

Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee

Mendocino County Behavioral Health

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Minutes: Wednesday, March 24, 2021

1 **CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL:** 1:01 PM

Committee Members Present: Member Allman, Member Angelo, Member Barash, Member Diamond, Member Liberty, Member Mertle, Vice Chair Miller, Member Rich, Member Riley, Member Weer, and Chair Moschetti.

- A quorum is established.
- Present: Christian Curtis – County Counsel

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

Public comment:

- Member Mertle regarding whether a member from this committee can speak on behalf of Measure B at the Board of Supervisor meetings.
- Member Riley requested an update from county staff regarding the Measure B items that went up for approval at this week's BOS meeting.
 - CIT funding was granted
 - The gun locker was granted for the Behavioral health training center
 - The construction contract for the training center was approved, as well as the sprinkler system and LED lights
 - The BOS asked for a feasibility study for the PHF regarding remodeling buildings and ranch concept, as well as an annual independent audit.

3 **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

3a) **Approval of Minutes from the February 24, 2021 Meeting.**

Presenter: Chair Moschetti

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Riley seconded by Member Allman it is ORDERED that the minutes of the February 24, 2021 Citizens Oversight Committee meeting be accepted as presented.

- Motion passes with 11 approvals, 0 disapprovals.

3b) **March 2021 Measure B Financial Report**

Presenter: Vice Chair Miller

- Andrea Turchin, BHRS Fiscal Administrative Manager presented the March Measure B financial report.

Public Comment:

- Sherrie Ebyam regarding missing detail from the Operating Transfers on the

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financial report, and the inconsistency in salary and benefits numbers.

Committee Action: None.

3c) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Measure B Budget.

Presenter: Vice Chair Miller

- The dollar amounts on the report presented are all estimates of what fiscal staff determined the committee may spend during FY 2021-22, but the committee will only be charged what the actual costs end up being.
- The Measure B Project Manager position has not been eliminated; the salary for that position is included in the budget in case the allocation is needed.
- Necessary adjustments to the budget are allowed (with BOS approval).

Public Comment:

- Sherrie Ebyam: regarding the lack of supporting detail/information for the large dollar amounts presented on the budget report.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Rich seconded by Member Riley it is ORDERED that this committee recommend the budget as presented including the additional information received.

- Motion passes with 11 approvals, 0 disapprovals.

3d) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Measure B Committee Support Positions Going Forward.

Presenter: Member Liberty

- This committee does not have direct authority over Measure B support staff.
- Historically, the Chair of this committee attended BOS meetings to give the Measure B update on behalf of the committee. Any member of this committee can report out on behalf of this committee at BOS meetings, it does not have to be the Chair.
- Member Riley requested a standing agenda item on the Measure B Committee agendas regarding an update on BOS discussions and actions.

Public Comment:

- Sherrie Ebyam: The committee member who reports to the BOS should be someone internal that deals with Measure B on a day to day basis and is well informed.
- Supervisor Haschak volunteered to be a liaison between Measure B and the BOS in regards to Measure B items on the BOS.

Committee Action: None.

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3e) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Measure B Committee Staff Change.

Presenter: Member Mertle

- The Measure B Project Manager position was not eliminated, but there are no current plans to recruit for this position. This committee does not have a say on what happens to this position as this position reports directly to Behavioral Health. The Behavioral Health department head makes the decision of recruitment for this position, and the BOS makes the final on compensation decision.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: None.

3f) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding CRT Operator and Facility Construction Decisions.

Presenter: Member Mertle

- The Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT) Operator contract will be up for approval on BOS on April 20, 2021; no Measure B dollars will be used to fund the services for this facility.

Public Comment:

- Sherrie Ebyam: Regarding the strategic and financial plan being a priority for this committee, and why county staff (who are doing additional work in absence of a Project Manager) are charging their time to Measure B.

Committee Action: None.

3g) Update Regarding the Restructuring Ad Hoc of the Measure B Oversight Committee.

Presenter: Member Riley

- The committee consisting of Member Riley, Member Allman, Member Mertle, Member Rich, along with Supervisors Haschak and Williams met last week and the consensus is that this committee could be restructured to be more of a general oversight committee.
- Next steps: to discuss the recommendation for this committee to restructure to be a general oversight committee; the work would be directed by the pending strategic plan and performed by county staff.
- Member Riley requested that the recommendation to hire a consultant to assist with the strategic plan be presented to the BOS at the next opportunity, and to include an agenda item for the restructure of this committee as discussion and possible action on next month's agenda.

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Public Comment:

- Jo Bradley - regarding the lack of direction needed by this committee and the false belief that no advancement has been done by this committee.
- Sherrie Ebyam – regarding the importance of having someone that will monitor projects as they connect to the strategic plan.

Committee Action: None.

4 **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

4a) Committee Member Reports Regarding Items of General Interest

- No committee member reports.

5 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:25 PM.

Attest: Lili Chavoya
Committee Clerk

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