



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**May 25, 2022
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

Location:
**Behavioral Health Regional Training Center
8207 East Road, Redwood Valley**

**Chairperson
Michelle Rich**

**Vice Chair
Flinda Behringer**

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**Treasurer
Richard Towle**

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Mo Mulheren**

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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	<p>Call to Order, Roll Call & Quorum Notice, Approve Agenda: <i>Review and Possible Board Action.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting called to order by Chair Rich at 10:05 AM ○ Members present: Gorny, Lockart, Martinez, Shipp, Towle, Chair Rich, and Supervisor Mulheren. 	<p>Board Action: Motion made by Member Martinez, seconded by Member Gorny to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passes unanimously.</p>
2. 2 minutes	<p>Approval of Minutes from the April 27, 2022 BHAB Regular Meeting: <i>Review and Possible Board Action.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minutes approved as presented. 	<p>Board Action: Motion made by Member Towle, seconded by Member Gorny to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passes with one abstention (Shipp).</p>

<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"> ○ Jo Silva inquired about psychiatrists available locally and the lack of cognitive and spiritual therapy. Member Towle mentioned there is one psychiatric at Hillside Clinic. Dr. Timme is still providing psych services, as well as well as Dr. Segal. ○ Noah Schutz on behalf of New Life clinic: New Life clinic is a new clinic in Ukiah (located where the old probation office used to be). They are an opioid use disorder treatment facility and also offer MAT services. The clinic currently consists of about 10 staff members, and is open from 6:00 AM – 2:30 PM Monday – Friday. New Life clinic is able to serve clients from any county not just Mendocino County. The clinic offers methadone, and so this tends to bring in a lot of people. The clinic has 118 people in their census already. New Life clinic is trying to partner with as many community agencies as possible. Their medical team is from RCS. The clinic has a screening process as clients come in, they do take walk-ins, no appointment needed. Discharge planning is done in collaboration with the ER. New Life clinic currently does not have any youth services available as there are legal concerns with putting patients under 18 on medication for addiction. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>4. 5 minutes</p>	<p>A. Resolution Authorizing Remote Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meetings: <i>Discussion and Possible Board Action.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June meeting proposition for a remote meeting for logistical difficulties due to Measure B meeting. 	<p>Board Action: Motion made by Member Gorny, seconded by Member Towle to meet remotely in June. Motion carries with one disapproval (Lockart).</p>
<p>5. 25 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"> ○ 2021 BHAB Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A copy of the draft annual report was presented to all board members. ○ Board agreed to finalize approval at next month’s meeting. ○ BHRS staff will reserve a spot in the August 16, 2022 BOS meeting agenda to present the annual report. ○ Data Notebook is due in October; the board will begin working on it in the next couple of months. ○ 2022 BHAB Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calendar approved as presented. <p>B. Vice Chair – <i>Flinda Behringer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Absent. <p>C. Secretary – <i>Jo Bradley</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Absent. <p>D. Treasurer – <i>Richard Towle</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Treasurer Towle reminded the board to send any mileage 	<p>Board Action: Motion made by Member Shipp, seconded by Member Martinez to approve the calendar as presented. Motion passes unanimously.</p>

	<p>expenses to BHRS staff as soon as possible as the end of the fiscal year is coming up.</p> <p>E. Advocacy & Legislation Committee – <i>Member Bradley, Chair Rich</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nothing to report. <p>F. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Fuentes & Martinez</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion about Manzanita transitioning their services to Tapestry. The County will be doing an RFP for the wellness centers. ○ The Appreciation Committee plans to have an appreciation day for Tapestry once transition is done. ○ The Appreciation Committee will prepare letters for Mills Matheson and Julia Eagles. <p>G. Contracts Committee – <i>Member Fuentes, Matheson, Chair Rich</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contracts committee reports that the RFP process for Healthy Living Community, results are pending. <p>H. Membership Committee – <i>Member Behringer, Bradley, Gorny, Chair Rich</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair Rich reports that Member Henderson took a position with Consolidated Tribal Health, and this puts her in a conflict of interest as Consolidated Tribal Health receives funding from the county. ○ There are 2 vacancies in the third district, 3 in the fourth, and 1 in the second district. BHRS Director Miller shared that NAMI Mendocino has been putting the word out with peer population about BHAB vacancies for anyone interested in joining the board. ○ Membership committee will get together in the next month. <p>I. Public Comment Follow Up Committee – <i>Member Martinez and Shipp</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Martinez attempted to follow up with peer from Manzanita who participated in a meeting a few meetings ago, but was not able to. <p>J. Site Visit Committee - <i>Member Behringer, Fuentes, Martinez, & Towle</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommendation to do a site visit at Willow Terrace. 	<p>Motion made by Member Martinez, seconded by Member Shipp to approve the creation of a flyer with information to recruit board members, and to distribute the flyer at public events. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>6. 20 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"> ○ Director’s report handout included in the agenda packet. ○ BHRS has been busy working on contracts as contract season is one of the busiest times of the year. The ASO and provider contracts will be going to the Board of Supervisors on June 21st for approval. BHRS staff will provide a copy of the ASO/Provider contract to the contracts committee and a list of all contracts later this year. ○ BHRS Director Miller reports that conservatorships continue to impact the budget, and requests for conservatorship continue to rise. Realignment funds cover these costs. ○ BHRS has had multiple audits this year including: MHSA Program, MHSA FY 10/11 finance audit, EQRO, SABG, Drug Medi-Cal, Triennial, SUDT cost report audit. BHRS has received a lot of good feedback on all audits; Triennial results are pending. ○ BHRS SUDT provides services in Ukiah, Willits, and Fort Bragg, and is looking into expanding services to the South 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

	<p>Coast as well.</p> <p>B. Psychiatric Health Facility Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The demolition of the building is starting later this year. BHRS Director Miller will provide a copy of plans for space to the board, once completed. <p>C. Staffing Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continuous efforts to recruit and fill vacancies. <p>D. Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SUDT is hosting a Fentanyl training on June 24th at the Ukiah Fairgrounds Carl Purdy Hall. The training is open to the general public. A copy of the flyer will be provided to the board. ○ BHRS will be doing 2 De-escalation trainings, one in Ukiah and another in Fort Bragg. More information will be provided once dates are confirmed. ○ Discussion on updating the BHRS program brochure and flow charts. BHRS staff will update the flow charts and present to the board at next month's meeting. ○ BHRS Director Miller reports BHRS has been working with NAMI Mendocino who has also been leading a Native Connections group which is intended to help connect the tribes to mental health services. 	
<p>7. 20 minutes</p>	<p>RQMC Report: <i>Camille Schraeder, Redwood Quality Management Company</i></p> <p>A. Data Dashboard Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Camille reports crisis has been over utilized this last quarter and that law enforcement contacts vary, some months are lower some higher. ○ Update on Manzanita: board working on a merger due to overarching legal and other issues. RQMC sent a letter to the BOS clarifying what the longstanding challenges have been. Manzanita staff and clients have been picked up by other agencies. ○ The most acute clients are addressed every morning at ACT meetings. Children's system of care is still concerning compared to previous years. <p>B. Staffing Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase in salary and benefits helped with the a few new hires recently including 4 clinicians. <p>C. Willow Terrace:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The last death was very hard on providers and RCHDC staff. ECM contract allowed wellness coaches to be there every day. The clients are a part of Manzanita, MCAVHN, and RCS but right now it is primarily RCS and crisis. <p>D. Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Camille reports RQMC has a couple of Corrective Action Plan's (CAPs) pending that were issued by the County. The CAPs are regarding timeliness and how to address workforce about moment of service request to first offered appointment. RQMC expects new hires will help with the timeliness. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RQMC is changing their name to Anchor Health Management as of July 1, 2022. 	
8. 20 Minutes	External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) Mental Health Plan FY 2021-22 Report Overview: <i>Jenine Miller, BHRS Director</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Final Mendocino MHP report included in agenda packet. ○ Page 53 of the report includes EQRO’s recommendations; BHRS is working on recommendations although some are already in effect. BHRS Director Miller commented that BHRS is always looking to increase bilingual staffing. RCS and the county are doing mentorship programs, trying to increase options for interns to bring in more long term staffing. ○ Outcome measurement data recommendation: outcome measures will be a non-clinical performance improvement project (PIP) next year. ○ Pages 31-32 have psychiatric hospitalizations data. Mendocino County is performing a lot higher than other California counties. Re-hospitalizations for Mendocino County are below state levels. 	Board Action: None.
9. 20 minutes	COVID Reflection: <i>Discussion and Possible Board Action.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tabled 	Board Action: None.
10. 10 Minutes	Member Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No member comments. 	Board Action: None.
11. 2 minutes	Adjournment: 12:35	Motion made by member Towle, seconded by Member Shipp to adjourn the meeting.

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