

# MENDOCINO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

## **REGULAR MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

November 4, 2021 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Zoom Meeting:

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<b>DENISE GORNY</b>	MICHELLE RICH	MILLS MATHESON	JULIA EAGLES	FLINDA BEHRINGER
LOIS LOCKART	SERGIO FUENTES	JEFF SHIPP	VACANT	Jo Bradley
RICHARD TOWLE	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT	MARTIN MARTINEZ

**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. 3 minutes	<ul> <li>Call to Order, Roll Call &amp; Quorum Notice, Approve Agenda:</li> <li>Chair Rich called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.</li> <li>Members present: Bradley, Fuentes, Gorny, Lockart, Martinez, Matheson, Towle, and Chair Rich.</li> <li>Absent by prior arrangement: Behringer, Eagles, and Shipp.</li> <li>Quorum met.</li> <li>Agenda approved as presented.</li> </ul>	Board Action: Motion made by Member Martinez, seconded by Member Gorny to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
2. 2 minutes	Approval of Minutes from the September 22, 2021 BHAB Regular Meeting: Review and Possible Board Action.  o Minutes approved as presented with 7 approvals and 1 abstention (Member Fuentes).	Board Action: Motion made by Member Gorny, seconded by Member Matheson to approve the September 22, 2021 BHAB meeting minutes

	as presented. Motion passed.
Public Comments:	Board Action:
	None.
recognized at this time. Any additional comments can be provided through email to <a href="mailto:bhboard@mendocinocounty.org">bhboard@mendocinocounty.org</a> .	
<ul> <li>Kate Gaston (Interim Executive Director of Manzanita Services as of September 20, 2021) commented that Manzanita is working on increasing staff, currently working on a grant to train peer specialists in order to prepare them to pass the peer certification test in the next year and become Medi-Cal billable. Manzanita will send a newsletter once it is up and running. Ms. Gaston encouraged the board to reach out if there are any questions or concerns.</li> <li>Denise Gorny: the Alex Rorabaugh Recreation center is looking for a new Executive Director.</li> <li>Jo Silva: Jo wishes more people were included in BHAB meetings as it has been an issue even before COVID. Jo would like Manzanita Services to setup something at their site for people to be able to participate in BHAB meetings. Ms. Gaston will follow up to see if this is a possibility.</li> </ul>	
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resolution).	
Measure B: Discussion and Possible Board Action.  A. October Meeting Agenda Items  I. The Measure B Committee voted to make a recommendation to approve a CIT training for the Sheriff's office. The recommendation passed and will be going in front of the BOS in the near future. The original proposal was to have the training at the Ukiah Conference Center, but the committee agreed to have the training at the Behavioral Health Training Center instead. The Sherriff's office will be making 5 spaces available to members of the public who are interested in participating in this	Board Action: None.
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6. 15 minutes	California Behavioral Health Planning Council 2021 Data Notebook Survey: Discussion and Possible Board Action.	Board Action: Motion made by
		Member
	A. Chair Rich and Member Matheson worked with county staff to	Matheson,
	complete the data notebook survey; the survey is due at the end of	seconded by
	November.	Member Towle to
	I. Discussion on question #12: board members agreed there is not	approve the data
	sufficient data to answer question #12 on the survey.	notebook survey for submission
	i. Chair Rich will follow up and verify if the survey can be	with the exception
	submitted without answering question #12.	of question #12 as
		there is not
		sufficient data to
		provide an answer.
		Motion passed
		unanimously.
7.	Mendocino County Report: Jenine Miller, BHRS Director	Board Action:
20 minutes	A. Director Report Questions	None.
	I. Director's report included in agenda packet.	
	II. BHRS Director Miller reported that the county is hoping to	
	have keys the Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT) facility later	
	this month. The county is currently working on finishing the	
	punch list and the building will be handed over soon. The grand	
	opening is planned for the end of November or the first week of	
	December. Once BHRS has an official date, the BHAB will be notified and invited.	
	III. BHRS continues to work with CHFFA (CHFFA granted the	
	county \$500,000.00 to build the facility) to make sure the	
	county meets CHFFA's deadlines. BHRS will be requesting an	
	extension to give enough time to meet deadlines and BHRS will	
	be going in front of the CHFFA board on December 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	
	IV. BHRS is currently working on a lot of grants including one that	
	would provide funds to possibly build an additional CRT	
	facility for youth in Mendocino County. This grant will come	
	forward to the BOS soon.	
	B. Staffing Update	
	I. BHRS Director Miller reported that BHRS is actively recruiting	
	for many positions. She explained the recruitment and hiring	
	process is much faster now that BHRS is no longer part of	
	HHSA. This faster process allows BHRS to offer a candidate a	
	position within the same day it is decided. Staffing is still a challenge but BHRS is making progress.	
	C. Whitmore Lane Facility Update	
	I. The contractors are finalizing the feasibility study that the BOS	
	requested; the study should be completed and ready to bring to	
	the BOS in January 2022 (BHRS has a placeholder for the	
	second/third BOS meeting in January).	
	II. BHRS Director Miller reported that the building will not have	
	to meet OSHPD requirements so this will allow for a faster	
	renovation/building time as the county will not have to go	
	through OSHPD standards.	

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8.	External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) Audit:  Update/Discussion and Possible Board Action - Jenine Miller, BHRS	None.
25 minutes		TVOIIC.
	Director	
	A. FY 20-21 EQRO report included in agenda packet	
	B. The EQRO audit is a federal requirement for managed care plans	
	through the state. DHCS does different audits specific to Specialty	
	Mental Health (SMH) and Substance Use Disorders Treatment	
	Services (SUDT). Mendocino County has a contract with state of CA	
	to provide these two services and part of the requirement are to do	
	these yearly audits among others.	
	I. EQRO works with the county to review the system as a whole	
	from a Quality improvement/Quality Assurance (QAQI)	
	perspective to determine how services are functioning	
	throughout the county, and how Mendocino County compares to	
	other small counties and across all California counties. The	
	report looks at total beneficiaries, penetration rates, average cost	
	per beneficiaries, foster care penetration rates, diagnoses,	
	claiming, clinical vs non clinical PIPs (required by state and	
	federal government), etc.	
	II. As part of the EQRO audit, EQRO also meets with supervisory	
	staff and clients to ask questions. EQRO can also request to visit	
	sites if needed.	
9.	RQMC Report: Camille Schraeder, Redwood Quality Management	Board Action:
15 minutes	Company	None.
	A. Data Dashboard Questions	
	I. Included in agenda packet.	
	B. Services Update	
	I. Camille Schraeder reported that AB 808 is a bill that has passed;	
	it is a pilot project. RCS in one of 2 agencies in California that	
	has done complex care on foster care. Currently only available	
	for detained foster care youth. A CRT would be available for	
	any child in a crisis.	
	II. There are also school based mental health services. Camille	
	suggests this board should send a letter to the school district to	
	make sure they are using the funds correctly and make sure they	
	are partnering with the experts. Camille reported the children	
	system of care has lost some of their funds in an attempt to get	
	services available in the adult system of care.	
	III. There is not a waitlist for children waiting to receive services.	
	C. Staffing Update	
	I. Camille commented that providers will need to increase rates for	
	providers to help with retention and recruitment. Camille reported	
	on the workforce data:	
	o RCS has about 220 credentialed providers (clinicians, care	
	managers, rehab specialists), they need 6 clinicians, 24 care	
	managers and 6 rehab specialists.	
	o Manzanita has 1 clinician, 3 care managers, 2 rehab	
	specialists, and they need 4 clinicians, 7 care managers, and	
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G. Contracts Committee – Member Fuentes, Vice Chair Eagles, Chair Rich		G. Contracts Committee - Member Fuentes, Vice Chair Eagles, Chair Rich	
I. No report.		I. No report.	
		H. Membership Committee – Member Behringer, Bradley, Eagles, Gorny, &	Motion made by
			Member Martinez,
I. Board Reappointments: Chair Rich, Member Bradley, and seconded by			•
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	<ul> <li>i. The board voted to endorse Member's Bradley's reappointment application.</li> <li>ii. Larran Henserson's application was tabled for next month as an interview is still pending.</li> <li>I. Site Visit Committee - Member Behringer, Fuentes, Martinez, &amp; Towle I. No report.</li> </ul>	Member Bradley's reappointment. Motion passed with 7 approvals and 1 abstention (Bradley).
11.	Member Comments:	Board Action:
5 Minutes	No member comments.	None.
12.	Adjournment: 4:01 PM	
	<b>Next meeting:</b> November 17, 2021 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM via Zoom	

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