



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**May 24, 2023
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

Location: Seaside Conference Room, 778 S Franklin St., Fort Bragg;
and via Zoom: <https://mendocinocounty.zoom.us/j/88252335173>

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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	<p>Call to Order, Roll Call & Quorum Notice, Approve Agenda: <i>Review and Possible Action.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair Behringer called the meeting to order at 10:16 AM. ○ Members present: Behringer, Bradley, Donegan, Fuentes, Kaller, Shipp and Towle. ○ Not present: Betts. ○ Members Alba, Gorny, Lockart and Martinez were excused. ○ Quorum not met. 	Board Action: None
2. 2 minutes	<p>Approval of Minutes from the April 26, 2023, BHAB Regular Meeting: <i>Review and Possible Action.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Bradley requested a correction change of the verbiage from “elects” to “nominates” on item four under “Vice Chair”. ○ Item deferred to next meeting. 	Board Action: None
3. 10 minutes (Maximum)	<p>Public Comments: <i>Members of the public wishing to comment on the BHAB will be recognized now. Any additional comments can be provided through email to bhboard@mendocinocounty.org.</i></p>	Board Action: None

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Zoe Zelgman from Legal Services of Northern California introduced herself to the board. 	
<p>4. 10 minutes</p>	<p>Board & Committee Reports: Discussion and Possible Action.</p> <p>A. Chair – <i>Flinda Behringer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2023 Meeting Schedule – The members present at the meeting reviewed the schedule and felt that a quorum should be met for the upcoming meetings. ○ Meeting Drinks and Snacks – Member Kaller requested pastries and drinks for future meetings. Member Donegan requested healthy options and purchasing food from local businesses. ○ Annual Report – Chair Behringer requested suggestions and questions from the board members. Item deferred to next meeting. ○ Vice Chair Nomination – Member Kaller accepted the nomination for Vice Chair. Item deferred to next meeting. <p>B. Vice Chair – <i>Vacant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report. <p>C. Secretary – <i>Jo Bradley</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report. <p>D. Treasurer – <i>Richard Towle</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are funds available for board members and if there any conferences or meetings that members would like to attend, they can be brought to the board for approval. 	<p>Board Action: None</p>
	<p>E. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Fuentes & Martinez</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report. <p>F. Contracts Committee – <i>Chair Behringer, Member Fuentes, & Kaller</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They created a spreadsheet for tracking and understanding of each contract and outlines what services each contract funds. <p>G. Membership Committee – <i>Chair Behringer, Member Bradley, & Gorny</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It has continued to be difficult to find a member for the 4th district. ○ Member Bradley requested an agenda item at the next meeting about the boards outreach via social media and local news networks. <p>H. Public Comment Follow-Up Committee – <i>Member Martinez and Shipp</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report. <p>I. Site Visit Committee - <i>Chair Behringer, Member Fuentes, Martinez, Towle & Kaller</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report. <p>J. Ad Hoc Committee on Tribal Advisory Committee – <i>Member Martinez</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The board discussed about appointing a representative for communicating about the board meetings to the tribes. Member Donegan offered to be the liaison for the tribal communities. Member Bradley suggested drafting a letter to send to all the tribal offices to begin communications. <p>K. Measure B Update – <i>Member Bradley</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Miller mentioned that a bid went out for the construction and demolition on the new Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF). The Substance Use Services RFP has been approved and posted. 	

	<p>Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS) has also submitted for a California grant for infrastructure of the new PHF.</p> <p>L. CIT Committee – <i>Member Gorny</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report. <p>M. RFP SUDT Committee – <i>Member Kaller</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Miller provided insight on the RFP process and that it is a Measure B project and will be the Measure B committees decision to bring forward the suggested RFP recipient to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). She hopes to have stakeholders on the Ad Hoc committee when making the decision on the RFP recipients. 	
<p>5. 10 minutes</p>	<p>Mendocino County Report - Jenine Miller, BHRS Director</p> <p>A. Director Report Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Miller provided a general outline on what specialty mental health services are provided by BHRS. ○ Payment Reform is currently under restructure and will be in effect July 1st, 2023, which will have new changes for the County and the providers. ○ California Care Court will go live in Mendocino County in 2024. Other counties will go live this year and we will be able learn from their experiences. There has been concerns raised from multiple counties with the costs that the State of California is estimating. ○ NAMI has mentioned they will not be renewing their contract with Measure B for next year. <p>B. Psychiatric Health Facility Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The bid request is open for contractors to apply. The neighbors of the facility have been notified and there are some concerns that have been raised. <p>C. Staffing Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They have had new hires in the last few months. <p>D. Survey Planning Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A PHF was voted as a top need in Mendocino County. The results of this survey to be provided at the next meeting. 	<p>Board Action: None</p>
<p>6. 10 minutes</p>	<p>Anchor Health Management Report – Carmen Harris, Anchor Health Management Inc.</p> <p>A. Services Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They had zero indigent clients between January to March. ○ There has been a decrease in the homelessness who use their services. ○ They are working on a written process for their psychiatric clients to follow. ○ They have since post pandemic made reaching out to clients a priority and have reached out 1-2 times a week. <p>B. Staffing Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They have hired a Psychiatric Supervisor and will be able to begin providing services starting in June. 	<p>Board Action: None</p>
<p>7. 5 minutes</p>	<p>Update to Brown Act Requirements: Discussion and Possible Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair Behringer asked the board members to review the updates and understand the new Brown Act rules about the use of Zoom attendance at board meetings. 	<p>Board Action: None</p>

<p>8. 5 minutes</p>	<p>Update on Microphone / Audio Set-up: <i>Discussion and Possible Action</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The equipment has been purchased and is available for use for at the board meetings. 	<p>Board Action: None</p>
<p>9. 15 Minutes</p>	<p>Behavioral Health Advisory Board Outreach: <i>Discussion and Possible Action</i></p> <p>A. Flow Charts Distribution Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Person of Contact – Chair Behringer requested suggestions from the board members for places the flow charts should be posted. They suggested the flow charts to be posted at physician offices, family centers, contracted agencies, given to Police officers, Sheriff offices, Sheriff substations, libraries, schools and school counselors. ○ Dr. Miller asked for suggestions on making the flow charts clearer for clients who are Veterans or have private insurance. <p>B. Public Service Announcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Item deferred to next meeting. 	<p>Board Action: None</p>
<p>10. 5 Minutes</p>	<p>Member Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Towle informed the board that due to his health he may be officially resigning from the board. ○ Member Donegan introduces himself to the board. 	<p>Board Action: None</p>
<p>11. 2 minutes</p>	<p>Adjournment: 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Board Action: None</p>

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