start, as a committee, looking at taking care of early intervention, prevention, and aftercare services that Measure B can fund initially, but are ultimately sustainable independently.

There was a discussion regarding budgeted items and services. Dr. J. Miller pointed out that the budget can be changed during the first, second, and third quarter if the committee wishes to alter the budget throughout the year, which would allow for new line items such as services support.

Mr. T. Allman noted that services have been discussed several times as a committee, and that they have all been rejected or unexamined. Chair D. Mochetti suggested that this is due to lack of consensus and a plan as a committee. The committee has not embraced a direction when it comes to services.

Project Manager (Alyson Bailey) suggested pricing all suggestions in the Kemper report. Vice Chair J. Diamond agreed, and is especially interested in pricing the current facilities.

Public Comment: Ms. Sherrie Ebyam, and Ms. Suzie DeCastro

Committee Action: Upon motion by Chair D. Moschetti, seconded by Mr. T. Allman, and voted on by Dr. A. Barash; Mr. M. Mertle; Mr. L. Weer, Dr. J. Miller; Chair D. Moschetti; Ms. M. Ferretta; Vice Chair J. Diamond; Ms. S. Riley; and Mr. R. Liberty, with one abstention from Ms. C. Angelo.

IT IS ORDERED that the committee will allow mental health services experts to entertain

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identifying gaps and bring information back to the committee regarding those services and treatments.

### **3c) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the "Deaths of Despair" Study and Public Health Impact of Covid-19 in California and Mendocino County**

Presenter/s: Vice Chair J. Diamond

Public Comment: None

Withdrawn

### **3d) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Project Manager's Report Including the CRT**

Presenter/s: Project Manager, Alyson Bailey and Dr. J. Miller

Public Comment: None

The CRT (Crisis Residential Treatment Facility) is on schedule and safety features and most internal design has been narrowed down.

The P.M. also reports that some of the fiscal estimates requested by the committee and Board of Supervisors have been identified, and will be completed soon. The P.M. has also been in touch with Adventist Health about a proposal Adventist had proposed to the Board of Supervisors regarding the development of a Psychiatric Ward .

Dr. J. Miller added that the Board of Supervisors held over and requested a new resolution on the positions for Measure B. The item will be on the consent calendar for the June 9th meeting. The delay does impact Behavioral Health staff, as they are providing assistance with tasks that the P.M. does not have the training or access to accomplish herself.

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June 23rd, the Board of Supervisors will consider the committees request for a prudent reserve, and the P.M. software Monday.com.

Dr. J. Miller also reported that Lake County is interested in collaborating with Mendocino County in some form regarding a PHF; that Behavioral Health is expecting a 14% to 20% cut in funding due to the recession, and that originally planned for CSU (Crisis Residential Unit) is not likely to be financially feasible in the current economic environment.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: None

### **3e) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Behavioral Health Regional Training Facility Ad Hoc Committee Updates**

Presenter/s: Mr. T. Allman, Mr. M. Mertle, Ms. M. Ferretta, and Dr. J. Miller

Public Comment: None

Dr. J. Miller is leaving the ad hoc, and Chair D. Moschetti will replace her.

P.M. reports that the Facilities department has been instrumental in planning sitework for the building, and that Doug Anderson of Facilities plans to attend future ad hoc meetings in order to help them move through the County process.

She also reported that the allotted funds to complete repairs on the facility will likely be sufficient.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: None

### **3f) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Kemper Ad Hoc Committee Updates**

Presenter/s: Dr. J. Miller, Ms. M. Ferretta, Ms. C. Angelo, and Chair D. Moschetti

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Public Comment: None

Chair D. Moschetti reported that the ad hoc committee has been spending most of their efforts on identifying a strategic plan for Measure B, as well as a further look at services.

Public Comment: None

Committee Action: None

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

Presenter/s: Mr. L. Weer

Public Comment: None

Revenue:	
Capital (75%)	\$12,028,554
Operations (25%)	\$4,009,518
Life to Date	\$16,038,072
Interest:	\$252,735
Expenses:	\$532,021
Balance:	\$15,758,787

Mr. L. Weer also reported that adding a line item for services in the fiscal report would not be necessary.

Public Comment: None

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Committee Action: None

### **3h) Discussion and direction regarding the development of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Measure B Budget**

Presenter/s: Ms. S. Riley

Public Comment: None

Presenter is concerned about the committee's lack of involvement with the Measure B budget for the fiscal year, and would like to be more involved.

Mr. T. Allman reminded the committee of what Dr. J. Miller reported regarding the malleability of the budget during quarters one through three is the committee desires changes.

P.M. informed the committee that estimates of economic and current projects will become available to them soon, providing a platform for the committee to make further fiscal decisions.

Public Comment/s: None

Committee Action: None

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

Mr. T. Allman reported that he spent time at the training center, unboxing and assembling furniture, and that he is looking forward to hearing from Facilities on the project. He is hoping that the space will be ready for internal use by August.

Ms. S. Riley questions whether or not social distancing is possible in the training space. It is with a smaller group.

Ms. M. Ferretta announced that she will not be able to continue with the Kemper Ad Hoc due to other obligations.

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Vice Chair J. Diamond reported that he is doing a lot of writing for local news regarding mental health in a post COVID world. You can also access his work at [www.menalive.com](http://www.menalive.com)

Mr. M. Mertle reported that he has been developing an estimate for the electrical work that is within the existing scope of the Training Center project after viewing the site with Mr. T. Allman.

Ms. M. Ferretta, Ms. C. Angelo, Mr. L. Weer, Dr. A. Barrash, Mr. R. Liberty, and Chair D. Moschetti had nothing further to report.

### 5. ADJOURNMENT

**THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER, THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 2:38 P.M.**

Attest: Alyson Bailey  
Committee Clerk

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