



Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

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Minutes: Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Meeting location: **Behavioral Health Regional Training Center** - 8207 East Road, Redwood Valley

1 **CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL:** 1:10 PM

Committee Members Present: Member Allman, Member Antle, Member Barash, Member Bradley, Member Daugherty, Member Ebyam, Member Moschetti, Member Riley, and Chair Miller.

- A quorum is established.
- County Counsel Christian Curtis is present.

2 **PUBLIC EXPRESSION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Madeline Cline, Redwood Valley resident and interested public member was interested in Mendocino County Mental Health.

3 **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

3a) Approval of Minutes from the April 26, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Presenter: Chair Miller

Committee Action: Upon motion, by Member Daugherty seconded by Member Allman it is ORDERED that the minutes of the April 26, 2023, regular meeting be accepted.

- Motion passes with 8 approvals, 1 Abstain (Riley).

3b) June 2023 Measure B Financial Report

Presenter: Chair Miller

- Mary Alice Willeford, Deputy Director of BHRS Operations, presented the financial reports to the Measure B Committee. She mentioned the interest rates have doubled from what was budgeted for income estimated at \$200,000 and current amount at \$375,000 with it being projected to reach \$500,000.

Committee Action: None

3c) Update and Discussion Regarding Measure B Related Items at the Board of Supervisors Meetings.

Presenter: Chair Miller

- General services advised demolition of new psychiatric building on Whitmore Lane, expected to start early July.

Committee Action: None

Public Comment: Supervisor Mulheren mentioned about Measure B and BHAB to create collaborative effort to inform the public of where the funds are being spent.

3d) Update and Discussion Regarding the Status of Current Measure B Projects

Presenter: Chair Miller

- Training Center is still being rented out. Application can be found online.
- Mobile Crisis Units are still responding to calls. There are concerns over not having safety equipment for staff responding to crisis calls.
- January 2024 funding options to include having two crisis workers respond to each call.
- \$9.3 million dollar grant was secured for the brick-and-mortar portion of the new psychiatric facility. The goal is to have the facility built by 2025.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will not be renewing their contact. They will need to look at other options.
- Crisis respite center is up and running with approximately \$260,000 a year of Measure B funds used to bill to Medi-Cal.

Committee Action: None.

Public Comment: Supervisor John Haschak asked about crisis aftercare services. He looked over the financial report and mentioned seeing unspent funds. He was informed that unspent funds area was allotted for next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, in the amount of \$520,000.

3e) Request for Eight Additional Tables for the Behavioral Health Regional Training Center

Presenter: Tom Allman

- They need eight additional tables to provide more access for trainings but have no need for additional chairs.

Committee Action: Upon motion, by Member Allman, seconded by Member Daugherty it is ORDERED for the purchase of eight additional tables for the Behavioral Health Regional Training Center.

- Motion passes unanimously.

3f) Request Approval of Measure B Funds for Purpose of Consulting with County General Services Agency for Creation of the Long-Term Financial plan.

Presenter: Sherrie Ebyam

- Long-Term Financial Plan is being done by the County and Member Ebyam would like to be involved in the creation of the plan.

Committee Action: Upon motion, by Member Allman, seconded by Member Antle it is ORDERED to have a discussion with Member Antle to request four hours of the appropriate persons time for consulting with the development of a long-term financial plan using their expertise within the next three months.

- Motion passes unanimously.

Public Comment Supervisor John Haschak mentioned at looking at the long-term use of Measure B funds for the maintenance of all facilities built with Measure B funds.

3g) Review Meeting Calendar and Schedule Meeting Date for Fort Bragg

Presenter: Chair Miller

- There are three meetings remaining for this year. Member Bradley suggested having the August meeting on the coast.

Committee Action: Upon motion, by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Allman it is ORDERED for the August Measure B meeting be held on the coast.

- Motions passes unanimously.

3h) Create Ad Hoc Committee for Substance Use Services RFP evaluation.

Presenter: Chair Miller

- RFP has closed. The board discussed having up to three members to review proposals which will take approximately 3-4 hours to complete the evaluations. Chair Miller may attend as the BHRS Representative.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Allman, seconded by Member Barash it is ORDERED that Members Bradley, Ebyam, and Riley to be on the Ad Hoc committee for the Substance Use Services RFP including Chair Miller for the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS).

- Motion passes with 8 approvals, 1 Abstain (Moschetti).

3i) Discuss the Social Media Presence of the Committee and Posting Information About Current Projects and Previous Projects

Presenter: Member Bradley

- Discussed the negative comments on social media and ways to get positive things Measure B is doing out to the public.
- Member Allman suggested a press release to get information out to the public.
- Member Riley stated all board members are public ambassadors.

Public Comment: Jackie Williams, Ford Street Project, suggested using public radio stations to get information out to the public.

4 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

4a) Committee Member Reports Regarding Items of General Interest

- No committee member reports.

5 ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee adjourned the meeting at 2:07 PM.

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