



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

**December 20, 2023
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

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

Chairperson
Flinda Behringer

Vice Chair
Perri Kaller

Secretary/Treasurer
Jo Bradley

BOS Supervisor
Mo Mulheren

<u>1ST DISTRICT:</u> DENISE GORNY LOIS LOCKART VACANT	<u>2ND DISTRICT:</u> MARK DONEGAN VACANT VACANT	<u>3RD DISTRICT:</u> JEFF SHIPP PERRI KALLER VACANT	<u>4TH DISTRICT:</u> VACANT VACANT VACANT	<u>5TH DISTRICT:</u> FLINDA BEHRINGER JO BRADLEY MARTIN MARTINEZ
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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 10:10 A.M. ○ Members present: Behringer, Bradley, Donegan, Kaller. ○ Members not present: Gorny, Lockhart, Shipp, Martinez. ○ BOS Mo Mulheren was present. ○ Assistant County Counsel Charlotte Scott was present. ○ Public members present: Noel O’Neil, Jolene Treadaway, Madeline Cline, Carmen Harris. ○ It was noted the meeting did not have a quorum. Discussion followed regarding potential violation of the Brown Act concerning a publicly noticed meeting without a quorum. County Counsel Scott advised no action can be taken on any of the agendized items. Allowance of Committee discussion on non-action items that may include agenda item updates and reports is permissible in accordance with the Brown Act rules/regulations. 	Board Action: None.
2. 2 minutes	<p>Approval of Minutes from the November 15, 2023 BHAB Regular Meeting: <i>Review and Possible Action.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval of Minutes from the November 15, 2023 BHAB Regular meeting deferred to next meeting. 	Board Action: None.

<p>3. 10 minutes (Maximum)</p>	<p>Public Comments: 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No Comment. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>4. 45 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"> - 2024 Meeting Schedule There was a brief review and discussion concerning the 2024 Meeting Schedule. - Data Notebook Committee Chair Behringer advised today’s board meeting will be her last as Chair of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board. She will remain a board member for a while to complete the annual plan and to continue working on the Data Notebook. - Retirement Certificate of Appreciation – Mary Alice Willeford, Deputy Director of BHRS of Operations received a retirement Certificate of Appreciation recognizing her for 20 plus years of service and hard-working dedication to the County of Mendocino. Mary Alice Willeford thanked the board and staff for the award and noted it has been a privilege to work for the County and is appreciative of the mental health services the County provides to the public. <p>B. Vice Chair – <i>Perri Kaller</i></p> <p>The purpose of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board is very important for making certain the services including public safety are effectively delivered to the citizens/community members of this County.</p> <p>C. Secretary/Treasurer – <i>Jo Bradley</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measure B Update Recognizes the need for Measure B funding to build a County Behavioral Health Wing Facility at the Jail. Provided a brief overview relevant to the approved Measure B funding going towards the Mendocino County Jail’s Behavioral Health Wing facility acknowledging the importance thereof to inmates suffering from mental illness and the beneficial services/assistance they will receive. It was noted while the decision to fund the County Jail project as opposed to the proposed Ford Street project was a difficult one to make, borrowing funds from Measure B monies and possible reserve money for any potential project shortfall is a significant matter that needs to be closely monitored. The Measure B committee anticipates and is hopeful State funding and/or funding from possible other funding sources can be appropriated to assist with replenishing some of the financial obligations incurred from Measure B funds to see the Mendocino County jail project through to completion. <p>It is important to remember how far the County has come with the passing of Measure B and how important this has been to our community including the generation from other income/revenue sources in terms of being able to provide and plan for future mental</p>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

	<p>health/recovery and substance use disorder treatment services and programs. (Refer to the Behavioral Health budget summary information for FY 2023-2024)</p> <p>D. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Martinez</i> - No report.</p> <p>E. Contracts Committee – <i>Chair Behringer, Member Kaller</i> - No report.</p> <p>F. Membership Committee – <i>Chair Behringer, Vice Chair Kaller</i> - No report.</p> <p>G. Public Comment Follow-Up Committee – <i>Member Martinez and Shipp</i> - No report.</p> <p>H. Site Visit Committee - <i>Chair Behringer, Vice Chair Kaller, & Martinez</i> - No visits to report. CIT Committee – <i>Member Gorny</i> - No report.</p> <p>I. Tribal Advisory Committee – <i>Member Martinez</i> - No report.</p> <p>J. Nomination Committee – <i>Chair Behringer and Member Gorny</i> - No report.</p>	
<p>5. 30 minutes</p>	<p>Data Notebook Presentation – <i>Noel J. O’Neill</i> Noel O’Neill referred to his handout relevant to the Annual Data Notebook and commented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is the need pursuant to public law to have a California Behavioral Health Planning Council in place for the purpose of having County memberships from both the local and State levels to ensure these jurisdictions have an established balance with regard to mental health planning. ○ Mental health and substance use disorder systems in accordance with the California Welfare and Institutions Code provide for annual review of performance outcome data such that this data is adequately measured at local and State levels. ○ The importance of data collection for informational purposes to assist with mental health board planning and the like to ultimately formulate/improve the review/evaluation process is vital a community’s mental health needs to include services, facilities, and special needs problems. ○ A particular county’s performance outcome data provides findings to assist the California Behavioral Health Planning Council appropriately access mental health planning for communities. ○ The Performance Outcome Data created by the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions is a fundamental informational tool to help the CA Behavioral Health Planning Council assess the performance of mental health and substance use disorder programs for communities. The more data collected, the better the assessment. ○ The outline created by the Performance Outcomes Committee demonstrates the topics that have been reviewed for the past seven years. ○ There was general discussion concerning the importance for the collection of accurate data to help communities look at local mandates relevant to program plans, requirements/necessities, 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

	<p>associated agreements/contracts, as potential solutions to mental health needs in individual communities for review by local county/city Data Notebook Committees as a tracking mechanism and program assessment tool.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Kaller inquired if members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board act in an advisory capacity and how should this be effectively accomplished. ○ Noel O'Neill responded effective participation in an advisory capacity can best be accomplished through the formation of alliances and/or from relationships formed that support Board recommendations as an advisory board to the BOS and/or to other agencies, boards/commissions/institutions. 	
<p>6. 13 minutes</p>	<p>Mendocino County Report – Jenine Miller, BHRS Director</p> <p>A. Director Report Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director Miller gave a Director’s Report based on the BHRS Director’s Report, dated, December 2023. ○ Provided a definition/explanation of the ‘EQRO’ process and how review of. the accompanying system and data is done essentially to ensure that quality care is being given. <p>B. Psychiatric Health Facility Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director Miller gave an update on the Psychiatric Health Care Facility (PHF) in terms of the building plans and project specifications that will include solar paneling provisions, status of subsidy mechanisms/sources, other correlated funding appropriation/financial information, construction itinerary, and other relative information regarding the new mental health facility located on Whitmore Lane in Ukiah. <p>C. Staffing Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director Miller advised of an existing behavioral health staff member who will assume some of Mary Alice Willeford’s job duties and responsibilities and addressed other staffing matters. ○ She introduced new behavioral health staff members: Claudia Diaz, Cathy Elawadly, and Tony Lemus in connection with their respective duties. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>7. 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"> ○ No report. <p>B. Staffing Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to recruit and hire. 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>8. 5 Minutes</p>	<p>Member Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Donegan commented the Mendocino Community Health Clinic (MCHC) offers a payment plan for mental health services and acknowledges incorporating/maintaining telehealth services is a resource benefit. ○ 	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p>9. 2 minutes</p>	<p>Adjournment 12:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

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