



Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

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Minutes: Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Meeting location: **Presbyterian Church Preston Hall** – 44831 Main St., Mendocino, CA 95460.

Mendocino County Administration Center, Conference Room A – 501 Low Gap, Ukiah, CA 95482

1 CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL: 1:07 PM

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

- A quorum is established.

2 PUBLIC EXPRESSION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- None.

3 COMMITTEE MATTERS

3a) Approval of Minutes from the May 22, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

Committee Action: Upon a motion by Member Allman and seconded by Member Bradley, it is ORDERED that the minutes of the May 22, 2024, regular meeting be accepted.

- Motion passes with 6 approvals.

3b) August 2024 Measure B Financial Report

Presenter: Member Miller/Designee

- Andrea Turchin, Senior Department Analyst, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, reported the total revenue received for FY 23/24 came in over the projected budget amount of \$2,000,000 by 26%, totaling \$2,526,081.

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Action:

- None.

3c) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Retiring the Phrase Measure B

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Action:

- Upon a motion by Member Allman and seconded by Member Bradley, it is ORDERED

- that Chair Ebyam write a letter to Katrina Bartolomei, asking her to consider retiring the phrase "Measure B" for at least 25 years, so it does not get confused on the ballots.
- Motion passes with 6 approvals.

3d) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Press Release Detailing the Projects and Programs Funded by Measure B

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

- Member Allman commented that he doesn't see any reason preventing the ability for the Department of Behavioral Health to issue a press release right now. Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services, can issue a press release at any time. With the completion or initiation of major projects, it would be an opportune time to update citizens on the progress. The recent press release of the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) facility was well done. The focus should be to highlight the crisis response teams and the crisis center on Orchard Street, demonstrating the responsible use of taxpayer dollars. It is believed that the press release should be issued promptly. There is surprise among many people regarding the impact of Measure B and whether ground is finally being broken. Significant achievements have already been made, and there is no need for the committee to approve the language of the press release at this time.

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Action:

- None.

3e) Discussion Regarding the Status of the Potential Loan of Measure B Funds for Construction of the County Jail Behavioral Health Wing.

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

- Member Antle stated that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) will address an item at the September 10th meeting concerning a commitment to replenish \$7 million dollars. This item will be a regular agenda item and available for discussion and approval on that date, rather than being included on the consent calendar. There is an agreed-upon repayment rate for the loan, which was previously discussed and set at either 2.3% or 2.5%. The county plans to make an annual payment of approximately \$800,000 to Measure B over the next 10 years, totaling around \$800,000 each year during that period.

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Action:

- None.

3f) Discussion and Possible Action Related to an Update from the Ad-Hoc Audit Committee on Expectation/Recommendation for Future Audits

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

- Chair Ebyam noted that the Ad-Hoc Audit Committee has not yet met. The committee includes Member Antle, Member Moschetti, and herself. She requested

that the Measure B committee support staff to take lead on scheduling these meetings.

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Action:

- None.

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COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

4a) Committee Member Reports Regarding Items of General Interest

- Member Allman has nothing to report but mentioned that he requested a representative from the college to be on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss with the board about prioritizing Psychiatric Technician certifications.
- Member Antle has nothing to report but commented that it was a great experience having the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the PHF.
- Member Barash has nothing to report.
- Member Bradley informed the board that the Behavioral of Health Advisory Board (BHAB) has difficulty getting a quorum and that the board is receiving reports from Tapestry, Mendocino County Youth Project, and Redwood Community Services and has been very informative.
- Member Pierce has nothing to report.
- Chair Ebyam has nothing to report but requested to add an update about the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the operation of the PHF to next month's agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee adjourned the meeting at 1:54 PM.

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