



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

**June 18, 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/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**

**PERRI KALLER, 3RD DISTRICT
TIM BOSMA, 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 1:04 pm - Members present: Member Gorny, Member Shipp, Chair Bradley, Member Baroza, Member Donegan - Additional Member Present at 1:30 pm: Member Kaller - Members excused: Member Estevo, Member Martinez - Members not present: Member Bosma, Member Danner - Director Jenine Miller was present - Supervisor Mulheren was present - Supervisor Norvell was not present - Motion made by Member Kaller, seconded by Member Baroza to approve the Agenda. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.	Board Action: Chair Approved
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>	Board Action: None

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3. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes from the May 28, 2025, BHAB Regular Meeting: <i>Review and Possible Action.</i> - Motion made by Member Donegan, seconded by Member Baroza to approve the May 28, 2025 Minutes. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.	Board Action: Approved in Substantial Form
4. 15 minutes	Board & Committee Reports: <i>Discussion and Possible Action</i> A. Chair – <i>Jo Bradley</i> - Measure B Update: There is an essential piece of equipment for the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) under construction which is currently on backorder, which will delay the opening of the PHF. The project facilities manager will be requested to attend the next Measure B meeting to give updates and explanations. - The plaque of appreciation for Lois Lockart will be presented to her possibly next month, depending on her health and ability to attend the meeting. B. Vice Chair – <i>Mo Mulheren</i> - None C. Secretary/Treasurer – <i>Jenniffer Estevo</i> - None D. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Martinez</i> - None	Board Action: None
5. 15 minutes	Mendocino County Youth Project Report: <i>Scott Marsh</i> • MCYP has had several recent success stories, including two young people who have become employed. There is ongoing collaboration with other programs in the community. Scott added that an MCYP representative will not be available to attend the June 24 BOS meeting due to a previous commitment.	
6. 15 minutes	Redwood Community Services Report: <i>Jolene Treadaway</i> • Gave update on activities at RCS. They have particularly enjoyed working with MCYP, and RCS currently has space available in their program to serve more youths.	
7. 15 minutes	Tapestry Report: <i>Brian Erickson</i> • Tapestry began as a small agency, serving 100-115 youth clients in the inland area only. By 2002, they were helping 500-600 clients of all ages. Currently, they have 26 therapists who see over 1,000 clients per year, and they are still growing in scope and geographic areas served, including the coastal area, Willits, and other outlying areas.	
8. 15 minutes	Mendocino County Hospitality Center Report: <i>Paul Davis</i> • Hospitality Center is currently recruiting for therapists. Their fully licensed therapist has moved to private practice. They are currently serving 125 patients per month. They have had success with their	

	programs to aid and encourage employment. Six more individuals have found employment recently.	
9. 15 minutes	Anchor Health Management Report: Sarah Walsh They have been successful at providing Medication Support Services, with 1,119 individuals served. They are hoping to open their new Mental Health Rehabilitation Center the first week in August, 2025. The Substance Use Disorder Treatment will then begin after accreditation.	
10. 15 minutes	Mendocino County Mental Health Report: Karen Lovato, Deputy Director Assisted Outpatient has seen an increase in referrals, this program is small (maximum 4 clients) but intensive as it includes housing, and we anticipate possibly having 4 clients on Settlement Agreement. Mobile Outreach and Prevention Services, are an outreach program meant to prevent crisis and help navigate resources. We saw an increase in services during May. Mobile Crisis has been consistently seeing between 40-80 people a month over the last year with a slight decline in May of 43 unduplicated clients. Our primary outcome measure in this program is involuntary detentions and ability to stabilize in place; in May 5% of calls resulted in involuntary detention and 44% were resolved on site, with an additional 23% that voluntarily sought emergency room based services. Our Jail Discharge program has had lower service numbers over the last few months due to changes in staffing and crisis response, but is starting to increase again. Our AB109 Probation Services program only receives referrals from Probation, and over the past year has received between 4-7 new clients a month, and serves approximately 47 total clients in the month; during the month of May none of the AB109 probation clients returned to incarceration.	
11. 45 minutes	Mendocino County Report – Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services A. Director Report Questions - Five contracts are going before the BOS on 6/24/2025, with two more placement contracts to be submitted at a later date. B. Federal Updates - BHRS & Public Health are watching the proposed Federal cuts to the budget and examining how those cuts could affect services. Potential impacts include a loss of coverage for people with Undocumented Immigrant Status (UIS), and a change in income level cutoffs to coverage. The percentage of individuals in the county who currently use MediCal is 44-46%. Dr. Miller stated that other sources of funds to offset any cuts are unlikely to be readily available. C. Legislative Updates - State budgets are also likely to have significant changes as a result of the Federal cuts. The county will pursue other sources of funding as available. - State Audits are ongoing for Mental Health and SUDT. Finalizing cost report audits for year 2022/2023. Presenting budget for the	Board Action: None

	year to BOS. Compared to ten years ago (2013/2014) BHRS & PH served many more people in the county, with a vast increase in Federal dollars that are coming into the county. D. PHF Updates Electrical Switchgear, control panel, is currently on backorder. This will affect the completion date of the facility. Updates will be provided by the Facilities team. Completion of the building could be as late as summer 2026.	
6. 3 Minutes	Member Comments: - Member Donegan spoke about a meeting that he was attending on June 20, 2025 for the CALBHB/C Annual Meeting. He passed along the information to the rest of the board, about the practice of “person-first” language. Instead of calling someone, for example, “an addict,” or “a schizophrenic,” they are encouraging people to use terms such as “an individual with a substance abuse problem” or “a person with schizophrenia.” Member Donegan also encouraged the board to integrate care between the PHF and the jail system. - Member Shipp was involved in a training with RCS when they attended a play in Willits depicting a Day in the Life of a Group Home. The RCS staff participated enthusiastically. - Member Kaller inquired about CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) training. Dr. Miller said that the Sheriff’s Department has been bringing the training to the County. - Chair Bradley spoke about the fact that patients have a voluntary relationship with providers (unless they have a 5150 or otherwise). - Member Gorny talked about the state initiative called “Blue Envelope” which involves the police having tools and knowledge to deal effectively and calmly with members of the public who may have a mental condition or disability. Board members felt that it would be helpful to learn more about. - Chair Bradley mentioned “Coastal Connection,” which is being established on the coast to be a resource for people there wanting to access mental health resources. Board members discussed how helpful such a thing could be if it included the entire county rather than just the coastal areas.	Board Action: None
7. 2 minutes	Adjournment: 2:38 pm	Board Action: Approved

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 - CHAIR

Jo Bradley, BHAB Chair

July 23, 2025
Date


Elsa Strong, Health Services Administration Secretary

July 24, 2025
Date