



**MENDOCINO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

**July 28, 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 10:04 AM. ○ Members present: Behringer, Bradley, Eagles, Gorny, Lockart, Matheson, Towle, and Chair Rich. ○ Late entrance: Member Martinez and Member Fuentes ○ Member Shipp absent. ○ Quorum met. ○ Agenda approved as presented. 	Board Action: Motion made by Member Gorny, seconded by Vice Chair Eagles to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
2. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes from the June 23, 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 Vice Chair Eagles, seconded by Member Matheson to approve the June 23, 2021 BHAB minutes as presented. Motion passed with 8 approvals, and 1 abstention.

<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 can be provided through email to bhboard@mendocinocounty.org.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lasara Firefox Allen, the new Executive Director at Manzanita Services introduced herself to the board. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>4. 15 minutes</p>	<p>Board & Committee Reports: <i>Discussion and possible board action.</i></p> <p>A. Chair – <i>Michelle Rich</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report. <p>B. Vice Chair – <i>Julia Eagles</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report. <p>C. Secretary – <i>Jo Bradley</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report. <p>D. Treasurer – <i>Richard Towle</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report <p>E. Advocacy & Legislation Committee – <i>Member Bradley, Chair Rich</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report. <p>F. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Fuentes & Martinez</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Martinez will be doing an Appreciation healing session for RQMC staff members on August 6th in recognition of all of their hard work. <p>G. Contracts Committee – <i>Member Fuentes, Vice Chair Eagles, Chair Rich</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report. <p>H. Membership Committee – <i>Member Behringer, Bradley, Eagles, Gorny, & Chair Rich</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BHAB Vacancies Advertising Follow Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lili and Chair Rich to work on getting the vacancy flyer in coast newspapers i.e. Fort Bragg Advocate, Beacon, and Willits Weekly. 2. BHAB applicant William French <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supervisor Mulheren was not able to connect with Mr. Blumberg (previous candidate interested in District 2), the Membership committee will not pursue any further. ○ Interested community members that are interested in joining the board can join as an out of district candidate if their district seats are already full (with District Supervisor approval). ○ Vice Chair Eagles interviewed Mr. French. Mr. French was recommended by Supervisor Mulheren to join this board, he is a consumer and was recently on the Manzanita Services Board, and is also very active in historical initiatives. ○ Prolonged discussion regarding Mr. French’s possible appointment to the BHAB. ○ Board members also discussed the possibility of requiring candidates to attend a BHAB meeting for an in person interview before they are appointed like it has been historically done. The Membership Committee will follow up to determine if the appointment policies/procedures should be revised. 	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Motion made by Member Towle, seconded by Member Behringer to endorse William French’s application and appoint him to the BHAB District 2 vacant seat. Motion passed with 6 approvals and 4 abstentions.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upon motion by Member Towle, the BHAB officially endorsed Mr. French’s application and voted to appoint him to District 2. <p>I. Site Visit Committee - <i>Member Behringer, Fuentes, Martinez, & Towle</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board members will be visiting the Whitmore Lane facility that will become a Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) next week. The board will be doing a walk through with BHRS Director Miller in groups to stay within Brown Act regulations. ○ Chair Rich reminded the Site Visit Committee the importance of getting any site visits scheduled as soon as possible as the year is closely coming to an end. Site Visit Committee members will follow up to plan future site visits. 	
<p>5. 10 minutes</p>	<p>Measure B: <i>Discussion and possible board action.</i></p> <p>A. June Meeting Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Measure B Committee voted to meet every other month instead of monthly. Their next meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2021. ○ Member Martinez asked how much Measure B funds have been spent on clients. The majority of Measure B funds are designated for facilities, only a small portion of the funds are designated for actual client services. Fiscal reports are provided to the public at every Measure B meeting and are accessible on the Measure B website. ○ Discussion on the accountability of reports brought up by Member Martinez. Member Martinez thinks there is no accountability for the reports that are put out. Chair Rich commented the reports are valid and derived from the EHR system, and the providers are accountable for them. The reports BHRS provides to the BHAB have all been signed off ever since it was requested by Member Martinez. ○ Chair Rich advised board members to communicate with her if there are any issues/topics that need to be addressed to include in a future agenda so that board can address as appropriate. The board will follow up on this at next month’s meeting. <p>B. Board of Supervisor Meeting Measure B Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No discussion. 	Board Action: None.
<p>6. 5 minutes</p>	<p>Mendocino County Report: <i>Jenine Miller, BHRS Director</i></p> <p>A. Director Report Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karen Lovato is here in place of BHRS Director Miller to answer any questions. ○ Karen pointed out the report lists the contracts that have been passed by the BOS, each contract details out funding amounts going to clients; the contracts are available on the BOS agendas. ○ There has been tremendous progress on the CRT facility on Orchard Avenue in Ukiah. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on updating Director’s report to include more information and possibly photos of the CRT as well. 	Board Action: None.
<p>7. 20 minutes</p>	<p>Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Plan Update 2021-2022 – <i>Karen Lovato, BHRS Acting Senior Program Manager</i></p>	Board Action: None.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karen Lovato presented an overview of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) annual plan update; plan update included in agenda packet. ○ The MHSA plan outlines the expenditures and program planning in 3 year cycles. The plan presented today is a hybridized version of the plan due to impact on timelines due to COVID. ○ The plan includes the 2020-2023 expenditures plan and also includes the annual 2021-2022 plan update. The 2021 plan was an extension of the prior years plan due to COVID, so the most impacts are coming in the 21-22 fiscal year plan. ○ COVID impacted MHSA a little less than what was expected, but still have had to be flexible with MHSA expenditures. ○ BHRS did go out for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for MHSA funding allocations for the first time. This process is also another thing that impacted the programs funded through MHSA. ○ Almost all MHSA programs have been open during COVID-19 but with required adjustments. ○ Some of this plan’s main changes include: added details to the programs provided by Consolidated Tribal Health and Laytonville Family Resource Center, changed service provisions for PEI and CSS program components, and some PEI programs were changed to outreach recognition rather than prevention/recognition of early signs of mental illness as previously classified. ○ The goals of the this MHSA 3 year plan are goals that came out of intensive stakeholder feedback processes that included surveys and client feedback. ○ Once the plan is in final format, it will go out for public comment for 30 days (public review process). Any substantive changes should be done before going out for public comment. ○ Board members will review the plan update over the next month and provide any feedback. Karen Lovato will present the annual plan update at next month’s BHAB meeting for public comment. 	
<p>8. 10 minutes</p>	<p>Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Update – <i>Karen Lovato, BHRS Acting Senior Program Manager</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Item tabled due to lack of time; will include in next month’s agenda. 	<p>Board Action None.</p>
<p>9. 15 minutes</p>	<p>RQMC Report: <i>Camille Schraeder, Redwood Quality Management Company</i></p> <p>A. Data Dashboard Questions</p> <p>B. Services Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Camille reminded the board that all of RQMC’s reports are signed off by RQMC and come directly from the EXYM system. Furthermore, there has been follow through from RQMC on all requests made by this board. ○ RQMC has the ability to provide outcome data. The county has 2 PIPs that focus on outcomes, and Camille is not sure what else is needed to explain the work that is happening on behalf of the providers. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RQMC, Manzanita, Hospitality Center, and RCS are working on a plan for an appreciation day for staff. ○ Agencies are under a lot of stress right now due to clinical provider recruitments. ○ New state guidelines are coming out on the COVID vaccine/testing for those who provide Medi-Cal services. All agencies who provide Medi-Cal services need to be vaccinated or get tested twice a week. ○ Whole Person Care has been doing a tremendous amount of work with linking for mental health services providers while they are under so much stress as they open up, build their workforce, and reengage clients. WPC assists clients with a variety of tasks including weekly meeting, daily activities, appointment reminders, making sure clients get to their medication appointments, etc. ○ RQMC has been working to stabilize adult housing options as there is an urgency and necessity to provide housing to the severely mentally ill population. 	
<p>10. 20 minutes</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: Sarah Livingston, Director of Crisis Services - Redwood Community Services Crisis Response Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sarah Livingston joined the meeting to provide information on Redwood Community Crisis services. ○ Crisis provides 60 days of aftercare services from initial crisis intervention. ○ During COVID, the crisis team took the appropriate precautions to continue to see clients in person. Have been responding to clinics as needed and will respond to schools once they are open again. ○ The crisis team is still not mobile, but they are aware it is a need in the community. ○ Crisis collaborates with MOPS, Ukiah and Fort Bragg Police Departments, as well as the Willits PD occasionally. The need to collaborate with the Willits PD is very small in comparison to the Ukiah and Fort Bragg PD, but there is definitely still a connection there. ○ The crisis respite is a 6 bed facility for stabilization; crisis works closely with Adventist Health for medical respite as well. Crisis hopes to open a crisis respite in Fort Bragg in the future. ○ Crisis continues to provide therapy, rehab, and case management and is looking forward to the CRT opening up to expand collaboration efforts. ○ In 2016/2017 there were roughly 2,800 crisis interventions/risk assessments provided. Despite the challenges of COVID, over 4,000 services were provided over the last fiscal year. ○ Discussion on whether the increase in services in last year was due to COVID related mental health. Sarah predicts services would have been higher if COVID hadn't happened because there was actually a downturn in some responses. There has been an increase related to COVID though. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

11. 5 Minutes	Member Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supervisor Mulheren commented the she and Supervisor Williams were assigned to work with BHRS and RQMC on improving their data reporting. The ad hoc committee will be meeting soon for an initial meeting, and also hope to have a future community meeting via Zoom so community members can provide feedback. Supervisor Mulheren will communicate the date once it is confirmed. 	Board Action: None.
12.	Adjournment: 12:04 PM Next meeting: August 25, 2021 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM via Zoom	Motion by Member Towle, seconded by Vice Chair Eagles to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

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Michelle Rich, BHAB Chair

8/30/2021

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