



MENDOCINO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**April 15, 2026
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

Location: Yuki Trails Community Room, 23000 Henderson Lane,
Covelo, CA 95428 and Health Services, Conference Room 1,
1120 S. Dora Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

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Jo Bradley

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Mo Mulheren

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Mo Mulheren

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OUR COMMITMENT: *“To be committed to individuals, their families, and the delivery of quality care with the goals of recovery, human dignity, and the opportunity for participants 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 1:07 pm. - Members present Member Danner, Member Bosma, Member Donegan, Member Martinez, Member Kaller, Member Estevo, Member Gorny - Members excused Member Baroza. - BHRS Deputy Director Karen Lovato was present. - Supervisor Mulheren was present. - Motion made by Member Bosma seconded by Member Gorny to approve the Agenda.	Board Action: 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> Introductions were conducted at the Ukiah and Covelo meeting locations. Guests included Bill Contren, newly hired psychologist at Yuki Trails; Mandie Rojas, MCYP; James Bloom (Yuki Trails);	Board Action: None.

	Kathy Britton (Yuki Trails); Otis Brotherton (Yuki Trails); Tracy Tolson; Julia Rest, Tapestry Therapist Intern; Eric Hart, candidate for 3rd District Board of Supervisor; and Bryan Erickson (Tapestry). • Victoria Kelly (Redwood Community Services) provided a handout of services, including success stories. • Tim Schraeder (Anchor Health) provided a handout of services and reported that the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) will begin accepting patients on May 4, 2026. • Bryan Erickson (Tapestry) shared program updates and extended an invitation for an event planned for the end of May.	
3. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting: Review and Possible Action • Motion made by Member Kaller, seconded by Member Bosma to approve the March 18, 2026, Minutes. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.	Board Action: Approved.
4. 30 minutes	Guest Speakers: Programs and Services Yuki Trails Human Services – Round Valley Indian Health Center: Otis Brotherton, Executive Director, Kathy Britton, Program Manager Kathy Britton, and James Bloom, provided an overview of programs and services. A handout was distributed in Covelo and emailed to the Board. • They serve the community including dental, medical, behavioral health, and youth services, with both residential and out-of-county clients and offer volunteer opportunities. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services include peer support, Sweat (weather permitting), a recovery garden, and weekly activities such as Grief & Loss (Mondays), NA meetings (Tuesdays), and beading (Wednesdays), along with fire ceremonies and youth events. AA meetings are also available locally, and NA/Red Road groups are supported by individuals with lived recovery experience. • Staff highlighted strong community engagement, including workshops, a family resource center partnership (MOU), a pine nut workshop, a canoe-building project, and a recent raft trip with approximately 70 participants. Parenting workshops and family-strengthening efforts are ongoing, with wellness support for both youth and parents. • Mr. Brotherton reported efforts to hire an additional LCSW or psychologist. • Updates to the MAT program include addressing provider turnover, implementing staff training, updating policies for client safety, and establishing a pharmacy courier system. • Vice Chair Mulheren mentioned the County recognition of April as Alcohol Awareness Month. • Chair Bradley mentioned that the County has hosted <i>Fentanyl High</i> showings. • Mr. Bloom inquired about bringing a <i>Fentanyl High</i> screening to Covelo or potentially purchasing the film for local use and emphasized the importance of youth education. • Member Kaller inquired about their MAT program.	Board Action: None.

	Mr. Bloom reported recent provider turnover but stated that new providers have been hired, staff training has been implemented, and policies have been updated to improve client safety. He added that, under Mr. Brotherton's leadership, a courier system is now in place to assist with pharmacy services.	
5. 15 minutes	Opening Public Comment on Integrated Plan: <i>Karen Lovato, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services</i> - Presented the Integrated Plan and requested the Board to open the public comment period. Ms. Lovato explained the updates reflect changes under MHSA subcomponents. - Due to new regulations, including the creation of housing as a separate category and the transition to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). Some previously funded areas—such as certain prevention programs—will no longer be supported under BHSA and are encouraged to seek alternative funding sources. Overall, funding has slightly decreased, with a larger allocation now directed toward housing. - The public comment period opened at this meeting and will close on May 22, 2026. An additional opportunity for public comment will be provided at the May 27, 2026 BHAB meeting, and will also host a more in-depth stakeholder presentation. Comments may be submitted by phone (707) 472-2724, email, BHRSMHSA@mendocinocounty.gov or by mail at 1120 S. Dora Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, or in person. - Member Bosma asked whether programs at risk of losing funding could pursue other grants or partnerships. - Ms. Lovato, there are a few programs funded under MHSA that are not included under BHSA. - Motion made by Member Kaller, seconded by Member Bosma to open the public comment period of the Integrated Plan. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.	Board Action: Approved.
7. 15 minutes	Mendocino County Report: <i>Karen Lovato, Deputy Director BHRS Operations</i> A. Director Report Questions - Report included in the agenda packet. B. Federal Updates - None. C. Legislative Updates - None. D. PHF Updates - Tentatively scheduled to open in the summer; an exact date to be determined including announcement of an open house date. E. Grant Updates - None.	Board Action: None.
8. 15 minutes	Board & Committee Reports: <i>Discussion and Possible Action</i> A. Chair – <i>Jo Bradley</i> - No report. B. Vice Chair – <i>Mo Mulheren</i> - Thanked BHRS for recognizing April as Alcohol Awareness month. C. Secretary/Treasurer – <i>Jenniffer Estevo</i>	Board Action: None.

	- Reported she is registered to attend the Cal BHB/C meeting on Friday, April 17. D. Appreciation Committee – <i>Member Martinez</i> - Current/Past BHAB Member Appreciation - No Report. E. Membership Committee – <i>Member Baroza & Member Bosma</i> - Chair Bradley reported that the committee met and awaiting completion of items and plans to meet again soon to continue reviewing.	
8. 5 minutes	Member Comments: - Chair Bradley thanked Yuki Trails Human Services for hosting and keeping open communications. - Member Kaller reminded the board to keep grant opportunities in mind and referenced the mobile van service. - Bryan Erickson confirmed that the mobile van service will be coming to Covelo. He explained that the van is designed as a playroom space to support parent-child interaction, with therapists providing parent coaching and guidance on building stronger connections with their children. The program, based in Ukiah through (PTCIE), Ukiah and Fort Bragg, is looking to expand services to additional locations, including outlying areas and the coast. Currently, one van is in operation with plans for expansion. Clinical Director Christina Ofill is trained and involved in program oversight. - Chair Bradley reminded members about the upcoming open house and requested that BHAB be kept informed. Bryan Erickson noted the open house is planned for the end of June. - Member Martinez asked whether staff are bilingual; Bryan confirmed that bilingual staff are available. - In response to questions from members about parenting approaches, Bryan Erickson stated the program is culturally based and includes therapists from diverse backgrounds to support culturally informed care. He also noted that staff are mandated reporters.	Board Action: None.
8. 2 minutes	Adjournment: 2:24 pm Motion made Member Martinez seconded by Member Kaller to adjourn the meeting.	Board Action: Approved.

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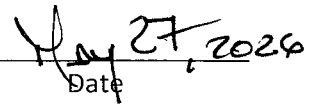
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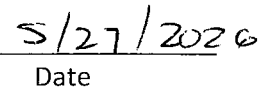
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Jo Bradley, Chair


Date


BHAB Clerk


Date