



**MENDOCINO COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
ADVISORY BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**September 25, 2024  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Location: Yuki Trails, 23000 Henderson Lane., Covelo, CA 95428  
and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Conference Room 1,  
1120 South Dora St., Ukiah, CA 95482

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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."*

	<b>Agenda Item / Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b> 3 minutes	<p><b>Call to Order, Roll Call, Quorum Notice, &amp; Approve Agenda:</b> <i>Review and Possible Action.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice Chair Kaller called the meeting to order at 1:19 PM.</li> <li>• Members present: Bradley, Donegan, Gorny, Kaller, Lockart and Martinez.</li> <li>• Supervisor Mulheren was present.</li> <li>• Acting Deputy Director Karen Lovato was present.</li> <li>• Before approving the agenda and minutes Member Lockart read the Mission Statement.</li> </ul>	<p>Board Action: Motion made by Member Martinez, seconded by Member Kaller to approve the September 25, 2024, agenda. Motion passes with approvals.</p>
<b>2.</b> 2 minutes	<p><b>Approval of Minutes from the August 28, 2024, BHAB Regular Meetings:</b> <i>Review and Possible Action.</i></p>	<p>Board Action: Motion made by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Donegan to approve the August 28, 2024, minutes. Motion passes with approvals.</p>

<p><b>3.</b> 10 minutes (Maximum)</p>	<p><b>Public Comments:</b> <i>Members of the public wishing to comment on the BHAB will be recognized now. Any additional comments can be provided through email to <a href="mailto:bhboard@mendocinocounty.gov">bhboard@mendocinocounty.gov</a></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Audrina Phillips, Peer Counselor, Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SUDT) at Yuki Trails introduced herself to the board.</li> <li>- Darcy Cordova, Receptionist at Yuki Trails introduced and expressed her excitement to have the BHAB Meeting in their community.</li> <li>- Otis Brotherton, Executive Director, Yuki Trails, introduced and commented how they had an outstanding relationship with Mendocino County and the BHAB. He mentioned he is grateful to reestablish the relationship as it was before.</li> <li>- Amanda Archer, Executive Director, Mendocino County Youth Project (MCYP), introduced herself and expressed gratitude for everyone sharing about themselves. She mentioned that she doesn't visit their community often, but they are always discussing what they can do for this community and how beautiful the space is. She was thankful for the community hosting the meeting there.</li> </ul>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p><b>4.</b> 20 minutes</p>	<p><b>Board &amp; Committee Reports: Discussion and Possible Action.</b></p> <p>A. Vice Chair – <i>Perri Kaller</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AB 817 Updates</li> <li>- Nothing to report.</li> </ul> <p>B. Chair – <i>Vacant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- N/A</li> </ul> <p>C. Secretary/Treasurer – <i>Jo Bradley</i></p> <p>D. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Martinez</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing to report.</li> </ul>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p><b>5.</b> 10 minutes</p>	<p><b>Mendocino County Youth Project Report Out – <i>Amanda Archer/Designee</i></b></p> <p>A. Services Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amanda Archer, Executive Director, MCYP, shared the mission for the youth project: empower young people to find success and independence by providing essential support such as hygiene supplies, paraprofessional support on school days, housing, and clinical support services. She encouraged members to visit their website for more information. Additionally, she shared some data that Supervisor Mulheren requested at the last meeting. She printed it out and distributed it to the members. The request was made for the clerk to email that information to the other members who were present remotely afterward.</li> </ul>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p><b>6.</b> 10 minutes</p>	<p><b>Redwood Community Services Report Out – <i>Victoria Kelly/Designee</i></b></p> <p>A. Services Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Victoria Kelly, Chief Executive Officer of Redwood Community Services (RCS), informed the members the report update was sent to the clerk for distribution to the board. They shifted to the new Electronic Health Records (EHR) and are still putting all the pieces together. Their recruitment efforts have led to offers for three new staff members. Sarah Livingston is transitioning from</li> </ul>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

	<p>Crisis Director to a role at the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC). Denise Addison was promoted to the Interim Crisis Director role on September 1, 2024. In anticipation of shifting our manager to a director role, RCS to hire a Crisis Respite Supervisor and a Crisis Program Supervisor.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b> 10 minutes</p>	<p><b>Tapestry Report Out</b> – <i>Kendra Palma/Designee</i> A. Services Update - Nothing to report.</p>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p><b>8.</b> 10 minutes</p>	<p><b>Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center</b> – <i>Paul Davis/Designee</i> A. Services Update - Nothing to report.</p>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p><b>9.</b> 10 minutes</p>	<p><b>Anchor Health Management Report</b> – <i>Anchor Health Management Inc.</i> A. Services Update - Sarah Walsh informed the board they continue collaborating with the other agencies. For Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SUDT) services the application is completed and have scheduled an on-site visit for compliance. For whole person care, they are in direct collaboration with New Life Clinic.</p>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p><b>10.</b> 15 minutes</p>	<p><b>Mendocino County Report</b> – <i>Karen Lovato, Acting Deputy Director</i> A. Director Report - No questions. B. Mobile Response - As of mid August, have been operating 24/7 mobile crisis. The team is 3.5 Mental Rehabilitation Specialist crisis workers essentially assigned to mobile teams, and they continue to recruit to fill vacant positions. The crisis line serves as this primary point of contact ensuring effective communication and coordination. Consequently, the mobile crisis team collaborates closely with RCS Crisis, which serves as the main access point for mobile teams. C. Warm Line - Approval to expand the innovation funds was received on the last day of June, so the organization is currently working on developing contracts. The native peer base warm line is in place, and the hope is that it will be on the Board of Supervisors (BOS) calendar in October or November. The peer-based support is intended to be forming, not crisis threshold. Pinoleville is in conversations and development of this project, which has the intention to work with all communities and to form a partnership with all tribal groups, all 10 federally recognized, and hopefully the non-federally recognized as well. Eventually, at the end of the project, they hope to have additional resources to sustain the warm line.</p>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p><b>11.</b> 10 minutes</p>	<p><b>Yuki Trails</b> – <i>Kevin Mack, Psy.D.</i> - Dr. Mack, Clinical Director of Yuki Trails, introduced himself to the board members. Some of the services and what they are trying</p>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>

	<p>to accomplish on the cultural side show that a lot is going on and is exciting. They are building a canoe that is carved from a redwood tree and will be part of a float at the Indian Days from September 27 to September 29. This project is bringing the community together and is a great thing. They also have a garden for the community that has been a real success. On the clinical side, they provide most of the mental health treatment there for individuals, groups, and families. Audrina Phillips helps as a peer support specialist. Myron Holland is also involved in that role, so they have a more robust team with substance use disorder treatment services than mental health services. They also have someone who works two days a week; the ages of those served range from 0 to 25 years old. She is a great component of being able to prescribe. They don't have anybody for beyond the age of 25 years old. They are also involved at the high school and junior high school, which has been nice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Otis Brotherton, Executive Director of Round Valley Indian Health Center, informed the board that the presence of the sheriff in the area had been beneficial in the past, but while they serve an important role, they can also be intimidating. When they walk into a scene, they have their gun and their taser, so all the child sees are, "I'm in trouble, I'm going to jail," when they are not there to arrest. They are there to help, but the children do not hear that all they see is this person in authority who normally takes people to jail. For now, they do have the tribal police, but it is not the same as the sheriffs.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>11.</b> 3 minutes</p>	<p><b>Member Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supervisor Mulheren suggested that the board add 30 minutes to next month's agenda for 5150 items and provide the flow chart and brochure. She participated in a forum in Coyote Valley last Friday, September 20, 2024, with RCS Crisis, Mendocino County Crisis Team and SUDT, which provided a valuable opportunity to understand who is involved in these matters.</li> </ul>	<p>Board Action: None.</p>
<p><b>12.</b> 2 Minutes</p>	<p><b>Adjournment: 3:27 PM</b></p>	<p>Board Action: Motion made by Member Gorny, seconded by Member Martinez to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes with approvals.</p>

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