



Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

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Minutes: Wednesday, May 22, 2024

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

1 CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL: 1:05 PM

Committee Members Present: Chair Ebyam, Member Allman, Member Barash, Member Bradley, Member Moschetti, Member Pierce, and Member Miller.

- A quorum is established.

2 PUBLIC EXPRESSION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- None.

3 COMMITTEE MATTERS

3a) Approval of Minutes from the February 28, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

Committee Action: Upon a motion by Member Barash and seconded by Member Moschetti, it is ORDERED that the minutes of the February 28, 2024, regular meeting be accepted with an amendment to add the word "THAT" for clarity to the public in the 3B bullet point.

- Motion passes with 7 approvals.

3b) May 2024 Measure B Financial Report

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

- Chair Ebyam handed it over to Mai Pane the Fiscal Manager for Behavioral Health.

Public Comment:

- None

Committee Action:

- None

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

Presenter: Director Miller

- We have one item submitted to the Board of Supervisors since the last time we met the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the PHF that allowed them to move forward with posting the bid documents.

Public Comment:

- None

Committee Action:

- None

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

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

- Doug Anderson, Assistant Facility Manager, for General Services Agency.
- He informed the Measure B board members that he was currently working with the project team to develop the PHF project. A plan for bidding was issued today, and the bids are due to be opened on June 27th. They were about a month behind the proposed schedule, which would have had them completing the project in October 2025 around the same time as the jail. Member Allman inquired about the presence of any contractual provisions that would serve to safeguard the budget in the event of a change order. Additionally, they sought clarification on whether the contract includes a legal framework for the imposition of a reasonable fee for change orders, as opposed to it being the sole recourse available.
- Doug Anderson answered the contract documents, define the terms and conditions for change orders. They limit the contractor's markup on change orders to 5% over their demonstrated cost. They must provide invoices and detailed spending documents if we question the validity of a claim or change order proposal. This ensures transparency in costs, although they may still be higher than expected.

Public Comment:

- None

Committee Action:

- None

3e) Agreement for repayment of Measure B funds to the county for the construction of the Behavioral Health wing at the jail

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

- Chair Ebyam asked Member Pierce about the terms of the repayment plan.
- Member Pierce presented a proposal to the Board of Supervisors for a 10-year loan repayment plan with a fixed interest rate of 2.5%. This proposal will be subject to the Board of Supervisors' final approval.

Public Comment:

- Vice Chair Bradley inquired with Supervisor John Haschak about the possibility of the county not borrowing the money.
- Supervisor Haschak stated that Sheriff Kendall has been actively seeking financing for the project but has not found any available funding.

Committee Action:

- None

3f) Plan for the remaining Measure B funds.

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

Public Comment:

None

Committee Action:

- None

4 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

4a) Committee Member Reports Regarding Items of General Interest

- Member Allman has nothing to report, but he has some important points to discuss. Firstly, he recommends issuing a press release to inform the public about the use of funds for mental health, especially with Proposition One passing in the state. Additionally, he suggests retiring the phrase "measure B" for future elections to avoid confusion. Moving on, he expresses disappointment at the lack of progress in establishing a behavioral health technician course at the Community College. They need to pressure the college in to developing this training program to address local hiring challenges. The speaker proposes inviting the college president or the Vice President in charge of curriculum to the next meeting to discuss concerns about the mental health technician program. Lastly, the speaker requests to have Doug on the agenda for the next meeting. It will be post opening bids, and they need to hear about the progress directly from him. His presence and input at the meeting would be highly valuable.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee adjourned the meeting at 2:03 pm.

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