



**MENDOCINO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

**August 25, 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"> o Chair Rich called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. o Members present: Bradley, Eagles, Gorny, Lockart, Matheson, Shipp, Towle, and Chair Rich. o Absent: Behringer (by prior arrangement), Martinez (by prior arrangement), and Fuentes. o Quorum met. o Agenda item number 7 (MHSA Three Year Plan) to be moved up after Public Comment. o Agenda approved with noted change. 	Board Action: Motion made by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Gorny to approve the agenda with item 7 change. Motion passed unanimously.
2. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes from the July 28, 2021 BHAB Regular Meeting: <i>Review and possible board action.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Minutes approved as presented. 	Board Action: Motion made by Member Gorny, seconded by Member Matheson, to approve the BHAB minutes as presented. Motion passed with 7 approvals and 1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. There are 2 courtyards; the lot is big enough for plenty of parking. b. Members expressed concern about the amount of time it will take to get the facility up and running, possibly up to 5 years. BHRS Director Miller explained that if the building needs to get approved by OSHPD, it can take 4-6 years. There is a possibility the county may not need to do OSHPD. 	
<p>5. 5 minutes</p>	<p>Measure B: <i>Discussion and possible board action.</i></p> <p>A. August Meeting Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Routine items are included in this month’s agenda, as well as a proposal requesting a crisis respite in Fort Bragg, and a 3rd District reappointment. 	Board Action: None.
<p>6. 30 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"> i. Report included in agenda packet. ii. BHRS was asked to come up with an alternative way to free up ER beds due to the COVID-19 surge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. BHRS was asked to help with ambulance transports of mental health clients to psychiatric hospitals. This is generally done by ambulance, but Medi-Cal does not pay for ambulance transports. On August 16th, BHRS officially implemented the help with transports. b. BHRS was also asked to create a crisis support site for clients on 5150 waiting to go to a psychiatric hospital. BHRS will be going in front of the BOS on August 21st to ask for alternative funding to cover the costs, as Medi-Cal is unable to pay for it. c. Subcontractors have stepped up to assist with transports and helping in any way they can with the crisis support site, even though this is not part of their contract requirement. Probation has also helped with providing caged cars to transport clients, and the local Adventist Health hospital is providing meals for the clients as needed. d. Discussion on the possibility of using Measure B funds to fund the alternative care site. BHRS Director Miller stated it is a possibility, but it is up to the BOS to decide. <p>B. Specialty Mental Health Services Presentation Follow Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Mental Health Plan Performance Review Data Trends presentation provided by BHRS Director Miller. ii. Review of outcomes to make sure services are meeting client needs, focused only on Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health (SMH) individuals. Information provided/reviewed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Overall penetration rates 2017-19 (increase from 2017 to 2019) o Penetration rate comparison between Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt, and Nevada counties. o Overall beneficiary rates 2017-19 o Post psych inpatient follow up rates 2018-19 o High cost beneficiaries o How many services provided, denial rates, o EQRO results (complete report coming later) 	Board Action: None.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quality of care components ○ Total clients served by MHSA ○ Adults needs and strengths assessment (ANSA) scores ○ PIP FY 19-20 	
<p>7. 20 minutes</p>	<p>Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Plan 2021-2022 Public Hearing – Karen Lovato, BHRS Acting Senior Program Manager</p> <p>A. Overview of the plan provided, plan included in the agenda packet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. BHRS obtained permission to extend the 2017-2020 plan for an additional year. This plan is 21-23, first year is already completed. A lot of carryover due to COVID-19 changes and impacts. ii. Chair Rich expressed concern over the difficulty there is with recruitment and retention of providers, would strongly support and encourage redirecting funds to be used for that purpose, if possible. iii. Member Towle: How is BHRS going to maintain public engagement during COVID-19 times? Karen: BHRS has continued to do forums virtually, will try to go back to mobile, in person, as well as virtual forums once COVID-19 makes it possible. BHRS has expanded to billboards, consumer events, mailing activities, etc. always looking for new strategies and open to ideas from the public. iv. Member Shipp: Is there a place the public can access to see what innovations other counties have put forward and have been successful with? Karen: The Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) has a number of resources online, including other county innovation projects. Counties are required to post their innovation projects on their website. v. Member Lockart expressed concern with the jail discharge program, as she is aware of tribal community members who have been discharged with nowhere to go. Karen commented that BHRS meets with the jail and jail discharge planner on a weekly basis. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss potential releases for the week, so the discharge planner can start planning/meeting with individuals prior to release. The jail cannot detain people longer than they are allowed to, so inmate releases can sometimes be unplanned for and unpredictable. Staff try to plan ahead as best as possible. The program is also voluntary; inmates cannot be forced to participate. BHRS is always open to receiving feedback/additional strategies they should consider to improve. vi. Jo Silva: Jo thinks tech innovation should be included as there are certain areas in county where it is not feasible. Jo likes the idea of the wellness section, especially for people coming out of any kind of institution. <p>B. The board voted to approve the plan for a 30 day public comment period, and to hold a public hearing at next month's BHAB meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The plan will be available on the county website for the public to access/review, and possibly at provider locations as well. It can also be mailed or emailed upon request. 	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Motion made my Member Towle, seconded by Member Shipp to move the plan to the public comment period and hold a public hearing at next month's BHAB meeting. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>8. 15 minutes</p>	<p>Cost Report State Audits: Update/Discussion and Possible Board Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tabled due to lack of time. 	<p>Board Action None.</p>

<p>9. 10 minutes</p>	<p>RQMC Report: <i>Camille Schraeder, Redwood Quality Management Company</i></p> <p>A. Data Dashboard Questions i. Provided in agenda packet.</p> <p>B. Services Update i. Crisis triage currently going on, trying to support clients and keeping them out of the hospital and keeping them safe. RCS has done transportations to the hospital, will continue to do that. ii. RQMC is continuing to provide support to the providers who are in transition, providing back up support/assessment, while transitions happen. Several agencies have hired new clinicians. iii. Have been working alongside Medstar for ambulance transports of clients to psychiatric hospitals.</p>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>10. 5 Minutes</p>	<p>Member Comments: o No member comments.</p>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Adjournment: 12:02 PM</p> <p>Next meeting: September 22, 2021 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM via Zoom</p>	<p>Motion made by Member Matheson, seconded by Member Shipp to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 PM. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

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