



**MENDOCINO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

**May 26, 2021
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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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."*

	Agenda Item / Description	Action
1. 5 minutes	Call to Order, Roll Call & Quorum Notice, Approve Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair Rich called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. ○ Members present: Behringer, Bradley, Gorny, Lockart, Matheson, Towle, and Chair Rich. Late entrance: Member Martinez (10:11 AM), Member Fuentes (10:17 AM). ○ Absent: Vice Chair Eagles ○ Quorum met. ○ Agenda approved as presented. 	Board Action: Motion made by Member Towle, seconded by Member Bradley to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
2. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes from the April 28, 2021 BHAB Regular Meeting: <i>Review and possible board action.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minutes approved as presented. 	Board Action: Motion made by Member Gorny, seconded by Member Behringer to approve the April 28, 2021 BHAB minutes. Motion passed

		with one abstention (Member Lockart).
3. 10 minutes (Maximum)	<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"> o Jo Silva: Jo has visited a few hospitals throughout California over the years, provided some feedback on her findings regarding the services and overall benefits to behavioral health clients. Jo suggests the county should take a look at a property on East Side Rd. in Calpella as a potential psychiatric hospital facility (PHF). 	Board Action:
4. 70 minutes	<p>Fiscal Recap: <i>Discussion and Possible Board Action.</i></p> <p>A) BHRS Director Miller provided a BHRS fiscal overview for a better understanding of how behavioral health services are funded and paid for in Mendocino County.</p> <p>B) Mendocino County does not provide mental health services to everyone; the county contracts with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and is a Mental Health Plan (MHP) to provide Specialty Mental Health (SMH) services to Mendocino County residents that have Medi-Cal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) DHCS has a waiver with the federal government to contract with counties to provide behavioral health services. Every county operates their SMH services and substance use disorders treatment (SUDT) services. ii) Individuals can get a referral to one of the clinics as there is a “no wrong door” approach to mental health services in Mendocino County. Clients always have a right to a second opinion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Discussion on what the BHAB and NAMI can do to advocate so that facilities do not release people when they are still in need of services. o Discussion on 5150 holds and the importance of alternative solutions for people that do not meet criteria. iii) The client’s plan is the billing mechanism. Everything that is billed needs to be within the client’s plan; otherwise, the county will not be reimbursed by DHCS for those services. iv) Member Martinez asked if the county has done surveys to gather information from the provider/clinicians that deal with mental health clients who are released early. v) A review of 1991 and 2011 realignment funds, Medi-Cal, Drug Medi-Cal, and Mental Health Services Act. vi) In the current Governor’s May Revise, there is a movement to no longer have state hospitals accept LPS clients. The State believes these beds could help with felony incompetent to stand trial clients instead. Counties would have to figure out what to do with LPS clients that need the high level of care. Counties are pushing back on this movement. vii) Jo Silva: Any future realignment dollars on the horizon? Any possibilities this board might need to advocate? She has noticed that 	Board Action:

	<p>with hospitalizations there is reliance on pills, and at some point this doesn't help people recuperate. What funds are available for ongoing counseling?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o BHRS Director Miller: parity related to mental health services for both Medi-Cal and private insurance beneficiaries. Private insurance needs to provide mental health on the same level as the Counties. Parity will be very important in the future of mental health. o Grants for children and youth mobile crisis services are also a future possibility and BHRS plans to apply. There is more focus on mental health currently. <p>viii) BHRS Director Miller commented that the county is seeing changes in being able to use peer specialists and billing for them.</p>	
<p>5. 30 minutes</p>	<p>BHAB Budget Review: <i>Discussion and Possible Board Action.</i></p> <p>A) Review of the budget line items on the monthly budget reports that are provided in the agenda packet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) MOPS is funded by MHSA and the county plans to keep this program as long as there are funds (regardless of Mobile Crisis team that is being funded by Measure B). ii) Examples of adult services charges listed on the reports are: Assisted Outpatient Treatment, PRA, Probation, and Quality Improvement. iii) Conservatorships discussion: The County is pushing for more facilities in Mendocino County as numbers have significantly increased. The county monitors clients and steps clients down to a lower level of care (or higher) as they are ready. iv) No Place Like Home (NPLH): There are 2 NPLH projects in the works. If the county gets additional funding the plan is to focus on housing for the coastal area. v) Discussion on what BHAB should be paying attention to in regards to the budget. BHRS Director Miller thinks it is important to know what the approved budget is and to understand the programs and reimbursement process. vi) Jo Silva: Does the county have conservatorship facilities? There is one licensed board and care in Mendocino County but they do not bill to Medi-Cal. They take out of county clients; BHRS has struggled with getting Mendocino County clients into that facility. <p>B) The Appreciation Committee would like to hold another staff appreciation day for BHRS staff; will set a future date to make this happen.</p> <p>C) Carlos from CALBHB/C attended today's meeting and expressed CALBHB/C's support to this board in any way they can.</p>	<p>Board Action:</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Adjournment: 12:02 PM</p> <p>Next meeting: June 23, 2021 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM via Zoom</p>	<p>Motion made by Member Gorny, seconded by Member Martinez to adjourn the meeting.</p>

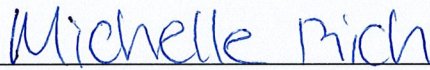
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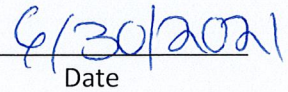
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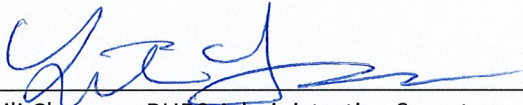
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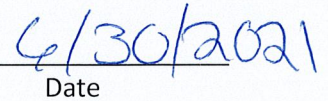


Michelle Rich, BHAB Chair


Date



Lili Chavoya, BHRS Administrative Secretary


Date