



MENDOCINO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

February 26, 2025
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Behavioral Health Regional Training Center, 8207 East Road,
Redwood Valley, CA 95470

Chairperson
Jo Bradley

Vice Chair
Mo Mulheren

Secretary/Treasurer
Jenniffer Estevo

BOS Supervisor
Mo Mulheren

MEMBERSHIP:

ANTHONY BAROZA, 25 YRS AND UNDER
JO BRADLEY, 5TH DISTRICT
MARK DONEGAN, VETERAN
JENNIFER ESTEVO, 2ND DISTRICT
DENISE GORNY, 1ST DISTRICT

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GINA DANNER, LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY

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	Call to Order, Roll Call, Quorum Notice, & Approve Agenda: Review and Possible Action. - Chair Bradley called the meeting order at 10:08 AM. - Members present Chair Bradley, Members Baroza, Danner, Donegan, Gorny, and Martinez. - Members excused Members Estevo, Kaller, and Shipp. - Director Jenine Miller was present. - Motion made by Member Gorny, seconded by Member Danner to approve the agenda.	Board Action: Motion passes with approval.
2. 10 minutes (Maximum)	Public Comments: <i>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.gov</i> - Member Gorny shared about the Boys and Girls Club Crab Feast on the coast and provided a copy of flyer. - Chair Bradley noted about the Doodle Poll for the February meeting and apologized as there was a misunderstanding regarding public notice. It was noted that both meeting date options included	Board Action: None.

	in the Doodle Poll would have been within the perimeters of the publishing the agenda per Brown Act.	
3. 20 minutes	5150 Assessments – <i>Karen Lovato, Acting Deputy Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services</i> • Karen Lovato introduced herself and provided handouts to the board members which included what happens when someone is placed on a 5150 hold for danger to self or others or grave disability. BHRS in partnership with Redwood Community Services (RCS) provides crisis services in throughout the County. • Supervisor Mulheren arrived at 10:20am. • It was mentioned the mobile crisis teams started the end of last year of 2024 and is dispatched through the RCS crisis line. There are calls that can be resolved on the phone and the others that require in person contact which mobile crisis team is deployed to, and emergency calls that are transferred to 911. When law enforcement receives a call, it is coordinated with the mobile crisis team. • Ms. Lovato introduced Denise Addison, RCS, to discuss about what happens when placed on 5150 and when someone comes into the office. • Denise Addison, Director, RCS Crisis Services, mentioned about mobile services and those that require an assessment can be done by mobile crisis team, and can also be done at the emergency room. The primary goal is always for least restrictive. They have 24/7 mobile response to response inland and the coast. Also, responds when requested at doctors' offices. They have 3 crisis facilities including in Ukiah an 8-bed facility, in Redwood Valley Madrone House an 8-bed facility and in Fort Bragg the Cypress House a 4-bed facility. • Ms. Lovato continued the discussion and spoke about the level of care and 5150 flowchart handout that was distributed to the board members. They have expectations for connection to services, and mobile crisis teams check in with the individual by phone, text, or in person. They help to connect them to other services available including the wellness center, housing assistance, wraparound, connecting to youth services, and work with the crisis and mental health teams. • Additionally, the Heads-Up collaboration with law enforcement and prevention has helped with coordinate to housing and mental health teams. • It was noted that all persons that can do a 5150 assessment are certified, recertified, trained annually and do meet required education. • Member Martin asked about 5150 training to be provided to the tribes. How much does it cost? Response – No cost.	
4. 20 minutes	MHSA Annual Update for 25-26 and opening the 30-day Public Comment Period – <i>Karen Lovato, Acting Deputy Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services</i>	Board Action: Motion passes with approvals.

	• MHSA Annual Update was included in the agenda packet and introduced and mentioned the purpose of was to request to open the 30-day public comment if there were no changes. • It was mentioned that public comment can be by calling the MHSA phone line, written comment, or verbally at this meeting. • Changes mentioned were by Chair Bradley of the contact listed for Auditor/Controller and about the certifying period dates. • Motion made by Baroza, seconded by Gorny, to open the 30-day public comment period for MHSA Annual Update for 25-26.	
5. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes from the January 22, 2025, BHAB Regular Meeting: <i>Review and Possible Action.</i> • Motion made by Member Baroza seconded by Member Gorny to approve the January 22, 2025, Minutes.	Board Action: Motion passes with approvals.
6. 10 minutes	Board & Committee Reports: <i>Discussion and Possible Action</i> A. Chair – <i>Jo Bradley</i> - 2025 Meeting Schedule • Director Miller mentioned the meeting locations were changed from Redwood Valley to Ukiah. Additionally, there were meeting dates that were moved to the 3rd Wednesdays due to conflicts with BOS meetings. • Motion made by Member Danner, seconded by Member Martinez to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule. - Measure B Update • Agenda item to discuss the Substance Misuse RFP at the February 26 Measure B meeting. • Motion made by Baroza, seconded by Donegan to move the discussion to request Measure B committee to request Measure B funding for the RCS Crisis aftercare program and for a substance misuse RFP. • Public comment: Jacque Williams mentioned the aftercare costs has continued to increase over the years and there are times when providers have run out of funding. She also agreed of increasing the size of award of funding to service providers. • Motion amended to include to request an additional \$100,000 from Measure B funding to the RCS crisis residential treatment program. • Public comment: Jacque Williams mentioned the need in Mendocino County for residential care. • Mendocino County provides outpatient adolescent services but does not substitute for residential care. • Arbor Youth Center does provide services and outpatient for 12-24 years of age but there are barriers. • Outpatient and residential care are two different services for youth. - Advertising of Meetings Scheduled in Outlying/Coastal Areas B. Vice Chair – <i>Mo Mulheren</i> • She mentioned the board is a well-rounded board to do good work for the community and reminded the board members to bring items to share with the community about what the board is doing. She also encouraged board members to bring discussion items to the	Board Action: Motions passes with approvals.

	meeting clerk to add to future BHAB meeting agendas for discussion. C. Secretary/Treasurer – <i>Jenniffer Estevo</i> - Not present. D. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Martinez</i> - No update.	
7. 15 minutes	Mendocino County Youth Project Report Out – <i>Amanda Archer/Designee</i> A. Services Update Not present.	Board Action: None.
8. 15 minutes	Redwood Community Services Report Out – <i>Victoria Kelly/Designee</i> A. Services Update Handout provided with updates to the board.	Board Action: None.
9. 15 minutes	Tapestry Report Out – <i>Kendra Palma/Designee</i> A. Services Update Not present.	Board Action: None.
10. 15 minutes	Mendocino County Hospitality Center – <i>Paul Davis/Designee</i> A. Services Update Not present.	Board Action: None.
11. 15 minutes	Anchor Health Management Report – <i>Anchor Health Management Inc.</i> A. Services Update Tim Schrader mentioned the meds clinic is operating smoothly and that they continue to work on some communication challenges. Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) is estimated to be completed by the end of March 2025 to include 16 beds, outpatient services, and substance misuse treatment services.	Board Action: None.
12. 15 minutes	Mendocino County Report – <i>Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services</i> A. Director Report Questions - Report included in the agenda packet. - Opioid Taskforce has begun in Mendocino County with the first meeting held on February 26, 2025, at 3:30 PM. This was created for more education and training in the community. - Director Miller mentioned about BHAB providing a quarterly report to the Board of Supervisor (BOS) of updates about BHAB activities and updates on the services providers. - Public Comment: Jacque Williams mentioned the need to share results as the results share a positive story and agreed about quarterly report updates to the BOS. - Member Martinez encouraged for the service providers to do staff appreciation to appreciate all the work they do. - It was recommended for during public comment at the BOS meetings the BHAB to acknowledge and express appreciation to the service providers.	Board Action: None.

13. 3 Minutes	Member Comments: None.	Board Action: None.
14. 2 minutes	Adjournment: 12:27 PM	Board Action: None.

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