



**MENDOCINO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

**February 24, 2021
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OUR MISSION: *"To be committed to consumers, their families, and the delivery of quality care with the goals of recovery, human dignity, and the opportunity for individuals to meet their full potential."*

Item	Agenda Item / Description	Action
1. 5 minutes	Call to Order, Roll Call & Quorum Notice, Approve Agenda: ➤ Agenda approved as presented.	Board Action: Motion made by Member Behringer, seconded by Member Bradley to approve the agenda as presented.
2. 5 minutes	Minutes of the January 27, 2021 BHAB Regular Meeting: Review and possible board action. ➤ Minutes approved as written.	Board Action: Motion made by Member Bradley seconded by Member Gorny to approve the January 27, 2021 BHAB minutes. Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

<p>3. 10 minutes (Maximum)</p>	<p>Public Comments: <i>Members of the public wishing to make comments to the BHAB will be recognized at this time. Any additional comments will have to be provided through email to bhboard@mendocinocounty.org.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jo Silva commented that the Willits fire chief is opposed to the PHF at the Old Howard hospital site, has doubts on whether it is a stigma concern or not. Jo would like the Measure B committee to present this item to the BOS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jo would like a newsletter to be created and sent out to clients regularly so clients can stay updated on what is happening and who to contact for questions/concerns. ➤ Susan Wynd Novotny announced she is stepping down as Executive Director from Manzanita Services. The Manzanita agency board is currently interviewing people for the position. 	<p>Board Action:</p>
<p>4. 20 minutes</p>	<p>Board Reports: <i>Discussion and possible board action.</i></p> <p>A. Membership Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Board Officer Appointment: Vice Chair <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Member Eagles was voted in to serve as the BHAB Vice Chair for 2021. II. Committee Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure B: Chair Rich (Member Bradley back-up) • HHSA Advisory Board: Member Matheson • MHSSA: Chair Rich • MHSA/QIC: Vice Chair Eagles • Stepping Up: Member Behringer and Vice Chair Eagles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on the challenges the Stepping Up committee has had with obtaining information from the Sheriff's Office and Probation Department, and the barriers this has caused in order for the initiative to move forward. - Meeting report template form: Chair Rich will work on getting a form that member's can use to report on meetings. III. Ad Hoc Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership: Member Bradley, Vice Chair Eagles, Member Gorny, and Chair Rich • Appreciation: Member Fuentes and Member Martinez • Site Visits: Member Behringer, Member Fuentes, Member Martinez, and Member Towle • Contracts: Vice Chair Eagles, Member Fuentes, and Chair Rich • Data Notebook: Member Matheson and Chair Rich • Advocacy and Legislation: Member Bradley and Chair Rich • Each Ad Hoc committee with establish their own goals for the year and report back to the board on a regular basis. IV. BHAB Applicant: Rick Blumberg <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Supervisor Mulheren informed the BHAB that Supervisor Gjerde is planning to appoint Mr. Blumberg as an out of district candidate for the 4th District. <p>B. Chair – <i>Michelle Rich</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. 2020 Annual Report: The 2020 Annual BHAB report was approved as presented. The annual report will be presented to the BOS at the March 23, 2021 BOS meeting. 	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Motion made by Member Behringer, seconded by Member Bradley to appoint Member Eagles as the BHAB Vice Chair. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Supervisor Mulheren to follow up about Lois' move to another district.</p> <p>Motion made by Member Behringer, seconded by Member Lockart to approve the 2020 annual report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion made by Member Bradley, seconded by Vice Chair Eagles to approve and send the Broadband Alliance letter as presented. Motion passed</p>

	<p>II. Letter to Broadband Alliance: The board voted to approve and send the letter to Broadband Alliance as presented.</p> <p>III. Priorities for 2021</p> <p>a. Chair Rich presented a calendar handout (included in agenda packet) detailing priority topics for 2021. The board will follow up at next month's meeting to plan the second half of 2021.</p> <p>C. Secretary – <i>Jo Bradley</i>: No report.</p> <p>D. Treasurer – <i>Richard Towle</i>: No report.</p>	unanimously.
<p>5. 15 minutes</p>	<p>Measure B: <i>Discussion and possible board action.</i></p> <p>A. Measure B January Meeting Report</p> <p>I. No action taken on the PHF.</p> <p>B. February Meeting Agenda Review</p> <p>I. CRT update on today's Measure B meeting agenda</p> <p>II. BHRS is working on updating the Measure B web page with information on current projects, etc. All information will be translated to Spanish.</p> <p>III. A City Council meeting is planned for March 7th sponsored by the county to discuss the Old Howard Foundation site as a potential site for the PHF, what a PHF is, mitigate community concerns, etc.</p> <p>IV. BHRS staff is now fully supporting Measure B as the Administrative Project Manager for Measure B is no longer with the county.</p> <p>C. Board of Supervisor Meeting Measure B Items</p> <p>I. No discussion on this item.</p>	Board Action:
<p>6. 15 minutes</p>	<p>Mendocino County Report: <i>Jenine Miller, BHRS Director</i></p> <p>A. Director Report Questions</p> <p>I. Director's report included in agenda packet.</p> <p>B. Budget Update</p> <p>I. LPS Conservatorships are currently having the biggest impact on the mental health budget. With LPS Conservatorships the county is not able to bill Medi-Cal so it is all paid with realignment dollars; costs range anywhere from \$100-800 per day depending on the client's needs.</p> <p>C. Stats Update</p> <p>I. BHRS Director Miller presented data on the EQRO audit the county recently underwent. This audit is to determine how Mendocino County is doing on a quality perspective. BHRS will share the final report once it is finalized.</p> <p>II. Discussion on the audits BHRS does on a daily basis to ensure RQMC is meeting all contract standards/goals.</p>	Board Action:
<p>7. 10 minutes</p>	<p>Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SUDT) Quarterly Report: <i>Rendy Smith, Acting SUDT Deputy Director</i></p> <p>A. SUDT data for the last quarter was presented (included in agenda packet).</p> <p>B. Discussion on the high number of individuals that do not complete their treatment and how the BHAB can help make a difference in those numbers.</p>	Board Action:

	<p>C. Is there an analysis of why people are not completing the treatment? Rendy explained that normally SUDT loses contact with clients due to relocation or incarceration. SUDT always tries to contact and reengage the individual and offers support and encouragement to help them complete their treatment.</p> <p>D. Currently there is not a protocol in place to check back with clients who successfully completed their treatment a year later. Referrals are always made and other steps are taken to ensure they will be ok after successful completion but no follow up a year later; Rendy will follow up to determine if a yearly follow up can be implemented for clients who successfully complete treatment.</p>	
2 minutes	Stretch Break	
8.5 minutes	<p>RQMC Report: <i>Camille Schraeder, Redwood Quality Management Company</i></p> <p>A. Data Dashboard Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Data Dashboard included in agenda packet. II. Outreach and support to the homeless population discussion: There are 63 people who are currently involved in Whole Person Care (WPC) who are also homeless. WPC is a linkage between BHRS and Health Care Services/Support. Homeless numbers are now included on the data dashboard as requested by the board. III. The adult system of care and TAY system of care have not seen a drop off in unduplicated clients. IV. RQMC is currently working with the county to try and address the conservatorship issues. V. Staffing clinicians continues to be a challenge. VI. RQMC is reaching out to all schools this week to offer support for children as they prepare to go back to school. VII. RQMC has a tentative agreement to negotiate a contract with the county to be the ASO for the next 3-6 years but it is not official yet. 	Board Action:
9.15 minutes	<p>Children’s System of Care Update: <i>Camille Schraeder, Redwood Quality Management Company</i></p> <p>A Camille provided handouts detailing the data for RQMC Children’s System of Care including reports from the 3 children providers (MCYP, Tapestry, and RCS).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I From July –Dec. 2020 633 youth were served compared to 773 youth from July –Dec. 2019. II Decline in new referrals is 109 compared to the same time last year. III Discussion on the effects COVID has had on provider staff due to health/personal reasons, Zoom fatigue, etc. The Zoom setting has not always been helpful for youth and the difficulty in keeping parents engaged due to additional stressors related to COVID. IV 45 of the referrals were closed due to parents declining services/not returning calls. 15 of referrals were scheduled for first appointments but clients no showed despite reminder calls, etc. V RQMC has historically always met all of the standards for the children’s system of care but BHRS has issued 2-3 Plan of Action Corrections in the last year regarding timeliness. 	Board Action:

	<p>B The plan going forward is for RCS to continue to use social media for outreach as this has been very effective for them. They will also continue to be flexible with employees to meet their needs and help with burnout. Tapestry will continue to share strategies and reach out to the other providers to problem solve. MCYP will continue with Hybrid system to meet client needs.</p> <p>I As more clinicians get vaccinated, more in-person services will be offered, but will continue to offer telehealth services.</p> <p>II RQMC hosts multi-agency children system of care meetings twice a week for ongoing conversation regarding recruitment and referrals, and to problem solve.</p> <p>III RQMC has connected with all of the school districts to give emergency numbers and plan to be physically present at different school sites to connect with counselors/principals to engage kids going back to school.</p> <p>IV RQMC is hoping to address and submit re-opening plans for all agencies. Will submit re-opening plans from all agencies at next month's meeting.</p>	
<p>10. 15 minutes</p>	<p>Services at the Jail: <i>Jenine Miller, BHRS Director</i> <i>Discussion and possible board action.</i></p> <p>A. BHRS Director Miller worked with the jail to determine the mental health services they have compared to other counties and the effectiveness of them.</p> <p>B. Discussion on the isolation of individuals who have a disorder at the jail. BHRS Director Miller clarified not everyone goes into isolation; it depends on the severity of the individual's mental illness. Part of the new build of the jail is supposed to add a mental health section for mental health clients that would provide services and options to avoid isolation.</p> <p>C. Agenda item to be included in a future BHAB meeting agenda for further discussion.</p>	Board Action:
<p>11. 5 Minutes</p>	<p>Member Comments:</p> <p>➤ No member comments.</p>	Board Action:
<p>12.</p>	<p>Adjournment: 12:06</p> <p>Next meeting: March 24, 2021 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM via Zoom</p>	<p>Motion made by Member Martinez seconded by Member Fuentes to adjourn the meeting.</p>

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