



# Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee

## Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

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## Minutes: Wednesday, October 25, 2023

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

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### 1 **CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL:** 1:08 PM

Committee Members Present: 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 was present via Teams.

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

- None.

### 3 **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

#### 3a) **Approval of Minutes from the August 23, 2023, Regular Meeting.**

Presenter: Chair Miller

**Committee Action:** Upon motion, by Member Allman seconded by Member Barash it is ORDERED the minutes of the August 23, 2023, regular meeting be accepted except for the financial report.

- Motion passes with 7 approvals and 1 abstain.

#### 3b) **August 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 there was a mistake on the August report, that was corrected on the October report. She noted the mistake did not change the overall amount on the August financial report, therefore no changes were made to the August 23, 2023, minutes.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion, by Member Allman seconded by Member Daugherty it is ORDERED to accept the corrected financial report portion of the August 23, 2023, minutes.

- Motion passes with 8 approvals.

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

Presenter: Chair Miller

- The Substance Use and Disorders Treatment Request for Proposal (RFP)
- Two proposals were discussed; one was accepted and the other did not meet the necessary criteria. The Evaluations Committee met twice to discuss the proposal prior to it going before the Board of Supervisors (BOS). The item was presented to the BOS, but due to the need for additional information, the item was pulled from the agenda. The BOS will discuss the item at the next BOS meeting on October 31, 2023.

- The RFP evaluation will go before the BOS on October 31, 2023.

**Public Comment:**

- John Haschak, Board of Supervisor, was a part of the Ad Hoc Committee that discussed the proposal and made comments regarding the item proposal pulled from the agenda on the October 17, 2023, BOS meeting. The task of the Ad Hoc Committee was to obtain information regarding what Measure B monies were available to bring before the BOS for discussion.
- Don Popowski, Mendocino County resident, made a public comment regarding his criticism of RFP 18-23 and the timeframe the public had to respond to the RFP. He supported allowing four months for the public to respond, not four weeks, which is his understanding how long the public was given to respond. He stated the public was not well informed on the topic.
- Jacque Williams, Executive Director, Ford Street Project, also commented regarding the RFP pulled from the agenda by the BOS and expressed frustration about not getting feedback regarding the item being pulled.

**Committee Action:** None.

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

Presenter: Chair Miller

- Continues to see more interest in renting the Behavioral Health Regional Training Center for use as the training center for more meetings and events.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is no longer doing community awareness and support as the contract ended in September 2023.
- Crisis assessment and psychiatric aftercare services provide for those persons that do not have Medi-Cal and allows for up to 60 days of follow-up care through Measure B funds.
- Phoenix House is open and operational and is used on a regular basis.
- Fort Bragg Crisis Respite has been open and operational and is continually full. The community would like to see the facility have additional beds in the future.
- Mobile Crisis and Response team is continuing to recruit. They will be doing a presentation before the Measure B Committee during the December meeting.
  - Member Riley voiced her support for the Mobile Crisis Team Pilot and the difference they are making for the City of Ukiah and the police department. She stated it was a beneficial and successful program and supports its expansion to help more communities.
- There were no updates on the audit for the Ad Hoc Committee and is hopeful for an update soon.

**Committee Action:** None.

**3e) Request for Letter of Support from Measure B Committee for construction of the Behavioral Health Wing of the Mendocino County Jail**

Presenter: Member Allman

- In 2014, the Senate passed AB109 which allowed nonviolent, nonsexual offenders to serve their prison sentences in County jails. This assembly bill changed the ways County jails operate. Due to these changes, Governor Brown allowed for grants to be available to County jails to build Behavioral Health wings to assist and provide

services to those offenders residing in the County jails.

- Member Allman was part of a Behavioral Health Committee that applied for the grant several times, before being selected for the grant in 2016 to build a 25-million-dollar Behavioral Health wing. The purpose of the Behavioral Health wing was to allow for more visitation for those suffering from severe mental or behavioral health issues, as well as allowing for mental health staff to be in the same wing as the individuals needing services. The wing would also allow for additional access to medical, dental, and hands-on therapy including providing offices for the staff to be able to complete all necessary tasks in the same building as the people they serve. As time progressed, the cost of building the behavioral health wing increased. Member Allman requested the Measure B Committee show their support for the building of the behavioral health wing in the jail.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion, by Member Allman seconded by Member Daugherty it is ORDERED to reflect the sole purpose of this agenda item is to demonstrate to the Board of Supervisors that members of the Measure B committee endorse the efforts being taken to construct the behavioral health wing of the Mendocino County Correctional Facility to improve the quality of life and services of individuals suffering from mental health and substance misuse who are incarcerated.

- Motion passes with 5 approvals, 2 nays, and 2 abstains.

### **3f) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Prudent Reserve and Capital Facility Reserve.**

Presenter: Chair Miller

- There was discussion regarding allocated and unallocated funds. In the past, the intent of Measure B was to create a Prudent Reserve concerning the split between capital faculties and services. General services divulged Measure B would cost 3 million dollars to maintain the three buildings over the next twenty years. As a result, the Board voted to create a Capital Facilities Reserve of 5.8 million dollars to establish prudent reserves for capital facilities. There is a request for additional capital facility reserves in the sum of 3 million dollars for a total of 8.8 million dollars between the two reserves.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion, by Member Moschetti seconded by Member Allman it is ORDERED to continue with the original motion brought before the Board of Supervisors in April asking the Board of Supervisors to create a Capital Facilities Reserve of 3 million dollars such that the Board would have a Prudent Reserve of 5.8 million dollars and a Capital Facilities Reserve of 3 million dollars.

**Public Comment:** Supervisor John Haschak, Board of Supervisors, requested clarification of the motion and stated additional funds would be limited to fund future projects.

- Motion does not pass with 3 approvals, 6 nays.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion, by Member Riley seconded by Member Ebyam it is ORDERED stating not to allocate 3 million 7 thousand dollars to the Prudent Reserve at this time.

- Motion passes with 6 approvals, 3 nays.

**4**      **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

**4a) Committee Member Reports Regarding Items of General Interest**

- None.

**5**      **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being nothing further, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee adjourned the meeting at 1:47pm.

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