



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

**March 19, 2025
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

Location: Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Conference Room 1,
1120 S. Dora Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

**Chairperson
Jo Bradley**

**Vice Chair
Mo Mulheren**

**Secretary/Treasur
er
Jennifer 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**

**PERRI KALLER, 3RD DISTRICT
VACANT, 4TH DISTRICT
MARTIN MARTINEZ, 5TH DISTRICT
JEFF SHIPP, 3RD DISTRICT
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: <i>Review and Possible Action.</i> - Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. - Members present Chair Bradley, Member Baroza, Danner, Estevo, Gorny, and Kaller. - Members excused Member Martinez. - Members not present Member Donegan and Shipp. - Director Jenine Miller was present. - Supervisor Mulheren, Supervisor Norvell, and Supervisor Cline were present. - Motion made by Member Danner, seconded by Member Estevo to approve the agenda. - Motion amended to moved Agenda Item 12 to be Agenda Item 4.	Board Action: Motion passes with approvals.
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> No comment.	Board Action: None.

3. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes from the February 26, 2025, BHAB Regular Meeting: Review and Possible Action. • Motion made by Member Danner, seconded by Member Gorny to approve February 26, 2025, Minutes.	Board Action: Motion passes with approvals.
4. 15 minutes	MHSA Annual Update for FY 25-26 and 30-day Public Comment Period – Karen Lovato, Acting Deputy Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services • Karen Lovato formally opened the public comment hearing to the board members and public for the MHSA Annual Update for FY 25-26. • Public comment period has been open since February 26, 2025 BHAB meeting for comments in person, online, by phone, and via the website and closes April 4, 2025 following the MHSA/QIC Forum. • Previous public comment was mentioned to request for acronyms to be spelled out. • There being no further comment, Ms. Lovato officially closed the public comment hearing at the BHAB.	Board Action: None.
5. 30 minutes	Homeless Shelter Updates A. Building Bridges • Sage Wolf, Redwood Community Services (RCS), provided handouts and an update to the BHAB about Building Bridges that serves the Ukiah area with homeless services. They also serve those on the coast and accept people from all over the county. Its primary focus is for adults but provides support services for all ages. The beds are for adults, but they partner with Ford Street Project for families. The 24/7 facility holds a total of 55 beds that are set up by gender but is flexible. It is connected to housing navigation services and enhanced care. Their day resources are open to the public, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for shower, laundry services, rest area, and computers are available. They are partnered with Adventist Health and Hillside Health Clinic that visits once a week. They provide health screenings and connection to services at Hillside Health Clinic. The resource center was opened in 2019. Additionally, they also partner with the hospitals in county and Sonoma County to coordinate moves back to the county and for wrap around services. • Member Baroza arrived at 1:31 PM. • Public comment: member of the public shared a personal experience with Building Bridge and how they helped them. They thanked and shared appreciation for them. B. Hospitality Center • Jane Baldwin, Supportive Case Manager, provided handouts and an update to the BHAB about the Hospitality Center. • They have a total of 24 beds. They are partnered with Anchor Health, Tapestry, and RCS. They also provide connection to services including Alcohol and Drug treatment. The emergency shelter house is on a first come first serve basis and operates by assigning chores to those staying there to maintain the house. All residents must be out of the house from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and	Board Action: None.

	working on their next steps, attending appointment, searching for employment, or searching for housing. They have shower and laundry services available, and dinner is served daily at 3:00 PM. Residents are responsible for the cooking and cleaning at the house. They primarily serve adults but do have some children. They accept those under the influence but must become sober to stay there. They receive food from the Food Banks but is not always enough resulting in Hospitality Center purchasing food to fill the gaps. • Public Comment: it was suggested to request for funding from Tyson Foundation for food. C. County MOPS Team/Wellness Centers • Karen Lovato, Acting Deputy Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, provided handouts and an update to the BHAB about Mobile Outreach Prevention Services Team and the Wellness Centers. They serve all areas of Mendocino County. They are not 24/7 but operate during business hours and respond when available. They triage through the calls during business hours and work with the crisis teams. They have primarily served Ukiah, approximately 8% in Fort Bragg, 4-5% in Elk, 3% in Willits, 2% in Gualala, and 7-8% that are unidentified. • Wellness Centers are opened at the County in Willits and Ukiah since the closing of Manzanita Services and provide various support groups, art time, and more. They are working on having computer station available for employment search. • BH Bridge program started for an overlap and help to connect from the wellness center to housing services available.	
6. 10 minutes	Mendocino County Youth Project Report Out – Amanda Archer/Designee A. Services Update • They continue to operate normal business services but will know more by September about federal funding streams that may limit services. • They applied for a grant for 0-18 years old and families for experience and victimization. • Their drop-in center will be open during Spring Break and will have a flyer available to share about the event including arts & crafts, food, and services providers that will be present. All ages are welcome to attend. • There Joint Powers Agency (JPA) and Mendocino County Family Services will have an annual meeting soon.	Board Action: None.
7. 10 minutes	Redwood Community Services Report Out – Victoria Kelly/Designee A. Services Update • Jolene Treadway, RCS, provided a handout and provided an update to the BHAB. • They have two housing facilities inland and Cypress House on the coast that been going well. • They continue efforts for their clinical workforce and have a new full-time staff training to be on the children’s team. Additionally, another new staff starting in June in Willits to help increase capacity for the outlying areas.	Board Action: None.

8. 10 minutes	Tapestry Report Out – Kendra Palma/Designee A. Services Update • Byran Erickson, Operations and Development, Tapestry, provided an update to the BHAB. • There Willits office has increased capacity and in the process of hiring additional staff with the increase of referrals.	Board Action: None.
9. 10 minutes	Mendocino County Hospitality Center – Paul Davis/Designee A. Services Update • No update.	Board Action: None.
10. 10 minutes	Anchor Health Management Report – Anchor Health Management Inc. A. Services Update • Tim Schraeder provided an update and overview of the clinics and med management to the BHAB. They have clinics in Ukiah and Fort Bragg. They continue services with limited staff for basic patient care of those with severe mental health illnesses. They work closely with the wellness coaches as well. • They continue working towards the completion of the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) in Ukiah and to serve those that are conserved. The MHRC will hold 16 beds. The med clinic and Anchor Health staff to be moved to the MHRC and will be a 24/7 facility including 24/7 nursing and medically assisted treatment services. • The MHRC is planned to be opened in April with a ribbon cutting ceremony.	Board Action: None.
11. 15 minutes	Board & Committee Reports: Discussion and Possible Action A. Chair – <i>Jo Bradley</i> • Chair Bradley mentioned the request from Member Martinez to have a farewell and appreciation letter for former BHAB members. • Motion made by Member Baroza, seconded by Member Danner to use BHAB funding to purchase placards for former BHAB members Flinda Behringer and Lois Lockart. • It was also mentioned about rotating presentations to report out on mental health or substance use disorder for quarterly updates instead of monthly. • Measure B Update ○ Measure B Committee approved to increase the funding for aftercare. Additionally, an Ad Hoc was created to discuss and provide recommendations to the Measure B Committee regarding an RFP for SUDT services. • Advertising of Meetings Scheduled in Outlying/Coastal Areas B. Vice Chair – <i>Mo Mulheren</i> • Vice Chair Mulheren mentioned the BHAB District 4 potential member that is scheduled on the next Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting agenda to fill the vacancy for the BHAB. C. Secretary/Treasurer – <i>Jennifer Estevo</i> • No update. D. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Martinez</i> • Not present.	Board Action: Motion passes with approvals.

12. 15 minutes	Mendocino County Report – Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services A. Director Report Questions • Report included in the agenda packet. • They are working on doing outreach in April for Alcohol Awareness Month and May for Mental Health Month. Also, Nurses Week will be coming soon. • They continue to recruit and have hired several new employees starting this week. They are also seeing more interns in the county and working in the mental health field. They continue to look for more grants for more internship programs. • There are many audits ongoing through to June. They are also in the process of submitting contracts for the next fiscal year, 25-26. • The Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is going well and currently picking colors to be painted. B. BHAB Agenda Recording/Livestreaming • As previously mentioned, there is a recommendation related to recording and livestreaming of the BHAB meeting. It was proposed to consider purchasing equipment. They have a quote for recording equipment for about \$6,500. • Motion made by Member Kaller, seconded by Member Baroza to move to purchase equipment for recording and livestream.	Board Action: Motion passes with approvals.
13. 3 Minutes	Member Comments: • No comment.	Board Action: None.
14. 2 minutes	Adjournment: 3:11 PM.	Board Action: None.

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