



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

November 4, 2021

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Zoom Meeting:

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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. 3 minutes	Call to Order, Roll Call & Quorum Notice, Approve Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair Rich called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. ○ Members present: Bradley, Fuentes, Gorny, Lockart, Martinez, Matheson, Towle, and Chair Rich. ○ Absent by prior arrangement: Behringer, Eagles, and Shipp. ○ Quorum met. ○ Agenda approved as presented. 	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: <i>Review and Possible Board Action.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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.
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 can be provided through email to bhboard@mendocinocounty.org.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. ○ Denise Gorny: the Alex Rorabaugh Recreation center is looking for a new Executive Director. ○ 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. 	Board Action: None.
4. 5 minutes	<p>Resolution Authorizing Remote Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meetings: <i>Discussion and Possible Board Action.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due to COVID, the Governor had previously passed a law that allowed brown act meetings to be held virtually. Prior to COVID, if there was a Brown Act meeting in which members were going to join the meeting from another location, the county had to post the address and make it accessible to the public. Otherwise, the member was not allowed to vote during the meeting. With COVID, an emergency legislation was passed to allow for Brown Act meetings to be held online without this requirement. This new legislation still allows for Brown Act meetings to be held online however, the board needs to review the resolution every 30 days and decide if there is still a need to meet virtually, and the reason need to meet the legislative requirements (outlined in the resolution). 	Board Action: Motion made by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Gorny to approve the resolution for the next 30 days. Motion passed with 5 approvals and 3 abstentions (Fuentes, Lockart, and Martinez).
5. 10 minutes	<p>Measure B: <i>Discussion and Possible Board Action.</i></p> <p>A. October Meeting Agenda Items</p> <p>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 training.</p> <p>II. The next Measure B meeting is scheduled for December 15th.</p>	Board Action: None.

<p>6. 15 minutes</p>	<p>California Behavioral Health Planning Council 2021 Data Notebook Survey: <i>Discussion and Possible Board Action.</i></p> <p>A. Chair Rich and Member Matheson worked with county staff to complete the data notebook survey; the survey is due at the end of November.</p> <p>I. Discussion on question #12: board members agreed there is not sufficient data to answer question #12 on the survey.</p> <p>i. Chair Rich will follow up and verify if the survey can be submitted without answering question #12.</p>	<p>Board Action: Motion made by Member Matheson, seconded by Member Towle to approve the data notebook survey for submission with the exception of question #12 as there is not sufficient data to provide an answer. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>7. 20 minutes</p>	<p>Mendocino County Report: <i>Jenine Miller, BHRS Director</i></p> <p>A. Director Report Questions</p> <p>I. Director's report included in agenda packet.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 2nd.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>B. Staffing Update</p> <p>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.</p> <p>C. Whitmore Lane Facility Update</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

<p>8. 25 minutes</p>	<p>External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) Audit: <i>Update/Discussion and Possible Board Action - Jenine Miller, BHRS Director</i></p> <p>A. FY 20-21 EQRO report included in agenda packet</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<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>I. Included in agenda packet.</p> <p>B. Services Update</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>III. There is not a waitlist for children waiting to receive services.</p> <p>C. Staffing Update</p> <p>I. Camille commented that providers will need to increase rates for providers to help with retention and recruitment. Camille reported on the workforce data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RCS has about 220 credentialed providers (clinicians, care managers, rehab specialists), they need 6 clinicians, 24 care managers and 6 rehab specialists. ○ Manzanita has 1 clinician, 3 care managers, 2 rehab specialists, and they need 4 clinicians, 7 care managers, and 2 rehab specialists. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The board voted to endorse Member's Bradley's reappointment application. ii. Larran Henserson's application was tabled for next month as an interview is still pending. <p>I. Site Visit Committee - <i>Member Behringer, Fuentes, Martinez, & Towle</i></p> <p>I. No report.</p>	Member Bradley's reappointment. Motion passed with 7 approvals and 1 abstention (Bradley).
11. 5 Minutes	Member Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o No member comments. 	Board Action: None.
12.	Adjournment: 4:01 PM Next meeting: November 17, 2021 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM via Zoom	

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