



Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

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Minutes: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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

1 **CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL:** 1:06 PM

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

- A quorum is established.

2 **PUBLIC EXPRESSION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

- None.

3 **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

3a) **Approval of Minutes from the November 20, 2024, Regular Meeting**

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Barash, seconded by Member Miller, IT IS ORDERED that the minutes from the November 20, 2024, regular meeting be accepted as presented.

- Motion passes with approvals.

3b) **February 2025 Measure B Financial Report**

Presenter: Member Miller/Designee

- Andrea Turchin, Senior Department Analyst, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, presented the financial report and provided a followed up about billing of the training center facility. She mentioned they are billed for janitorial services, PG&E, AT&T, garbage, and water services. Sonoma Sweepers is not providing any services at the training center. The draft 25/26 budget was included in the agenda packet. RCS aftercare included and ends this fiscal year. They expect increase in training center usage next year, as increase in revenues from the training center has increased every year from county department and external requests for use of the training center.

Public Comment:

- Supervisor Haschak commented about the cost in 2021 for a project manager, asked if there was a project manager in the county.
- Member Miller mentioned they have a construction project manager through AECOM that oversees construction of the psychiatric health facility. Facilities works with and manages the contactors. Measure B does not have a project manager position.
- Chair Ebyam asked about charges for mobile response and projecting for the future.
- Member Miller mentioned that mobile response uses the CCMU grant for mobile outreach and crisis response does not use Measure B funding. In addition, mobile crisis response is now a Medi-Cal billable services.

Committee Action: None.

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

Presenter: Member Miller/Designee

- No agenda items brought forward for Measure B. There was an item for the \$7 million dollars for the jail project, as the funds are no longer needed.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: None.

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

Presenter: Member Miller

- Member Miller presented the current Measure B projects report included in the agenda packet.
- Chair Ebyam asked about the cost for the Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT) facility that is not in the budget and asked about cost going forward. Member Miller mentioned there are no funds covering the CRT for individuals that don't have insurance.
- Agenda item for the next meeting topic for anyone whose insurance that does not accept to pay for the level of care at the CRT.

Public Comment: Supervisor Haschak mentioned about the \$7 million dollars transferred from Measure B to be used in completing the project for mental health wing at the jail. It is being repaid to move forward with all the projects Measure B do.

Committee Action: None.

3e) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting Calendar for 2025

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

- Member Miller reminded about considering at least one meeting of the year to be on the coast.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Barash, IT IS ORDERED that the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting Calendar for 2025 be accepted as presented, with August 27 meeting to be on the coast.

Motion Amended for the May 28 meeting to be on the coast in Fort Bragg or Mendocino.

- Motion passes with approvals.

3f) Redwood Community Services Aftercare Agreement Extension

Presenter: Member Miller

- The Aftercare Services that are currently provided by RCS will be ending this fiscal

year unless Measure B decides to continue the services. The Aftercare services provide 60-days of wraparound services after a crisis episode. This program were originally approved for four year.

- Member Bradley mentioned the BHAB would like to request the services be extended and asked for an additional \$100,000 to continue for 4 more years.
- Member Miller mentioned the current contract is \$260,000 and mentioned that BHAB is requesting now \$360,000 a year.
- Member Antle asked what kind of data and asked if dollars for a year are not spent can they be rolled over to the next year.
- Member Allman reminded about how 25% of Measure B funds are for quality of life for victims of mental health.

Meeting commenced break at 2:04 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 2:09 PM.

- Chair Ebyam asked about the additional \$100,000 additional a year.
- Member Bradley add the additional funds and rollover the leftover fund to following year.
- Member Allman has this been discussed at the BHAB.
- Member Bradley yes and they support it.

Public Comment: Jacque Ford mentioned there are CoC funds for housing. When providers run out of funding, it hurts the credibility of the program providers. If they don't get the care, these folks self-medicate and re-engage in risky behaviors, often resulting in recidivism and hospitalization.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Bradley, seconded by Member Antle, it is ORDERED to extend the aftercare agreement for 4 more years at \$360,000 per year with rollover to each year.

- Motion passes with approvals with Member Moschetti abstaining.

3g) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Request for Proposal for Substance Misuse Projects

Presenter: Member Miller

- Member Miller mentioned this was on the agenda at the last meeting and was brought back for discussion. The goal for today was for committee members to bring ideas on needed services and discuss gaps.
- Member Bradley mentioned BHAB felt strongly about services for teenagers and young adults, discussion about residential treatment center as there is currently only one in CA in Southern California. Some suggestions include transitional housing, peer supports and sober living.
- Member Antle asked about the dollar amount.
- Member Miller stated no dollar amount has been established. This is a discussion to brainstorm and see what would be suggested.
- Member Allman recommended ad hoc to answer questions.
- Member Antle mentioned the economic development meeting on March 3, focused on Behavioral Health workforce. Stakeholders and public invited.
- Member Bradley stated it was supposed to be 10% of the Measure B funds.
- Chair Ebyam asked 10% of projected on-going funding or one time allocation?

- Member Moschetti stated it should be 10% of Measure B service funding.
- Member Moschetti agreed an ad hoc needs to be created to figure out what is needed.
- Chair Ebyam created the Ad Hoc to include members Chair Ebyam, Member Miller, and Member Moschetti. The Ad Hoc meeting to be scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 1:00 PM at 1120 S. Dora Street, Ukiah.

Public Comment:

- Jacque Williams, Ford Street, providers would like from the committee sense of priority from needs perspective.
- Supervisor Haschak, glad having conversation and agreed with creating an Ad Hoc.

Committee Action: Ad Hoc committee created.

3h) Discussion on Financial Future of Measure B

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

- Chair Ebyam asks how having a PFH in county will impact the cost of services.
- Member Miller stated there could be times when there will be a shortfall in the PFH funding, so there is a need for an operating reserve to cover those times.
- Member Antle mentioned that there are minimal staffing costs whether the PFH is occupied at 100% or 75% or less.
- Chair Ebyam next meeting plans to come with a long term expenditure plan.
- Member Antle keep in mind that Medi-Cal may have significant changes (reductions) to funding in the coming months/years.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: None.

3i) Report out of Measure B Audit Committee

Presenter: Member Miller/Designee.

- Member Antle and Chair Ebyam sent out scope of work. Scope of work and new contract are needed. Member Antle to send Member Miller scope of work.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: None.

4 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

4a) Committee Member Reports Regarding Items of General Interest

- Member Antle mentioned Partnership HealthPlan is in Washington DC advocating about budget cuts. There will be Behavioral Health Sector Meeting on March 3, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Behavioral Health Regional Training Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee adjourned the meeting at **3:17 PM.**

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