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5 minutes	5 minutes Board Meetings: <i>Discussion and Possible Board Action.</i>										
5.	5. Board & Committee Reports: Discussion and Possible Board Action.										
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	 E. Advocacy & Legislation Committee – Member Bradley, Chair Rich F. Appreciation Committee – Member Fuentes & Martinez G. Contracts Committee – Member Fuentes, Vice Chair Eagles, Chair Rich 	
	H. Membership Committee – <i>Member Behringer, Bradley, Eagles, Gorny, & Chair Rich</i>	
	I. Site Visit Committee - Member Behringer, Fuentes, Martinez, & Towle	
6.	2022 BHAB Ad Hoc Committees: Board Discussion and Possible Action.	Board Action:
15 minutes	A. Advocacy and Legislation Committee	
	B. Appreciation CommitteeC. Contracts Committee	
	D. Data Notebook	
	E. Membership Committee	
	F. Site Visit Committee	
7.	Areas of Interest and Possible Site Visits for 2022: Discussion and	Board Action:
20 minutes	Possible Board Action.	
8.	Mendocino County Report: Jenine Miller, BHRS Director	Board Action:
5 minutes	A. Director Report Questions	
9.	RQMC Report: Camille Schraeder, Redwood Quality Management	Board Action:
5 minutes	Company	
	A. Data Dashboard Questions	
10.	Children's System of Care: Board Discussion and Possible Action.	Board Action:
15 minutes	A. Ad Hoc Committee Formation	
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12 .	Crisis Update Regarding Out of County Clients: <i>Discussion and</i>	Board Action:
15 Minutes	Possible Board Action.	
13.	Follow Up on CalAIM and Services to the Mild to Moderate:	Board Action:
15 Minutes	Discussion and Possible Board Action.	
14	Member Comments:	Board Action:
14. 3 Minutes	Member Comments:	Board Action:
15	Adjournment	
15. 2 minutes	Adjournment	

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1. 3 minutes	1. Call to Order, Roll Call & Quorum Notice, Approve Agenda:						
2. 2 minutes	Meeting: R	of Minutes from the Review and Possible Ba	oard Action.	HAB Regular	Board Action: Motion made by Member Behringer, seconded by Member Towle to approve the 11/17/21 BHAB meeting minutes		

		as presented. Motion passed.
3. 10 minutes (Maximum)	 Public Comments: 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 <u>bhboard@mendocinocounty.org</u>. John Wetzler: CA Supreme Court issued a finding in case Steeveti vs Clint Denon. The ruling stated that the holding of defendants in local county jails who have been deemed incompetent to stand trial by Superior Court judges is cruel and unusual punishment. Many of these defendants often spend months in solitary confinement separated from the jail population awaiting a bed in the State Hospital system. How to conform legal system to the needs of our MH system. John suggests an increase in the number of beds in the State Hospital System. This would require a letter to State Senators, Governor, etc. John would also like a support letter from this board, BH Director Jenine Miller, as well as the Sheriff's department. BHRS Director Miller reports that the law did change in 2022 for misdemeanor offenses in regards to competency to stand trial. Chair Rich asked John to send this Letter to Lili and that this item be included in the next BHAB meeting agenda. Deborah Rogers, Carmen Price: Will be joining BHAB meetings every month along with peers. Deborah and Carmen thanked the board for all of their work. Richard Towle: Member Towle reports he found a psychiatrist that accepts Medicare in Mendocino County: Dr. Stephen Vance with Mendocino County. It is very difficult to get any type of treatment other than medication treatment. Would like to know if there are better techniques to bring more psychiatrists to Mendocino County. 	Board Action: None.
4. 5 minutes	A. Resolution Authorizing Remote Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meetings: <i>Discussion and Possible Board Action.</i>	Board Action: Motion made by Member Bradley,
	 The board approved to hold the February BHAB meeting via Zoom. 	seconded by Member Towle to hold the February BHAB meeting via Zoom. Motion passed.
5. 25 minutes	 Mendocino County Report: Jenine Miller, BHRS Director A. Director Report Questions Director's report included in agenda packet. BHRS Director Miller reports that there continues to be an increase in LPS conservatorships. Spending more than what was 	Board Action: None.

	projected for this fiscal year. Have spent 1.6 million dollars in LPS	
	costs from July-Dec 2021.NAMI suicide prevention yard signs are available for interested	
	board members.	
	B. Staffing Update	
	- Recruiting and attempting to hire more staff. There is a mental	
	health crisis across the state of California, very difficult to hire	
	mental health professionals currently.	
	- There is proposal to build a consortium in Mendocino County,	
	BHRS Director Miller has been discussing with the Mendocino	
	Hillside Health Clinic and RQMC to try to build the consortium to	
	bring more professionals to Mendocino County.	
	C. CalAIM	
	- CalAIM is an expansion of Medi-Cal. Currently, beneficiaries that	
	have Medicare or private insurance struggle to get mental health	
	services in Mendocino County. The state is currently working on	
	parity requirements across the system of care to create a standard	
	care requirement across the system. With CalAIM, for Medi-Cal it	
	is supposed to provide more services for all levels of care. Mental Health Plans (MHP) only provide Specialty Mental Health (SMH)	
	services to those who meet criteria. The mild to moderate	
	population is served through Beacon and Partnership. CalAIM	
	expands Medi-Cal services, and changes medical necessity so	
	more people can qualify for mental health services. It also adds	
	access criteria for SMH. The state created enhanced care	
	management (ECM) and community supports. PHP is supposed to	
	rule out an ECM and community support model, and are	
	contracting with providers in Mendocino County to serve those	
	individuals that meet the criteria, this is a new benefit that was not	
	offered before.	
	- There will also be documentation changes for the way the county	
	documents and bills for services. The state is currently working to	
	develop a rate structure and counties are hopeful this will allow the	
	opportunity to increase staff salaries and services.Discussion on how CalAIM impacts a mild to moderate clients.	
	 Discussion on how CalAIM impacts a mild to moderate clients. The county will not know if there are any downsides to CalAIM 	
	until it fully rolls out, but will continue to provide more	
	information and updates.	
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6.	Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) Feasibility Study Update: Jenine	Board Action:
10 minutes	Miller, BHRS Director	None.
	A. BHRS and partners (county General Services and Facility and Fleet	
	departments, Nacht & Lewis, AECOM, LACO) presented the	
	feasibility study and a recommendation to the BOS yesterday.	
	I. The team looked at 3 options for the feasibility study of	
	Whitmore lane: rehabbing the current building, demolishing	
	and rebuilding the current building, or if a whole different site should be considered. Because of the way the current building	
	is set up, it does not provide the ideal security and oversight	
	for patient care for a PHF. Different rooms are needed for	
	different meeting environments. BHRS also wants to make	
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		sure that NAMI Mendocino can have an office on site so they	
		can connect with individuals and family members from day	
		one to help them get connected to services.	
	II.	BHRS Director Miller wants to reduce the impact on	
		Whitmore Lane since it is a small residential lane. The option	
		of demolishing the building has a lot of benefits and allows for	
		the entrance to be situated off of State Street and also allows	
		for the creation of a fence to create more privacy.	
	III.	Taking into consideration the overall impacts and best interest	
		long term for the county, the community, and the PHF	
		residents, the team concluded option 2 (demolishing and	
		rebuilding the building) is the best option, and this is the option	
		that was presented to the BOS.	
	IV.	The BOS voted to move forward with the recommendation.	
	1	• The projected timeline is 38 months. It will be a super	
		PHF (will meet Medicare and Medi-Cal requirements),	
		and will allow the facility to bill private insurance,	
		Medicare, and Medi-cal. It will be a 16 bed facility.	
	V.	Discussion on the pilot program to create an alert system so	
		law enforcement can notify mental health staff when they run	
		into someone that needs outreach, so that mental health staff or	
		the homeless outreach team can reach out and assist the	
		individual.	
	VI.	NAMI has a new Executive Director Lindsey Daughter. She	
	V 1.	will be invited to speak to the Board once she is settled in to	
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		her new position. NAMI plans to take over the Warmline,	
		which was the original plan.	
	VII.	Community training in process, NAMI and BHRS are working	
		on de-escalation training. This is a training Supervisor	
		Mulheren requested for the community and will be offered to	
		the entire community.	
	VIII.	Jo Silva: Having family be involved is super important for	
		ongoing relationship; this type of connection does not usually	
		happen so it will be very important for NAMI to be at the PHF.	
		Community training is a good idea.	
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7.	Mental H4	ealth Services Act Quarterly Update – Karen Lovato, BHRS	Board Action:
/ • 15 minutes		ogram Manager	None.
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		ISA quarterly update present by Karen Lovato.	
		is update predominantly focuses on Prevention and Early	
		ervention (PEI) and Community Services and Supports (CSS)	
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	o Dat	ta presented included:	
	-	Age population (predominantly serving age 26-59)	
	-	US census percentage by age	
		Race	
		Ethnicity	
	-	Gender breakdown (predominantly females in PEI and males	
		in CSS)	
	_	• Total number of individuals served	
	Other:		
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	 Karen reports there is a possibility of doing a Performance Improvement Project on how to collect data to be more reflective. 	
	• Subsequent to FY 21 -22 Safe Passage is closing.	
8. 10 minutes	RQMC Report: Camille Schraeder, Redwood Quality Management Company	Board Action: None.
	 A. Data Dashboard Questions – report included in agenda packet. B. Services Update Camille commented on the CalAIM discussion from Director Miller's report. ECM was supposed to be a full integration of the Whole Person Care (WPC) pilot but it is not. Referrals will be sent to PHP, need to be accepted, honor the criteria, and then authorizes a provider to serve. Trying to transition 185 SMI compromised clients that are currently linked to a MH provider and primary care provider, and WPC is filling that gap. RQMC's goal is to continue that platform even with the reduced rate and increased narrow way in. Will need to make sure to monitor PHP closely. ECM has now extended to anyone who qualifies but a provider is needed and providers need to become ECM providers. RQMC's focus are SMI clients. Assertive community treatment (ACT) – Camille reports RQMC is currently working on this. C. Staffing Update Camille reports staffing issues have not improved, and the current COVID surge has impacted all agencies. Camille commented the level of stress and impact this has on providers is the new normal and agencies will have to adapt to the new way to provide care. Daily calls and check-ins between all agencies are very helpful. All client plans can be shared by multiple agencies and can be coordinated at MAC meetings or daily calls. Helps manage workload and provide services. 	
9. 10 minutes	Children's System of Care: <i>Board Discussion and Possible Action</i> . A. Ad Hoc Committee Formation	Board Action: None.
	o Tabled.	
10. 15 minutes	 2022 BHAB Ad Hoc Committees: Board Discussion and Possible Action. A. Advocacy and Legislation Committee B. Appreciation Committee C. Contracts Committee D. Data Notebook E. Membership Committee F. Site Visit Committee Item tabled due to lack of time, will follow up at next month's meeting. 	Board Action: None.
11. 15 Minutes	Board & Committee Reports: Discussion and Possible Board Action. A. Chair – Michelle Rich • 2021 BHAB Annual Report - Tabled.	Board Action: None.

	 2022 BHAB Calendar/Meetings The February meeting will be on February 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM via Zoom. Lili will send a Doodle poll to all members of the board to determine the best day/time of the month for the remainder of 2022 BHAB meetings. B. Vice Chair – <i>Flinda Behringer</i> No report. 	
	 C. Secretary – Jo Bradley No report. D. Treasurer – Richard Towle 	
	 No report. E. Advocacy & Legislation Committee – <i>Member Bradley, Chair Rich</i> No report. F. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Fuentes & Martinez</i> 	
	 No report. G. Contracts Committee – <i>Member Fuentes, Vice Chair Eagles, Chair Rich</i> No report. 	
	 H. Membership Committee – Member Behringer, Bradley, Eagles, Gorny, & Chair Rich No report. I. Site Visit Committee - Member Behringer, Fuentes, Martinez, & Towle 	
12.	• No report. Member Comments: • No member comments	Board Action: None.
13.	Adjournment: 12:05 PM	Board Action: Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:05 PM. Motion: Julia Eagles, second: Richard Towle, motion passed.

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BHRS Director's Report



February 2022

1. Board of Supervisors:

$\circ~$ Recently passed items or presentations:

- i. Mental Health:
 - Approval of Retroactive Agreement with A&A Health Services, LLC. to Provide Residential Care to Mendocino County Lanterman-Petris-Short Clients, Effective November 24, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
 - Authorization for Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) to Submit Application Documents with Redwood Community Services(RCS) on Behalf of Mendocino County for the Non Competitive Allocation Award of \$1,719,462 Under California's No Place Like Home Program to Acquire, Design, Construct, Rehabilitate, or Preserve Permanent Supportive Housing for Persons Who are Chronically Homeless, Homeless, or at Risk of Chronic Homelessness, and Who are in Need of Mental Health Services; Approval to Enter into Agreement with Redwood Community Services (RCS) for the Development and Operation of Permanent Supportive Housing Under the No Place Like Home Program; and Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director or Designee to Sign the Revenue Agreement, As Agent for Acceptance of Said Allocation Award.
 - Ratification of Submission of Grant Application for the Department of Health Care Services' Crisis Care Mobile Units Program Grant; and Authorization for the Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to Sign the Retroactive Grant Agreement When Received, Effective September 15, 2021 to June 30, 2025.
 - Approval of Retroactive Agreement with Redwood Community Services to Provide On-Call Drivers to Transport Mendocino County Residents on a 5150 Hold from Mendocino County to Out-of-County Psychiatric Hospitals, Effective August 15, 2021 Through December 31, 2021.
- ii. Measure B:
 - Acceptance of Presentation of the Feasibility Study, on the Usage of County Owned Property Located at 131 Whitmore Lane for Construction of a Psychiatric Health Facility (Estimated Cost \$19,508,059); and Approval for Staff to Proceed with Closing of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) Permit of the Facility as a Skilled Nursing Facility.
- i. Substance Use Disorders Treatment:
 - o None.

• Future BOS items or presentations:

i. Mental Health: To be determined.

- ii. Substance Use Disorders Treatment: To be determined.
- iii. Measure B: Update to Board of Supervisors May 3, 2022

2. Staffing Updates:

- a. New Hires:
 - i. Mental Health: 0
 - ii. Substance Use Disorders Treatment: 0
- b. Promotions:
 - i. Mental Health: 1
 - ii. Substance Use Disorders Treatment: None.
- c. Transfers
 - i. Behavioral Health: 1
- d. Departures:
 - i. Mental Health: 0
 - ii. Substance Use Disorders Treatment: 1

3. Audits/Site Reviews:

- a. Completed/Report of Findings:
 - i. Partnership SUDT site review Completed
 - ii. External Quality Review Organization Audit Completed
- b. Upcoming/Scheduled:
 - i. Fort Bragg DMC-ODS Compliance Review is upcoming (TBD by state)
 - ii. BHRS Triennial Audit (April 5&6, 2022)
- c. Site Reviews:
 - i. N/A

4. Grievances/Appeals:

- a. MHP Grievances: 1
- b. SUDT Grievances: 0
- c. MHSA Issue Resolutions: 0
- d. Second Opinions: 0
- e. Change of Provider Requests: 0
- f. Provider Appeals: 0
- g. Consumer Appeals: 0

5. Meetings of Interest:

- a. Cultural Diversity Committee Saturday, February 26, 2022 3:30-5:30 PM via zoom: <u>https://mendocinocounty.zoom.us/j/85371204713</u>
- b. MHSA Forum/QIC Meeting: TBD

6. Grant Opportunities:

a. Behavioral Health Mentor Internship Program, Grant Due February 18, 2022

7. Significant Projects/Brief Status:

a. Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT): AB 1421/Laura's Law Melinda Driggers, AOT Coordinator, is accepting and triaging referrals:

- i. Referrals to Date: 121 (duplicated)
- ii. Total that did not meet AOT criteria: 100
 - Total Referrals FY 21/22: 14
 - Client Connected with Provider/Services: 2
 - Unable to locate/connect with client: 1
- iii. Currently in Investigation/Screening/Referral: 2
- iv. Settlement Agreement/Full AOT FY 21/22: 3
- v. Other (Pending Assessments to file Petition): 1

8. Educational Opportunities:

a. Cultural Diversity Committee – Saturday, February 26, 2022 3:30-5:30 PM via zoom: <u>https://mendocinocounty.zoom.us/j/85371204713</u>

9. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA):

- a. Healthy Living RFP to be released any day.
- b. MHSA Forum/QIC Meeting: TBD

10. Lanterman Petris Short Conservatorships (LPS):

a. Number of individuals on LPS Conservatorships: 61

11. Substance Use Disorders Treatment Services:

- a. Number of Substance Use Disorders Treatment Clients Served in December 2021:
 - i. Total number of clients served: 77
 - ii. Total number of services provided: 325
 - iii. Fort Bragg: 12 clients served for a total of 48 services provided
 - iv. Ukiah: 56 clients served for a total of 252 services provided
 - v. Willits: 9 clients served for a total of 25 services provided
- b. Number of Substance Use Disorder Clients Completion Status
 - i. Completed Treatment/Recovery: 7
 - ii. Left Before Completion: 7
 - iii. Referred: 5
 - iv. Total: 16
 - v. Average Length of Service: 192.38 hours

12. New Contracts:

o None.

13. Capital Facilities Projects:

a. Orchard Project:

- i. CHFFA Board Meeting 12/5/2019 Milestone of securing funding met.
- ii. CHFFA Board Meeting 1/30/2020 New milestones were provided by CHFFA for completion of the Orchard Project.
- iii. CHFFA Board Meeting 10/29/2020 Kudos given for forward momentum on the project.
- iv. CHFFA Grant extended to early spring due to supply chain impacts of critical construction finalization components. Construction finished with the exception of a few items, most significant fence staining and generator installation. Operator progressing with pre-licensing activities. Grand Opening is on December 16, 2021 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- b. Willow Terrace Project:
 - i. Vacancies filled through Coordinated Entry process as they come available.
 - ii. Some turnover in tenancy.



CALBHB/C Newsletter, February 2022

Reminders:

<u>Hybrid Meeting Guide</u> - Ensure that everyone can hear and be heard! <u>Annual Reports</u> - Please share your annual reports w/CALBHB/C - <u>cal@calbhbc.com</u>

In this Issue: Grants/Funding Issue Briefs Meetings Reports & Webinars Resources

CALBHB/C Nominations

Interested in a two-year position on CALBHB/C's 15-member Governing Board? Please complete the short nomination application by March 1st. <u>Application Link</u>

CALBHB/C Issue Briefs



Board & Care (ARF or RCFE) Children & Youth: Integrated School-Based BH Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Crisis Care Continuum Criminal Justice Disaster Prep/Recovery Employment LGBTQ+ Older Adults Performance Outcome Data Transitional Age Youth Suicide Prevention

Full listing of issues (30+) at: <u>www.calbhbc.org/newsissues</u> Questions: <u>cal@calbhbc.com</u>

Grants/Funding

COVID

<u>COVID-19 Mitigation Project</u> for public and private nonprofit organizations for Behavioral Health Systems: up to \$100,000 each to support COVID-19 testing education and access, expand COVID-19 response services, and support the maintenance of healthy environments for behavioral health treatment and recovery service providers. Deadline 2/11/22

Crisis Care & Infrastructure

Joint RFAs - BH Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) & Community Care Expansion (CCE) Program - Opens 2/15/22 Informational Webinar: 2/10, 10:30 am

<u>BHCIP</u>:Construct, acquire, and expand properties and invest in mobile crisis infrastructure related to behavioral health.

<u>CCE</u>:For acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation to preserve and expand adult and senior care facilities.

BHCIP County and Tribal Planning Grant: to

support BH facility planning efforts. Up to \$150,000 for behavioral health county agencies and tribal entities. Grant. Deadline 2/28/22

Investing ARPA Funds in Behavioral Health Crisis Response: NACo February 22, 12 pm

Housing/Homelessness

Adult & Senior Residential Care Facilities: Community Care Expansion (CCE): \$805 million for acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation to preserve and expand adult and senior care facilities. App opens 2/15 Informational Webinar: 2/10, 10:30 am

HomeKey Round 2 applications are due by Monday, May 2 at 11:59 p.m.

<u>Homeless Housing, Assistance and</u> <u>Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program</u> Round 3 Applications due by June 30, 2022.

Substance Use Disorder

For Rural Counties: Awards of up to \$500,000 to increase access to prevention, treatment and recovery services. Eligible applicants: public or private, non-profit or for-profit entities. See fact sheet on U.S.. HHS investments to strengthen rural health. Deadline Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 8:59 PM PST.

Harm Reduction Grant Program. Deadline February 7, 2022. Up to \$9,750,000 per year or \$29,250,000 over three years; 25 awards of up to \$400,000 per award per year. Eligible applicants are states, local, tribal, and territorial governments; non-profit community based organizations; and primary and behavioral health organizations. Support community-based overdose prevention programs, syringe services programs, and other harm reduction services and enhance overdose and other types of prevention activities to help control the spread of infectious diseases and the consequences of such diseases. SAMHSA

<u>Contingency Management Pilot</u> to expand access to evidence-based treatment for stimulant use disorder, DHCS will pilot Medi-Cal coverage of CM in select DMC-ODS counties. Application deadline: February 15.

Workforce

<u>Mentored Internship Program</u>: Funding for nonprofits and county-operated behavioral health providers for developing and implementing an in-house mentored internship program. Deadine Friday, February 18, 2022, 5:00 p.m. (PST).

<u>National Rural Recruitment and Retention</u> <u>Network</u> (3RNet) Recruit and retain health professionals in rural and underserved areas

SAMHSA Forecasted Grants for 2022

Meetings (State/National)

CA Health & Human Services Behavioral Health Task Force Meetings

Mar 8, 2022 10:00 AM Jun 14, 2022 10:00 AM Sep 13, 2022 10:00 AM Dec 13, 2022 10:00 AM

CA Behavioral Health Planning Council

Performance Outcomes: 4/29, 2 pm - 5 pm Executive: April 20, 8:30 am -10:15 am Patients' Rights Committee: 4/20, 10:30 am Reducing Disparities: 4/20, 10:30 am Children & Youth: 4/20, 10:30 am - 12 pm Workforce and Education: 4/20, 1:30pm Legislation: 4/20, 1:30 pm - 5 pm Housing and Homelessness: 4/21, 8:30 am Systems and Medicaid: 4/21, 8:30 am General Session: April 21, 1:30 pm - 5 pm General Session: April 22, 8:30 am-12 pm

CA Department of Health Care Services <u>Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory</u> <u>Committee Meeting</u>: Approved CalAIM Waivers and Post-Award Forum February 17, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. <u>Please register in advance</u>.

<u>CalAIM BH Workgroup</u>: Goal: provide updates on CalAIM implementation progress. Workgroup members are invited to provide feedback. <u>Please register in advance</u>. May 4, 2022, at 10:00 a.m

Mental Health America

<u>Mapping the Mental Health of Our</u> <u>Communities</u>, Mental Health America, February 16, 2022, 10 am PT

Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)

Cultural & Linguistic Competency <u>2/10</u> Full Commission Meetings: <u>2/24 & 3/24</u>

Resources for Boards/Commissions

- Best Practices Handbook Brown Act Guide Public Emergency Allowances Conduct Cultural Relevance Hybrid Meetings Member Orientation Mental Health Services Act
 - Role of MHB/C
 - Fiscal
- <u>Community Program Planning</u>
 <u>News/Issues</u>
 Performance Outcome Data

Templates/Sample Docs

- Annual Reports
- Recommendations
- Recruitment
- Site Visits And More!

Welfare & Institutions Code

Bylaw Requirements

- Duties
- Expenses
- Membership Criteria
- MHSA Community Planning

Training: Modules

- Duties
- Ethics Training
- Mental Health Services Act

Training: Presentations/Recordings

- Chair Training
- Performance Data & Fiscal Info
- Mental Health Board
- MHSA Community Program Planning
- Unconscious Bias

Reports & Webinars - By Topic

Children & Youth New law on mental health curriculum goes into effect, EdSource

School Mental Health 101: A Primer for Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (PDF), National Center for Youth Law & CA Children's Trust <u>Related Webinar</u>

<u>Commentary: What CA can do to improve</u> <u>children's mental health</u>, CA Little Hoover Commission <u>Full Report</u>

School Work: Harnessing CA's Once in a Generation Opportunity on Youth Behavioral Health Summit, CA Alliance Recording

ANGST: Building Resilience, a film based on a mental health support program, endorsed by educators, psychiatrists, and mental health advocates. The film includes Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps, who spoke of his own challenges with anxiety. The program will be provided to all California public middle and high schools during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Preventing Childhood Toxic Stress: Partnering With Families and Communities to Promote Relational Health, American Academy of Pediatrics

U.S. Surgeon General Issues Advisory on Youth Mental Health Crisis Further Exposed by COVID-19 Pandemic, U.S. Health & Human Services Criminal Justice "Bridging the Gaps" Virtual Roundtables and

Fact Sheet, Kennedy-Satcher Center for Mental Health Equity Behavioral Health Equity and Incarceration Tuesday, 2/15, 8 am - 9:30 am PST Trauma-Informed Systems for Justice-Involved Populations 3/15, 8 am - 9:30 am PST Re-Entry Programs and Reducing Recidivism - 4/19, 8 am - 9:30 am Housing Access and Environmental Support Systems – Tuesday, 5/17, 8 am - 9:30 am

Crisis Care

Investing ARPA Funds in Behavioral Health Crisis Response, NACo February 22, 12 pm

<u>Peer Respites</u> - CAMHPRO Town Hall, February 23, 2022, 5 - 6:30 pm

<u>CalHope Connect</u> statewide resources in English and Spanish, includes chat and peer support.

Culture, Race, Ethnicity NCAPPS Shorts: Culture and Person-Centered Practices Series of short videos, National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems

Access for Everyone: A Toolkit for Addressing Health Equity and Racial Justice within Integrated Care Settings, The National Council for Mental Wellbeing

Learning About California's Community Health Worker State Plan Amendment, CA Health Care Foundation Recording

<u>Finding Common Ground on Mental Health</u> <u>Podcast</u>, Patrick Kennedy and Kevin Dedner

Continuum of Care

Assessing the Continuum of Care for Behavioral Health Services in California -Data, Stakeholder Perspectives, and Implications Report, DHCS

Housing/Homelessness

Supportive Housing Models That Work SAMHSA, Three Events, all at 11:30 am

- Overview of Supportive Housing and Recovery Housing Models, 2/24
- Housing-focused Engagement and Supporting Staff, 3/23
- Promoting Racial Equity in Supportive and/or Recovery Housing Programs, 4/27

Peer Provider Programs

<u>CAMHPRO Peer Provider Project</u> SB 803 Update Training, February 16, 1 pm - 3 pm

Moving Toward Diverse Leadership in the Peer Community, February 8, 9 and 10 Virtual Event

CalMHSA Advisory Council Meetings (All 1 - 4 pm Feb 11, 25, Mar 11, 25, Apr 8, 22). webinar links and agendas are found at the bottom of CalMHSA's webpage).

Peer Respites - CAMHPRO Town Hall, February 23, 2022

Peer Certification Principles for

Implementation, CA Alliance, NAMI CA, CASRA

Substance Use

<u>15-minute survey</u> about barriers to getting in-network mental health and addiction treatment. It's confidential, and available in English or Spanish. Respond on your own behalf or on behalf of someone you know who has needed care, such as a family member, friend, or a patient. NORC / University of Chicago

Supporting Telehealth and

Technology-Assisted Services for People Who Use Drugs: The National Council

Harm Reduction and Saving Lives Podcast.

Learn about the prevalence of overdose and overdose deaths in the U.S. and a new program initiated by the CDC and administered by the National Council.

DMC-ODS waiver evaluation reports External

Quality Review Organization (EQRO) review of Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) in counties regarding access, timely access, and quality of care.

Telehealth

Behavioral health and telemedicine: What's in store for 2022, Healthcare IT News

Trauma-Informed Care

ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences)

<u>Aware</u> Trainings and Grantee Spotlight (including Tri-City Mental Health and Kings County Dept of Public Health). (Scroll down on <u>ACES</u> page for recording and slide deck).

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Mendocino County Behavoiral Health and Recovery Services Behavioral Health Advisory Board General Ledger FY 21/22 2/16/2022

ORG	OBJ	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	YR/PER/JNL	EFF DATE	AMOUNT	INVOICE #	CHECK #	VENDOR NAME	COMMENT	
ЛНВ	862080	FOOD								
		FOOD Total			\$0.00					
ИНВ	862150	MEMBERSHIPS	2022/06/000766	12/30/2021	\$600.00	MCMH12/16/21BHB DUES	4350806	CALBHB/C	FY21/22CALBHB/C MEMBERSHIP	
		MEMBERSHIPS TOTAL			\$600.00					
ИНВ	862170	OFFICE EXPENSE								
		OFFICE EXPENSE Total			\$0.00					
		RNTS & LEASES BLD GRD Total			\$0.00					
IHB	862250	TRNSPRTATION & TRAVEL	2022/06/000584	12/16/2021	84.56	110421	4350689	TOWLE RICHARD	LOCAL 7/01-10/18/21 FY21/	
		TRNSPRTATION & TRAVEL Total			\$84.56					
		TRAVEL & TRSP OUT OF COUNTY Total			\$0.00					
		Grand Total			\$684.56					

	Summary of Budget for FY 21/22											
	Remaining											
OBJ	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION		Budget Amount	YTD Exp	Budget							
862080	Food		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00							
862150	Memberships		600.00	600.00	0.00							
862170	Office Expense		500.00	0.00	500.00							
862210	Rents & Leases Bld		30.00	0.00	30.00							
862250	In County Travel		3,000.00	84.56	2,915.44							
862253	Out of County Travel		2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00							
		Total Budget	\$7,130.00	\$684.56	\$6,445.44							

Behavioral Health Recovery Services Mental Health FY 2021-2022 Budget Summary

Year to Date as of February 14,2022

				EXP	ENDITURES				REVENUE					
	Program	FY 21-22 Approved Budget	Salaries & Benefits	Services & Supplies	Other Charges	Fixed Assets	Operating Transfers	Total Expenditures	2011 Realign	1991 Realign	Medi-Cal FFP	Other	Total Revenue	Total Net Cost
1	Mental Health (Overhead)	(4,024,268)	50,070	122,428	8,421,187		(51,696)	8,541,989	605,916	1,207,640	905,275	5,386	2,724,216	5,817,773
2	Administration	737,846	559,885	198,887			(6,965)	751,808				39,741	39,741	712,067
3	CalWorks	38,371	73,572	3,332				76,904				33,279	33,279	43,625
4	Mobile Outreach Program	(41,083)	178,644	18,784			(3,944)	193,484				84,292	84,292	109,193
5	Adult Services	240,338	105,063	24,163			(53,091)	76,135				5,515	5,515	70,620
6	Path Grant	0		8,112				8,112	2,089			0	2,089	6,023
7	SAMHSA Grant	0		53,343				53,343	(12,360)				(12,360)	65,703
8	Mental Health Board	7,130		685				685				17,559	17,559	(16,874)
9	Business Services	805,465	351,386	52,238				403,624					0	403,624
11	AB109	1,027		20,919				20,919	7,198				7,198	13,722
12	Conservatorship	1,896,328	135,704	72,090	1,395,027			1,602,821				43,312	43,312	1,559,509
13	MH CAL-AIM							0				250,000	250,000	(250,000)
14	QA/QI	506,229	226,268	39,445			(1,128)	264,585				29,309	29,309	235,277
a	Total YTD Expenditures & Revenue		1,680,592	614,426	9,816,215	0	(116,823)	11,994,409	602,842	1,207,640	905,275	508,391	3,224,148	8,770,261
b	FY 2021-2022 Adjusted Budget	167,383	3,771,297	1,667,615	18,769,395	0	(158,340)	24,049,967	6,525,253	3,579,855	10,604,948	3,172,528	23,882,584	167,383
	Variance		2,090,705	1,053,189	8,953,180	0	(41,517)	12,055,558	5,922,411	2,372,215	9,699,673	2,664,137	20,658,436	(8,602,878)

Behavorial Health Recovery Services Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) FY 2021-2022 Budget Summary Year to Date as of **February 15,2022**

Program	FY 21-22 Approved Budget	Salaries & Benefits	Services & Supplies	Other Charges	Fixed Assets	Operating Transfers	Total Expenditures	Revenue Prop 63	Other- Revenue	Total Net Cost
Community Services & Support	17,946	225,199	212,906	674,024		(4,606)	1,107,524		1,906,832	(799,309)
Prevention & Early Intervention	(52,755)	147,998	154,068	843			302,909		515,107	(212,198)
Innovation	567,704		24,677				24,677		122,913	(98,236)
Workforce Education & Training	-		(150)				(150)			(150)
Capital Facilities & Tech Needs							-			-
										(, , , , , , , , , , ,)
Total YTD Expenditures & Revenue		373,197	391,501	674,868	-	(4,606)	1,434,959	-	2,544,852	(1,109,893)
FY 2021-2022 Approved Budget	532,895	689,526	4,415,118	1,532,776	0	(4,131)	6,633,289	(6,100,395)	-	532,894
Variance		316,329	4,023,617	857,908	-	475	5,198,330	(6,100,395)	(2,544,852)	1,642,787

Prudent Reserve Balance

1,894,618

WIC Section 5847 (a)(7) - Establishment & mantenance of a prudent reserve to ensure the county continues to be able to serve during years in which revenues for the Mental Health Services Fund are below recent averages adjusted by changes in the state population and the California Consumer Price Index.

Behavioral Health Recovery Services SUDT FY 2021-2022 Budget Summary Year to Date as of **February 15, 2022**

		EXPENDITURES						REVENUE					
Program	FY 21-22 Approved Budget	Salaries & Benefits	Services and Supplies	Other Charges	Fixed Assets	Operating Transfers	Total Expenditures	SAPT Block Grant and FDMC	2011 Realign	Medi-Cal FFP	Other	Total Revenue	Total Net Cost
1 SUDT Overhead	(2,297,294)	24,021	12,796			(17,544)	19,273	398,679	46,850		11,850	457,379	(438,106)
2 County Wide Services	1,415,273	0	293,502				293,502			153,212	(117,973)	35,240	258,263
3 Drug Court Services	-	66,907	8,362				75,269		11,541		7,912	19,452	55,817
4 Ukiah Adult Treatment Services	8,445	303,093	82,470			(58,777)	326,785		2,199		97,940	100,140	226,645
Women In Need of Drug Free 5 Opportunties	(1)	69,257	22,418			(33,882)	57,792		8,690			8,690	49,102
6 Family Drug Court	-	131,237	24,685			(79,197)	76,725					0	76,725
8 Friday Night Live	-	0	535				535				(5,500)	(5,500)	6,035
9 Willits Adult Services	-	35,207	2,993			(4,167)	34,033				70	70	33,963
10 Fort Bragg Adult Services	206,022	158,765	9,539			(27,175)	141,129				235	235	140,894
11 Administration	824,861	291,736	210,044			(2,774)	499,006				26,196	26,196	472,811
12 Adolescent Services	(68,937)	8,000	3,325				11,324					0	11,324
13 Prevention Services	0	52,551	4,379			(3,448)	53,483				1,781	1,781	51,702
a Total YTD Expenditures & Reve	r 88,370	1,140,772	675,046	0	0	(226,962)	1,588,856	398,679	22,430	153,212	22,511	643,682	945,174
b FY 2021-2022 Budget	88,370	2,284,613	2,409,905	0	0	(1,037,852)	3,656,666	1,675,741	736,860	440,130	715,565	3,568,296	88,370
c Variance	0	1,143,841	1,734,859	0	0	(810,890)	2,067,810	1,277,062	714,430	286,918	693,054	2,924,614	(856,804)

QI Work Plan - 8.1

Report - Appeals, Grievances, Change of Provider - December 2021

Provider Appeal (45 days)							
Receipt Date	Provider Name	Reason	Results	Date	Date Letter		
				Completed	sent to Provider		
Total	0						

C	Client Appeal (45 days)								
F	leceipt Date	Provider Name	Reason	Results	Date	Date Letter			
					Completed	sent to Client			
1	otal	0							

Issue Resolutions (60 Days)								
Receipt Date	Provider Name	Reason	Results	Date	Date Letter			
				Completed	sent to Provider			
Total	0							

SUDT Grieva	SUDT Grievance (60 Days)							
Receipt Date	Provider Name	Reason	Results	Date	Date Letter			
				Completed	sent to Provider			
Total	0							

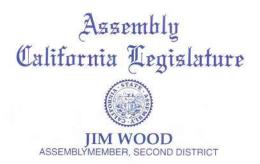
Client Grievan	Client Grievance (60 Days)								
Receipt Date	Provider	Reason	Results	Date	Date Letter				
				Completed	sent to Client				
12/1/2021	CalWORKS	Beneficiary reported a confidentiality incident involding a staff member.	Addressed with the appropriate staff, resolved.	1/31/2022	1/31/2022				
Total	1								

Client Request	Client Request for Change of Provider (10 Business Days)							
Receipt Date	Provider	Reason	Results	Date	Date Letter			
				Completed	sent to Client			
Total	0							

Provider Appeals	
Client Appeals	
Issue Resolutions (Completed)	
SUDT Grievances (Completed)	
Grievance (Completed)	
Requests for Change of Provider (Completed)	

Report Completed by: Lili Chavoya, Program Specialist I, BHRS Quality Asssurance

COMMITTEES CHAIR: HEALTH BUDGET INSURANCE JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT WATER, PARKS, AND WILDLIFE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 1 ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEES HEALTHCARE ACCESS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES CRAFT BREWING AND DISTILLING SEA LEVEL RISE IN CALIFORNIA



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Dear Mr. Wetzler,

Thank you for contacting me regarding issues related to people who are found incompetent to stand trial (IST) and specifically your daughter, Amica. I appreciate hearing from you and because we have been doing so much work on this and there is so much information on this topic that I thought might interest you, I decided to compile it and put it in writing.

I share your concerns about the plight of some of the most vulnerable people, the mentally ill in California which includes not only IST individuals but those who present as a danger to themselves or others or who are gravely disabled (under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act).

As chair of the Assembly Health Committee, I co-sponsored with the Assembly Judiciary Committee a full day hearing on the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) which while not directly tied to the IST issue, absolutely impacts the availability of IST beds in state hospitals. The lack of sufficient accommodations for both IST and LPS individuals has been ongoing for a number of years, with the numbers of individual incarcerated in county jails who have been designated as incompetent to stand trial increasing each year. As you so correctly pointed out, several lawsuits have been filed and the State is under court orders to improve those conditions or incur penalties. It is not, however, as simple a solution as "building" ourselves out of it.

Like many states, California is home to thousands of vulnerable and ill individuals who, as a result of limited community-based and early intervention treatment, have decompensated to a point where engagement and treatment is difficult. Many of these Californians with the most severe behavioral health conditions, become fixed in a cycle of untreated mental illness, homelessness, and incarceration. Criminal defendants who are unable to understand criminal proceedings or assist counsel in their defense are determined by a court to be IST and if charged with a felony, can be committed to the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) to receive clinical and medical services with the goal of restoring their competency and enabling them to return to court to resume their criminal proceedings. Although the current year's budget proposal and recent prior budget acts make significant investments that will build up behavioral health infrastructure in communities including beds, a current lack of community behavioral health services has led to a rapidly growing number of individuals found IST and referred to DSH.

As you stated, in June 2021, an appellate court affirmed the order in Stiavetti v. Clendenin requiring DSH to commence substantive competency restoration services for all IST individuals committed to DSH within 28 days of receipt of the commitment packet from the court. Court orders and penalties regarding ISTs could cost California as much as one billion dollars annually based on the State of Washington's experience. Despite increasing bed capacity, decreasing the average length of stay, and implementing county-based treatment programs, the increasing number of county IST referrals has resulted in long wait times for defendants pending placement to DSH. Furthermore, and as you pointed out, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and necessary infection control measures put in place in DSH facilities resulted in slower admissions and reduced capacity for the treatment of felony ISTs at DSH.

In the fall of 2021, DSH convened an IST Workgroup to identify actionable solutions to address the increasing number of individuals with serious mental illness who are deemed IST on felony charges. Informed by the deliberations of the Workgroup, the Budget reflects spending of \$93 million in 2021-22 and \$571 million in 2022-23 and ongoing. These funds will provide for:

• Early Stabilization and Community Care Coordination to provide immediate solutions to support access to treatment for the nearly 1,700 individuals currently found IST on felony charges and waiting in jail, and to reduce the flow of new incoming referrals. This includes funding for:

• Early access to medication stabilization teams to encourage substantive treatment in jail settings,

• Statewide funding for medication support, and

 DSH case management teams to coordinate IST care with counties and other community providers.

• Expand Diversion and Community-Based Restoration Capacity to increase IST treatment alternatives by investing in the community infrastructure required to support the felony IST population. This includes funding for:

 Infrastructure to increase the number of community residential beds dedicated to DSH Diversion and Community-Based Restoration programs,

- · Augmented funding for counties to expand DSH Diversion and Community-Based Restoration,
- ° Supporting county partnerships for entities impacted by felony IST community placements, and
- Workforce development support for counties and community providers.

These investments support the goal of providing care in the least restrictive, community-based settings while maintaining public safety.

The coordinated behavioral health investments made as part of the 2021 Budget Act will support county efforts to serve individuals at risk of becoming IST upstream, before they become involved in the criminal justice system—including investments in the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program and the proposed \$1.5 billion over two years in housing options for those with behavioral health conditions. The Budget also includes authorization to augment DSH's budget by an additional \$350 million for the purposes of implementing solutions identified by the IST Workgroup to address the IST patient waitlist.

It remains to be seen how this unprecedented investment in the treatment, support and care for IST populations will accomplish the goals of increasing community based treatment and diversion, improving access to state hospitals for those truly in need of inpatient care and an overall reduction in the IST waiting list.

This is a lot of information -I hope that it is helpful and if you have questions or comments about it, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please be assured that I will continue my commitment to solving these critical health care problems facing our communities.

Respectfully,

JIM WOOD Assemblymember, 2nd District

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT

WHEREAS, all meetings of the **Behavioral Health Advisory Board** and its legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and view the legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency declaring a state of emergency exists due to the outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19), pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8625) and that State of Emergency is still in effect in the State of California; and,

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the state Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution the state Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention for employees and places of employment. Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(c)(5)(D) specifically recommends physical (social) distancing as one of the measures to decrease the spread of COVID-19 based on the fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors; and,

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Public Health Officer continues to recommend teleconferencing during public meetings of all legislative bodies to protect the community's health against the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the **Behavioral Health Advisory Board** finds that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing based on the Mendocino County Public Health Officer recommendation and the California Department of Industrial Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(c)(5)(D); and,

WHEREAS, as a consequence, the **Behavioral Health Advisory Board** does hereby find that current conditions meet the circumstances set for in Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to allow this legislative body to conduct its meetings by teleconferencing without compliance with Government Code section 54953 (b)(3), pursuant to Section 54953(e), and that such legislative body shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed by Government Code section 54953(e)(2) to ensure the public can safely participate in and observe local government meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD** as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Recitals</u>. All of the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

<u>Section 2</u>. <u>Current Conditions Authorize Teleconference Public Meetings of Legislative</u> <u>Bodies</u>. Based on the California Governor's continued declaration of a State of Emergency, the Mendocino County Public Health Officer's recommendation to continue teleconferencing, and the regulations issued by the California Department of Industrial Relations, the **Behavioral Health Advisory Board** finds that the conditions continue to exist pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to allow legislative bodies to use teleconferencing to hold public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(2) to ensure members of the public have continued access to safely observe and participate in local government meetings.

<u>Section 3</u>. <u>Remote Teleconference Meetings</u>. The **Behavioral Health Advisory Board** is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(2) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

<u>Section 4</u>. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by_____, seconded by _____, and carried this _____ of ____ 2022, by the **Behavioral Health Advisory Board**, by the following vote:

AYES:

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.