

# Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee

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### 1 **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Committee members present: Member Allman, Member Barash, Vice-Chair Diamond, Member Liberty, Member Mertle, Member Miller, Member Rich, Member Riley, Member Weer, and Chair Moschetti.

Absent by Arrangement: Member Angelo

A quorum is established.

Present: Christian Curtis Esq. – County Counsel

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

Ted Williams: Asked for clarification on the recording of this meeting. It was clarified that today's meeting is being recorded live on Youtube.

John Wetzler: Can the public comment after every agenda item? Mr. Wetzler is concerned and would like the Coast to be considered as a possible location for the Crisis Stabilization Unit to handle 5150's.

### 3 **COMMITTEE MATTERS:**

#### **Item 3a: Approval of Minutes from the December 16, 2020 Meeting.**

Presenter/s: Chair Moschetti

#### **Committee Comment:**

Member Riley requested that going forward, whenever there is an action item, committee members be listed by name identifying the approvals, disapprovals, and abstentions.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Member Riley, seconded by Member Allman, IT IS ORDERED that the minutes of the December 16, 2020 Citizens Oversight Committee meeting be accepted as presented.

Approvals: Member Allman, Member Barash, Member Liberty, Member Mertle. Member Miller, Member Riley, Member Weer, and Chair Moschetti. (Member Rich exempt from voting, and no vote from Member Diamond)

Motion passes.

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### **Item 3b: January 2021 Measure B Financial Report**

Presenter/s: Member Miller – Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health will be taking over the Measure B financial reports. The reports presented today are drafts, and Behavioral Health fiscal is willing to work with the Committee to refine the documents to meet the Committee needs.

The reports are not estimates, but rather actual data of what has been paid to date for services.

#### **Committee Comment:**

Member Riley expressed concern on the timeliness of these reports being provided to the public, she believes the committee and public need sufficient time to review the reports before the meetings.

#### **Public Comment:**

Sheri Ebyam commented that there are additional documents posted on the website aside from the agenda packet, but none of them are the documents Member Miller discussed.

Regarding screen sharing the forms on Zoom so the public can see the documents up for discussion.

John Wetzler: What is the last available total that has been collected from sales tax? Member Weer shared that the last report had the September sales tax amount at \$799,942.00. The total sales tax revenue since this committee was formed is \$21,507, 270.00.

**Committee Action:** None.

### **Item 3c: Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Existing Facility Located at 1 Madrone St., Willits, CA for Potential Use as a Psychiatric Health Facility via the Kemper Ad Hoc Committee.**

Presenter/s: Chair Moschetti and Member Miller – Kemper Ad Hoc

The Kemper Ad Hoc has been working to determine viable buildings within Mendocino County that might work as a Psychiatric Health Facility or Psychiatric health hospital. The Kemper Ad Hoc has determined the facility located at 1 Madrone St., Willits, CA might be the best options in Mendocino County.

#### **Committee Comment:**

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Member Riley expressed disappointment and frustration with the presentation of this item. The committee had requested and expected to receive complete staff reports, and this item has been presented with zero supporting documentation today. Member Riley commented that this committee has not received any information on the status of the PHF RFP submissions that were due on November 30, 2020.

Member Barash commented that dealing with this issue in the past revealed a lot of unanswered questions and thinks action can be taken (i.e. providing documentation from other facilities) to answer some of the questions/doubts the community has.

Member Allman commented that a suggestion was brought forward last year to have a meeting in Willits focused solely on this topic, he does not think this should be an action item until this items is fully planned for.

Member Rich mentioned it is worth having a detailed study of how a PHF would impact the community and the costs of retro fitting the Old Howard hospital facility.

Member Allman would like Board of Supervisors John Haschak and Ted Williams as part of the Measure B Ad Hoc discuss this matter with the Willits City Council and decide if this should move forward.

### **Public Comment:**

Administrative Manager Alyson Bailey commented that her concern is that the building is 70,000 square feet and those utilities would need to be managed.

John Wetzler: Who owns the facility currently? Howard Foundation owns the facility.

- Did Sheriff's historically transport 5150 folks to the Old Howard Hospital? Member Allman: if ER was busy in the Coast then it would be normal for them to go to Howard hospital.

Mills Matheson would like to see a list of all the sites the Kemper Ad Hoc reviewed for a possible PHF. Have you had any input from any of the possible operators about the location of the PHF?

Sheri Ebyam: Why consider a particular site without knowing available budget and costs for that site?

Bernard Kamoroff read a section of the resolution the Willits City Council passed in March of 2018 of why they felt this facility was not suitable for the old Howard hospital site.

Supervisor Ted Williams commented about the process of soliciting community input,

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including community meetings. Mr. Williams believes there needs to be a discussion with the community regarding the possibility of there not being an ideal location and no community wanting it in their "backyard". Thinks it is very important to have community meetings to not create conflict if committee goes against the community's wishes out of necessity.

Supervisor John Haschak outreached to the Willits City Council to get input, one member was adamantly against it, and the other 3 had concerns, but were open to hear how those concerns might be mitigated. The concerns are mainly regarding security issues. Supervisor Haschak would like this committee to share information with the Willits City Council, and host a town hall meeting to determine if it is something that should move forward.

Jo Bradley's concern is that there is a stigma around the PHF, and believes this committee should research and find out about the experience in other communities that already have a PHF to lessen the community's concerns.

Keith Peterson owns a house adjacent to the hospital and agrees that the Ukiah City Council should be consulted and the county should not decide over the city. Mr. Peterson thinks this committee needs to consider energy efficiency, and the retro fitting of this hospital would be an energy hog. Mr. Peterson also expressed concern on staff parking at the facility.

**Committee Action:** None.

### **Item 3d: Administrative Project Manager's Report Including Information Regarding the Board of Supervisors Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Presenter/s: Alyson Bailey - Administrative Project Manager

The BOS provided feedback on what they would like the Project Manager's report to look like and what it should include in order to make decisions about Measure B.

Project 003 - Crisis Residential Treatment facility Update: The site is now gated off and ready for construction to take place. Construction will begin within the next couple of weeks.

- Training equipment has arrived including a training device that can train both a client in mental health, law enforcement, or a first responder by working together in the same scenario.

The county sent an award letter for the CRT RFP, currently in the process of negotiating terms with the potential contractor. Once agreement is in place it will be brought back to this committee if additional Measure B funds are required.

The PHF RFP is still under review by the evaluation team.

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Mobile Crisis Response: BHRS has been working with the Sheriff's Department and UPD and are recruiting to hire 3 individuals. 2 will work with Sheriff's and 1 with UPD.

Community Education and Support Services: currently in the process of negotiating with a contractor.

Aftercare Services: Currently in process of negotiating with contractor.

### **Committee Comment:**

Commissioner Riley clarified that the Planning Department that was referenced at yesterday's BOS meeting is the county Planning and Building Department. Although this project is in the city of Ukiah, it is not required to go through the City's Planning and Building Department. It was requested for the project to go through the Use Permit process to provide public notification/public hearings but the county declined. No building permit has been submitted to the City for this project, so it is unknown if it will comply with certain requirements.

### **Public Comment:**

Sheri Abyam: Is Measure B paying Nacht & Lewis for the pre-design services as included in the contract? Their contract also includes pre-design services for all 3 facilities, how is this broken down for each facility?

Official BOS motion from BOS meeting on January 26, 2021: Direction to Measure B Project Manager to bring back detailed explanation of what Nacht & Lewis has done with the Measure B contract, what funds have been spent, and address where in the contract process we are. Include business plans for training center and CRT project on website, and bring back update on progress at the February 23, 2021 BOS meeting. BOS expects architect to present timely status updates to the board and the public.

Clarification on the work Nacht & Lewis has done: No work has been done outside of the CRT project by Nacht & Lewis.

**Committee Action: None.**

### **Item 3e: Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Financial Status of the Behavioral Health Regional Training Center - Project 001.**

Presenter/s: Alyson Bailey - Administrative Manager

A contractor to do the remodel and site work for the training center has been identified; the base

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bid is \$168,267.00 for site work, internal remodel, septic system, etc. After base bid, \$43,706.00 are left out of the original allocation given for this project.

Alternate options that can be added to base bid contract:

Alternate A: Fire protection system (fire sprinkler system that activates when there is a fire within the building) for an additional \$108,428.00

Alternate B: LED lighting (take existing lighting to meet Title 24 energy requirements, included the replacement of some fixtures but not all) for an additional \$14, 730.00

Alternate C: LED lighting (replaces all existing fixtures with LED) for an additional \$19,154.00.

If no action is taken today to approve any of the alternate options, the contract will go through with only the base bid. If committee were to decide to add one of the options at a later date, it would need to go out to a different contractor.

### **Committee Comment:**

Regarding not moving forward with Alternate A (fire protection system) since there is no legal reason to have a sprinkler system.

Regarding the fact that this committee does not have the appropriate information to make a decision on the LED lighting for the training center.

Regarding the quality of LED lighting and good investment.

### **Public Comment:**

Sheri Ebyam: commented that Alyson reports that it would be 60-70 percent cheaper for an LED system, and she estimates savings over four years, thinks it is a no brainer to approve LED system.

### **Committee Action:**

Upon motion by Member Allman, seconded by Vice-Chair Diamond, IT IS ORDERED that the committee not approve Alternate Option A (fire protection system).

Approvals: Member Allman, Member Barash, Member Diamond, Member Mertle, Member Liberty, Member Riley, Member Weer, and Chair Moschetti.

Absence: Member Miller

Motion passes with 8 approvals, 1 Absence

Upon motion by Member Mertle, seconded by Member Allman IT IS ORDERED that the committee approve Alternate Option C (LED lighting) for \$19,154.00.

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Approvals: Member Allman, Member Barash, Member Diamond, Member Mertle, Member Riley, Member Weer, and Chair Moschetti.

Disapprovals: Member Liberty

Absence: Member Miller

Motion passes with 7 approvals, 1 disapproval, 1 absence

### 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

#### **Item 4a: Committee Member Reports regarding Items of General Interest**

Member Rich commented that the provider shortage for mental health is acute and it impacts facilities down the line, important to keep this in mind.

Member Diamond appreciates Chair Moschetti for chairing today's meeting and all of the hard work that the entire committee puts in.

Chair Moschetti appreciates everyone's commitment whether everyone agrees with each other or not.

### 5 ADJOURNMENT

**THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER, THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ADJOURNED THE MEETING.**

Attest: Lili Chavoya

Committee Clerk

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