



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD**

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REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

July 23, 2025

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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

MEMBERSHIP:

ANTHONY BAROZA, 25 YRS AND UNDER

JO BRADLEY, 5TH DISTRICT

MARK DONEGAN, *VETERAN*

JENNIFFER ESTEVO, 2ND DISTRICT

DENISE GORNY, 1ST DISTRICT

PERRI KALLER, 3RD DISTRICT

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MARTIN MARTINEZ, 5TH DISTRICT

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GINA DANNER, LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY

OUR COMMITMENT: *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.*

OUR VISION: *We support recovery and wellness for Medi-Cal beneficiaries with serious mental illness or substance misuse disorders through compassionate, culturally responsive care —working together to reduce disparities and strengthen our community.*

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	attend, and change agenda item 6 Mendocino County Sheriff's Office to be agenda item 3. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.	
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> Perry Glenn J Two Feathers Tripp Stated that it has been just over a year since he has checked in with Behavioral Health. He commented that it is difficult to get access to the offices. He had Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training 13 years ago and returned to the county 10 years ago. He expressed frustration about some of the providers and felt that some were not putting their funds to good use for the community.	Board Action: None
3. 15 minutes	Mendocino County Sheriff's Department Sam Logan, Patrol Sergeant - Sergeant Logan talked about how the department deals with situations that involve people with mental health issues. They work closely with Crisis Units (both internal and those from outside the department) to de-escalate situations whenever possible. - The new expansion of the jail will be primarily a mental health wing. - Staff attend CIT training including Sergeant Logan that has attended the training. Deputies take an annual training course about "use of force," which includes specifics about those situations involving people with mental health issues. - Member Gorny asked if the Sheriff's Department has been introduced to the Blue Envelope program. Member Bosma sent out a description of the Blue Envelope program to their office on June 24. - Sergeant Logan mentioned that additional CIT training is always helpful. - Director Miller mentioned that four representatives from the Sheriff's office will be attending the CIT conference. - Member Mulheren stated that she would like to see a way for individuals to get help quickly when they are in a crisis other than calling 911. Sergeant Logan said that currently any calls that go to 911 are routed to appropriate channels and Crisis Response Team is contacted when appropriate. When that happens, there is an attempt to contact the Sheriff's Response Team. - Member Kaller asked if there was enough support through Crisis alongside the Sheriff's office. - Sergeant Logan said more staffing would always help. - The board thanked Sergeant Logan for attending and sharing input from the Sheriff's office.	Board Action: None
4. 45 minutes	Mendocino County Report – Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services A. Director Report Questions	Board Action: None

	• Board of Supervisors (BOS) passed contracts for the coming year. B. Federal Updates • Review of the Federal and State impacts on C. Legislative Updates • Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) fully replaces MHSA. BHSA-aligned performance contracts began July 1, 2026. There has been movement towards Evidence Based Practices (EBPs). • The State is creating Centers for Excellence (COEs) to ensure consistency and quality in Behavioral Health (BH) services statewide. • At the State level there are funding cuts, particularly in Public Health. We are looking to see how changes to UIS affect our clients. D. PHF Updates • Construction of the Psychiatric Health Facility is going well. The facilities team and construction manager will be present at the next Measure B meeting. E. Additional Updates • Electronic Health Record (EHR): Three providers including Tapestry Family Services, Mendocino County Hospitality Center, & Mendocino County Youth Project are going to use Avatar for their records. • Health Information Exchange (HIE): Universal Consent Release is being considered by the health care collaboration. • Member Mulheren asked about staffing. Dr. Miller stated it is hard to find qualified candidates. One idea is to form internships with stipends.	
5. 3 minutes	Approval of Minutes from the June 18, 2025 Regular Meeting and from the June 23, 2025 Strategic Planning Meeting • Motion made by Member Kaller, seconded by Member Gorny to approve June 18, 2025 Minutes. • Motion made by Member Baroza, seconded by Member Kaller to approve the June 23, 2025 Minutes.	Board Action: Approved Approved
6. 3 minutes	Board & Committee Reports: Discussion and Possible Action A. Chair – <i>Jo Bradley</i> • None 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
7. 3 Minutes	Member Comments: • The board to find out if Lois Lockart will be available to attend the next meeting. • Chair Bradley read aloud the BHAB vision statement which was approved at the last meeting.	Board Action: None

	• Member Mulheren wanted to talk about the challenges in public perception. Recently there has been a lot of discussion and/or complaints about Request for Proposals (RFP) going to the same providers, and then other complaints about a new provider getting the contract. Having a few providers is a plus. She wishes there was a way to change the public perception. • Member Kaller would like to see more transparency in the RFP process. Chair Bradley expressed that the process itself regarding RFPs is as transparent as possible. • Member Estevo asked for the Crisis Line. The 24/7 Crisis Line is 1-855-838-0404. Upon receiving the call, a Crisis worker will ask questions and determine to whom the call should be transferred. • Member Kaller suggested a campaign to bring more awareness of the Crisis Hotline to the public. Members discussed how MTA buses have signs on the buses showing the hotline number.	
8. 2 minutes	Adjournment: 2:38 pm Motion to adjourn made by Member Baroza, seconded by Member Kaller, approved unanimously.	Board Action: Approved

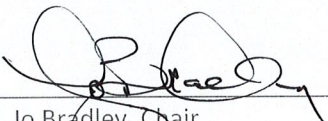
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 Jo Bradley, Chair	8.27.25 Date
 BHAB Clerk	8.27.25 Date