

Mental Health Treatment Act Citizen's Oversight Committee

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February 26, 2020 Minutes

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Mr. Jed Diamond.

2. PUBLIC EXPRESSION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Presenter/s: Ms. Joanne Monahan; Mr. Jonathan Davis, Ms. Emmie Good, and Mr. Freddy Long.

3. COMMITTEE MATTERS

3a) Approval of Minutes of the January 22, 2020, Meeting

Presenter/s: Ms. Sarah Dukett, Committee Clerk.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Riley, seconded by Member Angelo, and carried with Member Mertle abstaining, IT IS ORDERED that the Minutes of the January 22, 2020, meeting, are hereby approved, with the deletion of Member Shannon Riley's name under item 2, "Public Expression."

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

Presenter/s: Member Lloyd Weer.

Public Comment: None.

Auditor-Controller Weer reported that the life to date revenue was \$13,921,948; to date expenses were \$523,573; and interest earned was \$165,476; for a total current balance of \$13,563,851. Member Weer provided clarity on expenses for Nash Gonzalez and Verizon Wireless. Sarah Dukett clarified the contract expense for Sarah Riley.

Member Liberty requested a further detailed expense report. Sarah Dukett confirmed it can be provided at the next meeting.

Committee Action: None

3c) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Measure B Project Manager and Potential Need for Additional Measure B Project Staff Support

Presenter/s: Member Angelo.

Public Comment: Mr. Freddy Long; and Ms. Sherrie Ebyam.

Member Angelo announced the hiring of the new Project Manager, Alyson Bailey, who began employment with the County on February 24, 2020. Alyson Bailey introduced herself and gave a brief background on her experience. Member Angelo presented the need for hiring of additional staff to assist the Project Manager, specifically an analyst and staff assistant. There were questions from Committee Members Mertle, Riley, Ferretta, and Allman. Member Angelo and Project Manager Bailey responded to the questions.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Angelo, seconded by Member Allman, and carried unanimously, IT IS ORDERED that the Measure B Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Measure B Project Manager hire one analyst and one part-time staff assistant at .25 FTE.

3d) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Scheduling Details of Meetings on the Coast and Willits for the 2020 Calendar

Presenter/s: Chair Moschetti.

Public Comment: None.

Chair Moschetti presented the item to have a meeting in Fort Bragg and in Willits during 2020. Member Mertle confirmed that July 22, 2020, at the Fort Bragg Town Hall is available and paperwork is being finalized to secure the location. The September 23, 2020 Committee meeting will be held in Willits, with a location to be determined by staff. The updated calendar can be posted on the Measure B website and distributed to the Committee members.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Angelo, seconded by Member Weer, and carried unanimously, IT IS ORDERED that the 2020 meeting calendar is accepted with the July 22, 2020 meeting to be held at the Fort Bragg Town Hall and the September 23, 2020 meeting to be held in Willits, at a location to be determined.

3e) Discussion and Update Regarding Approval of Request from Mental Health Treatment Act Citizen's Advisory Committee for Board of Supervisors to Direct County Counsel to Conduct Legal Evaluation, Research Analysis and Assessment of Adventist Health Partnership Legality; Including Restriction, Necessary Control, Implications, and Compliance Regarding the Possible Use of Public Tax Dollars to Fund Operations of a Private Entity

Presenter/s: Ms. Sarah Dukett.

Public Comment: Ms. Josephine Silva.

Sarah Dukett advised this is a carryover item from the last meeting. Acting County Counsel Christian Curtis provided a verbal update, advising the Committee that the opinion is not yet complete, but should be soon. Member Allman requested the opinion be distributed to the Committee as soon as it is ready. Counsel Curtis advised that if the Board of Supervisors waives privilege, the opinion could be made available to the Committee before the next Measure B meeting.

3f) Update Regarding December 10, 2019, Board of Supervisors Meeting Regarding Direction to Perform an Operational Feasibility Study of Proposed Measure B Funded Facilities

Presenter/s: Member Angelo

Public Comment: Ms. Linda Posner.

Member Angelo presented this item, advising it is two-fold: 1) the proposal from Adventist Health; and 2) the request by the Board of Supervisors and this Committee that we look at what is the cost of operations for three different treatment models.

Member Angelo is working with Adventist Health and has spoken with the CEO for Adventist Health, Jason Wells, numerous times, and will be meeting with Member Dr. Barash after today's meeting. Member Angelo hopes to have something from Adventist Health within the next 30 days. This will be part of the operational feasible study, not the whole study.

Member Angelo further advises, again, that Lee Kemper is not available to assist. She is outreaching to a contractor consultant in hopes of getting a proposal for them to do this work.

Member Mertle asked about the Committee's past approval to have an RFP done to solicit operations of a CRT, CSU and PHF unit. Member Angelo will look into this past item and suggested that if the Committee does not have a consultant on board by the next meeting, then we can issue an RFP.

Committee Action: None.

3g) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Status of the Architect

Presenter/s: Sarah Dukett

Public Comment: Mr. Freddy Long; Ms. Emmie Good; Mr. Jonathan Davis; Ms. Jo Bradley; Ms. Linda Posner; and Ms. Josephine Silva.

An update was provided by Sarah Dukett. On February 11 and 12, 2020, staff had a kick off meeting with Nacht and Lewis for Phase 1 of the architect contract, which is focused on a Crisis Residential Treatment Center, which is hoped to be up and running by November 1, 2021, in order to meet the CHFFA deadline. Day one focused on project understanding and expectations, design team approach, the organizational structure, and visioning. Day two of the kickoff focused on the Crisis Residential Treatment room programming and starting on the various

layouts for the Orchard Avenue site. Staff will be meeting again on March 4, 2020, to look at a number of the CRT designs. Staff is also in the process of setting up site tours for CRTs that are a similar size to us around the same time with the contractor.

Ms. Dukett also explained that it has been requested that Nacht and Lewis look at the size of the CRT and what would need to be done, if we are looking at 8-10 beds, to be able to expand to 10 beds if the need in our community is there. Nacht and Lewis will continue to explore the CSU as part of the feasibility and look at a Psychiatric Health Facility and Crisis Stabilization and where would be the best location to build and what the cost would be. At this time, the group is talking about two separate facilities, but nothing has been ruled out.

Committee Action: None.

3h) Update regarding California Health Facilities Finance Authority (CHFFA) Grant for Crisis Residential Treatment Facility

Presenter/s: Member Miller

Public Comment: Mr. Freddy Long; Ms. Linda Posner, and Supervisor John Haschak.

Member Miller provided a brief update. They will go back to CHFAA in April, 2020. She is positive they will be able to keep the milestones set by CHFAA in order to keep the \$500,000. Part of the conversations with the architect is about stakeholder groups and making sure we get consumer feedback. Member Miller is including in the conversations the topic of how we incorporate some of the client artwork into the themes as the group creates these facilities.

Committee Action: None.

3i) Discussion and Possible Action From the Regional Behavioral Health Training Facility Ad Hoc Committee Regarding Update of Outline Plan Describing Relevant Details of Allocated Funds to Finalize Improvements to the Regional Behavioral Health Training Center Before Expenditure

Presenter/s: Member Miller and Member Allman

Public Comment: Ms. Sherrie Ebyam; Ms. Emmie Good; and Supervisor John Haschak.

Member Miller and Member Allman provided the Committee with an update. The ad hoc committee has met to begin talking about how to get the training center where they want it to go and what does the remodel look like. This needs to be done in two phases. The ad hoc needs to go back before the Board of Supervisors with a plan on how they are spending the \$200,000, which is outlined in the plan provided to the Committee with this agenda item. Phase 1 on the outline explains how the first \$50,000 has been spent. Phase 2 outlines how the additional \$200,000 will be spent, if approved by the Board of Supervisors. The Committee was provided with an outline of monthly operating expenses for the facility. Behavioral Health is funding some items for the facility. It is hoped that the Project Manager can develop a plan to be able to charge a fee for people to use the facility to help recoup some of the monthly operation expenses. The facility also needs to be made ADA compliant.

Sarah Dukett provided additional details of work that has been done and work that still needs to be performed. The ad hoc is being strategic with the Phase 1 dollars and trying to get everything that is needed for basic operation so there is some flexibility between the totality of the \$250,000. It is hoped that the facility may be up and running at the Phase 1 level by the end of March 2020.

Member Liberty voiced concerns regarding the budget to get this facility finished under \$500,000. Member Allman advised that these are the most expensive estimates and the County is trying to find the least expensive options. He believes the expenses will be less than as presented.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Allman, seconded by Member Mertle, and carried unanimously, IT IS ORDERED that the building plan and operational cost for the training facility be approved by the Measure B Committee and shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors for authorization.

3j) Discussion and Possible Action of Potential Additional Creation of Regional Behavioral Health Training Facility Ad Hoc Committee Group; Provide Direction for this Ad Hoc Committee to Formulate A Regional and/or County Enhanced Training Program and Training Schedule for the Regional Behavioral Health Training Facility; And the Addition of this Ad Hoc Group to existing Regional Behavioral Health Training Facility Ad Hoc Committee

Presenter/s: Member Riley

Public Comment: Ms. Carol Hester; and Ms. Jo Bradley.

Member Riley spoke to this item, advising she had concern about adding a \$500,000 conference room to the County's facilities and not expanding the behavioral health/mental health training programs that accompany it. Member Riley had requested an ad hoc be formed to develop an enhanced training program that could be used in conjunction with the new facility. Member Miller expressed concern regarding how the cost of this will be covered. Member Allman would like to discuss with the project manager who the stakeholders are and carry this item forward on the next month's agenda to be able to form the ad hoc committee and move forward. Sarah Dukett agrees this item should be continued to the next Committee meeting.

The committee also confirmed the official name of the training facility is "Regional Behavioral Health Training Facility."

Committee Action: None.

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

Presenter/s: Member Miller.

Public Comment: None.

Member Miller advises the ad hoc is next meeting on March 6, 2020. The focus will be on the strategic plan and a prudent reserve. The ad hoc would like to add Meeka Ferretta.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Miller, seconded by Member Angelo, and carried unanimously, IT IS ORDERED that Member Meeka Ferretta be added to the Kemper Report Ad Hoc Committee.

3l) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Requesting the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Provide Recommendations on Prevention and Early Intervention Service Gaps and Possible Programs that Could be Funded Through Measure B

Presenter: Member Liberty

Public Comment: Supervisor John Haschak; Mr. Mills Matheson; Ms. Maureen Mulheren; and Ms. Emmie Good

Member Liberty presented this item and addressed his concerns that the Committee has not been able to get any brick-and-mortar going or fund services such as MOPS. The other concern is how to address mental health issues before they get into a crisis point. Member Liberty would like to request that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board give some recommendations on these issues. Member Riley will send research on the Cahoots Program prepared by the Ukiah Police Department to Member Miller.

Member Angelo supports this item and having the Behavioral Health Advisory Board bringing information to the Measure B Committee. She suggests that at some time in the near future a joint meeting between the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and the Measure B Committee be scheduled, with the Board of Supervisors approval. Member Angelo also envisions the project manager creating org charts that show what the Behavioral Health Advisory Board is accountable and responsible for and what the Measure B Committee is response for, and then ultimately everything would be under the authority of the Board of Supervisors.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Liberty, seconded by Member Angelo, and carried unanimously, IT IS ORDERED that the Measure B Committee request the Behavioral Health Advisory Board provide recommendations on prevention and early intervention service gaps and possible programs that could be funded through Measure B, and that Member Ferretta will report back to the Measure B Committee at the March, 2020 meeting based on the discussion with the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

4a) Committee Member Reports Regarding Items of General Interest

Public Comment: None.

Chair Moschetti announced that the County Information Services staff has created a new website URL for Measure B: www.mendocinocounty.org/measureb

5. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER, THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 3:22 P.M.

Attest: Sarah Dukett
Committee Clerk

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