



Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) (Minutes of the meeting of November 2, 2022) **FINAL**

<u>2022 BHAB Membership</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Jaron Brandon - BOS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Anaiah Kirk – BOS Alt	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
Mary Anne Schmidt, Chairperson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sherry Bradley, Vice-Chairperson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Heather Farris, Secretary	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cynthia Halman	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓	
Elizabeth Marum	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	
Emily Valentine	E	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	E	✓	A	A	A	
Jenn Salazar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	
Marjorie Langdon	A	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓	A	✓	E	
Maureen Woods	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Susie DeMassey	✓	E	✓	E	✓	E	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	
Valerie Shuemaker	E	✓	E	E	A	✓	✓	E	✓	E	E	

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E

12 MHAB Members, 1 BOS Alternate

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>
Rebecca Espino, Director – Health & Human Services Agency
Tami Mariscal, Director – Behavioral Health Department
Lindsey Lujan, Agency Manager – Behavioral Health Department
Jenn Guhl, MHSA Agency Manager – Behavioral Health Department
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Assistant – Behavioral Health Department
<u>Others in Attendance</u>

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Behavioral Health Advisory Board Chairperson, Mary Anne Schmidt, announced to attendees that the meeting was being recorded.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm. Nine of the twelve members were present and accounted for at the time of roll call to complete a quorum for the Board. Behavioral Health Advisory Board members introduced themselves as roll call was taken. Those present were Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Sherry Bradley, Heather Farris, Cynthia Halman, Elizabeth Marum, Jenn Salazar, Maureen Woods, and Susie DeMassey. Emily Valentine, Marjorie Langdon, and Valerie Shuemaker were not in attendance.

- The October 5, 2022, Findings Resolution for AB 361 indicating that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board would be meeting virtually only for the November 2, 2022, meeting was incorporated into the meeting record.
- A motion was made by Jaron Brandon and seconded by Maureen Woods to make the December 7, 2022, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting available for virtual attendance per AB 361 and through #2 of the associated Findings. The motion passed. (Ayes: 8 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Sherry Bradley, Heather Farris, Marjorie Langdon, Maureen Woods, and Susie DeMassey. Nays: 1 – Jenn Salazar Abstentions: 0 Members Absent: 3 – Emily Valentine, Marjorie Langdon, and Valerie Shuemake)

As a result of this determination, the December 7, 2022, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting will be available through virtual attendance only, per the County Administrator's recommendation to allow in-person or virtual meetings, and not through a combination of both.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by Tuolumne County staff in attendance, as follows: Rebecca Espino – Director, Health and Human Services Agency, Tami Mariscal – Director, Behavioral Health Department, Lindsey Lujan - Agency Manager, Jenn Guhl – MHSA Agency Manager, and Pandora Armbruster – Administrative Assistant.

III. AGENDA REVIEW PERIOD

There were no suggested changes to the order of agenda items.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was reported.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heather Farris moved to approve the October 5, 2022, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes with the noted corrections. Elizabeth Marum seconded. Motion passed.

(Ayes: 8 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Sherry Bradley, Heather Farris, Elizabeth Marum, Jenn Salazar, Maureen Woods, and Susie DeMassey. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 1 – Cynthia Halman Members Absent: 3 – Emily Valentine, Marjorie Langdon, and Valerie Shuemake)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public may be heard on any item not on the Board's Agenda. A person addressing the Board will be limited to **three minutes**. Comments by members of the public on any item on the agenda will only be allowed during consideration of the item by the Board.

No public comments were received.

Supervisor Jaron Brandon left the meeting at 4:15 pm as he was attending another function in Sacramento.

VII. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION

- A. BOARD MEMBER RECRUITMENT& MEMBERSHIP – Heather Farris, Ad hoc Chair

Heather Farris, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Secretary, shared a brief PowerPoint presentation updating the group on the progress made and suggestions provided to improve the recruitment and orientation process for new Advisory Board members. Several flyers were shared which focused on the future recruitment of veteran, and college age members. Potential training efforts, including mentorship of new and existing members was also discussed. More information will be shared at next month's meeting.

The group thanked Heather for her hard work and time devoted to this project.

VIII. REPORTS

A. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cynthia Halman shared information on an upcoming 4-Hour SafeTalk Training scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2022. A flyer will be shared with attendees.

Mary Anne Schmidt relayed that she and Elizabeth Marum recently attended the quarterly CALBHB/C meeting and training opportunity on October 21, 2022, in person in Sacramento. Being able to meet and discuss information related to their roles as Advisory Board members was very beneficial. Mary Ann also noted that Nevada County is in the final stages of building a facility for those with mental illness.

Jenn Salazar informed the group on the Homelessness Awareness Month resolution passed at the Board of Supervisors meeting yesterday. There are many offerings coming up focused on the unsheltered in Tuolumne County such as Stuff the Bus, a Watch Party, and other offerings. All are available to the public. More information can be found on the Tuolumne County website under the Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness webpage.

B. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Brandon was not available to report.

C. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tami announced that Behavioral Health continues to experience a large clinician vacancy rate at roughly 53%. However, this month, the department has gone from 7 vacancies to 5. One clinician is scheduled to start December 7th, with the other going through the hiring process now. Upon arrival they will be deployed to our Crisis Access Intervention Program (CAIP).

Timeliness for service delivery remains in compliance. For example, despite low clinician levels, we are running a 5-day average when measuring from the date of request for care to the assessment date. The goal is 10 days per federal standards.

Additionally, just this week three individuals were interviewed for Behavioral Health Worker positions. We will be offering 2 relief positions and 1 full time position. The full-time position will be deployed into our Full

Service Partnership (FSP) system to prepare for both the Incompetent to Stand Trial and Care Court population. The 2 relief positions will be used as department/program needs are identified.

Behavioral Health continues to work well with the Jail. We have managed to address all inmates identified as needing mental health services in addition to our response to the safety cell. We have had to manage 3 inmates' situations recently that caused transport to the Emergency Department for medical intervention/medical clearance and 5150 placements. This is more than we have done in one year total in the past. There have been some wrinkles identified that need to be worked out. Tami shared that she will be working more closely with the Adventist Health leadership about their staff's readiness and response to these kinds of individuals' being presented at their location.

Behavioral Health is working with Adventist Health to implement the Columbia Suicide Scale/screening tool. The use of such will enable Emergency Department physicians to be better informed when discharging patients, especially when our department has determined that the patient does not meet medical necessity criteria.

Behavioral Health Community/ Partner presentations: Steve Roos, Full Service Partnership (FSP) Program Supervisor, recently provided an FSP presentation to the Probation Dept. with a plan for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) to present in Nov. and Adult Outpatient Services to present in December 2022.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – Innovation project is pending at Mental Health Service Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC).

The MHSA 3 Yr. Plan survey is still running and will for an additional month. Currently, there are five stakeholder meetings planned.

Stephen Roos, new FSP Program Supervisor, has been reworking the FSP referral process, with increased efforts toward pre-assessment engagement which has resulted in zero pending referrals.

A Care Court Kick-Off Meeting was held on October 13, 2022. Quarterly local cohort meetings are planned, along with individual department meetings with California Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), and other department specific work groups.

Currently, the development of outpatient groups is a main priority for the department, along with providing clinical support to assist in bringing back community support groups to the Enrichment Center (EC).

The need for a Drug Medi-Cal Advisory Board is on the horizon as this department readies itself to implement Drug Medi-Cal. This new board may be combined with the current Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

The group discussed the information and news shared through the Director's Report. Mary Anne Schmidt noted that none of the currently scheduled stakeholder meetings were set for times outside of the 8-5 workday. She suggested that additional meetings be added that offered

time after the workday ends to solicit more participation from the community.

Mary Anne also noted that upon her last visit to the Enrichment Center, she discovered that Jenn Guhl, MHSA Agency Manager, has created an amazing resource library at there.

D. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH QUARTERLY STAFF REPORT:

External Quality Review Organization Report – Lindsey Lujan, TCBH Agency Manager

The following link to Tuolumne County's External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) Report was shared with the group through the agenda packet. [Tuolumne MHP EQRO Final Report FY21-22](#)

Lindsey gave a brief description to attendees of what this report contains, and the important information provided regarding Tuolumne County Behavioral Health's systems.

The group briefly discussed the overview of information shared through this report.

In the interest of time, Lindsey offered to answer any additional questions members or attendees may have on this topic via email or phone call.

E. MENTAL HEALTH PLAN (MHP) CONTRACT:

State Performance Contract Section 1 – Lindsey Lujan, TCBH Agency Manager

Lindsey explained how the Tuolumne County Mental Health Plan (MHP) contract with the State of California defines the department's obligations on all things surrounding mental health, such as service time and delivery, medical necessity, funding, etc. See the attached Scope of Services portion of the contract covered at the meeting. (MHP - Scope of Services Attachment.) Utilizing the previously referenced section of the contract, Lindsey covered eligibility requirements and the criteria of medical necessity.

After a brief discussion with the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and attendees, Lindsey suggested an alternative to covering this contract that would allow the Board more time to understand such a complex document, as well as assist the department in creating a new, more robust Orientation Presentation that could be utilized in educating staff, new board members and other community partners in the department's mandated obligations surrounding mental health.

She requested the Advisory Board's attendance at an upcoming training event to provide feedback and input that will assist the department in building this training. The training will be videotaped to allow future use as an education piece. The Board's participation would provide questions and answers to assure appropriate coverage of material in a way that someone new to the topic would understand. This video-taped session would also educate the Behavioral Health Advisory Board more fully on what this department's obligations and capabilities are. This training could be scheduled as an all-day event or in two 4-hour sessions.

After discussion, the group felt that two half-day sessions would be easier for members to participate in. Staff will reach out with more information and to solicit input on preferred dates. Once training dates are determined, staff will send out invites for this event.

Due to meeting time limitations, **Section IX. NEW BUSINESS** and was carried over to next month's meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – carried over to December 7, 2022, meeting.
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- A. PROPOSAL OF GOALS FOR BHAB – Mary Anne Schmidt, BHAB Chair
- B. CREATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR 2023 – Mary Anne Schmidt, BHAB Chair
- C. PROPOSAL OF TIME OF BHAB MEETINGS – Mary Anne Schmidt, BHAB
- D. CALL A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD – Mary Anne Schmidt, BHAB Chair

X. SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Mary Anne Schmidt requested that all suggested items for the December 7, 2022, Meeting be submitted to Pandora via email.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The November 2, 2022, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.

The next Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2022, at 4:00 pm via videoconference through Zoom and teleconference only. Meeting information will be posted on the December 2022 Agenda.