



**Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory
Board (BHAB)
(Minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2023)
FINAL**

<u>2022 BHAB Membership</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Jaron Brandon - BOS	Meeting Cancelled	✓	Meeting Cancelled	✓	✓	✓						
Anaiah Kirk – BOS Alt		E		E	E	E						
Mary Anne Schmidt, Chairperson		✓		E	✓	✓						
Sherry Bradley, Vice-Chairperson		✓		✓	✓	✓						
Elizabeth Marum		✓		✓	✓	V						
Jenn Salazar		✓		✓	✓	✓						
Maureen Woods		✓		✓	✓	✓						
Valerie Shuemake		✓		✓	✓	E						

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E Virtual Attendance = V 7 MHAB Members, 1 BOS Alternate

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>
Tami Mariscal, Director – Behavioral Health Department
Rebecca Espino, Director – Health & Human Services Agency
Cassandra Jenecke, Tuolumne County District Attorney
Terri Alford, Mental Health Coordinator – Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools
Lindsey Lujan, Quality Management Deputy Director – Behavioral Health Department
Brock Kolby, Deputy Director – Behavioral Health Department
Jenn Guhl, MHSA Agency Manager – Behavioral Health Department
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Assistant – Behavioral Health Department
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Cathie Peacock – Executive Director, Interfaith Community Services
And Several Other Community Members

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. Four members were present and accounted for at the time of roll call, completing a quorum for the Board. Behavioral Health Advisory Board members introduced themselves as roll call was taken. Those present were Mary Anne Schmidt, Sherry Bradley, Jenn Salazar, and Maureen Woods. Jaron Brandon had not yet arrived. Elizabeth Marum was present virtually. Valerie Shuemake was excused from attending.
- The Mission and Vision Statements for the Behavioral Health Advisory Board were read into the record.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by Tuolumne County staff in attendance, as follows: Rebecca Espino – Director, Health & Human Services Agency; Tami Mariscal – Director, Behavioral Health Department; Lindsey Lujan - Quality Management Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Department; Brock Kolby – Clinical Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Department; Jenn Guhl – MHSA Agency Manager, Behavioral Health Department; Cassandra Jenecke, Tuolumne County District Attorney; Terri Alford - Mental Health Coordinator, Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools; and Pandora Armbruster – Administrative Technician, Behavioral Health Department.

Several other community members were in attendance but chose not to introduce themselves.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

None currently.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW PERIOD

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

V. 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.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained:

- Draft Minutes of the May 3, 2023, Meeting.
- Recommendation of new applicants, Terri Garcia, and Cathie Peacock, to the BOS for appointment to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.
- Board Member Reports:
 - ✓ Chair's Report by Mary Anne Schmidt
 - ✓ Quality Improvement Council Meeting Reports by Sherry Bradley
 - ✓ YES Partnership Meeting Report by Maureen Woods

Maureen Woods moved, and Sherry Bradley seconded to approve all Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously by all members physically present.

(Ayes: 4 – Mary Anne Schmidt, Sherry Bradley, Jenn Salazar, and Maureen Woods. Elizabeth Marum was available virtually but could not vote. Jaron Brandon and Valerie Shuemake were not present at the time of the vote. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Members Absent: 2)

VII. PUBLIC HEARING & FINAL COMMENT PERIOD: Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) 3-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for FY 23-26

Jenn Guhl, MHSA Agency Manager, presented the draft MHSA 3-Year Program & Expenditure Plan for FY 23-26 utilizing a PowerPoint presentation which is included within these minutes.

Jenn Guhl's presentation started with an overview of the Mental Health Services Act, describing the core values and goals which must be followed when utilizing this funding.

Jenn elaborated on the seven components which comprise the programs and services of MHSA. Those components include Community Services and Supports (CSS), Workforce Education and Training (WET), Innovation (INN), Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), Capital Facilities and Technology Needs (CF/TN), Prudent Reserve (PR), and Community Program Planning Process (CPPP). A description of the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health programs and services delivered within each component was provided.

Ms. Guhl provided a summary of the potential impacts and changes to MHSA which could occur through Governor Newsom's Behavioral Health and MHSA Modernization Proposal. A chart showing the changes to funding which would be required was also reviewed. The group discussed how this proposal could shift available funding from current programs and services to other priorities, potentially negatively impacting several Prevention and Early Intervention contracts.

Sherry Bradley: In reference to the described Staff Retention Program, who is CalMHSA?

Jenn Guhl: CalMHSA is a state entity, the California Mental Health Service Authority.

Sherry Bradley: In reference to the Current MHSA Funding chart, is the percentage shown for CF/TN part of CSS? Or does that reflect an additional percentage carved out of available CSS funds?

Jenn Guhl: This will be researched, and an answer provided after the presentation.

Sherry Bradley: She suggested that the CSS component be broken down into the categories it covers, i.e., Full Service Partnership (FSP), Crisis Action and Intervention Program (CAIP), Administrative positions, etc. She feels that this would be important to detail so that the public can more easily see the potential losses to programs and positions if this Modernization Proposal becomes ordered by Governor Newsom.

The group discussed the challenges and impacts to the Behavioral Health Department and especially Tuolumne, as a small county. The group felt that the public's understanding of those impacts would be critical if this proposal ends up on a future ballot.

The entire group thanked Jenn Guhl for her hard work on the MHSA 3-Year Program & Expenditure Plan for FY 23-26. They felt that the work put into this large document was impressive.

VIII. BUSINESS

Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors – Discussion and creation of Ad Hoc.

Mary Anne Schmidt reminded the Behavioral Health Advisory Board members of their obligation to submit an Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors and requested volunteers who wish to participate in preparing this year's presentation. After discussion by the group, Elizabeth Marum shared that she would assist. Mary

Anne created an Ad Hoc consisting of herself and Elizabeth Marum to start working on the Board's Annual Report.

IX. SPECIAL SPEAKER: Cassandra Jenecke, Tuolumne County District Attorney

A presentation on the benefits of collaborative courts and programs such as Drug Court, Diversion Programs and Felony First was provided by Cassandra Jenecke, Tuolumne County District Attorney. A copy of that presentation is attached to these minutes.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sherry Bradley shared personal concerns over renewed health issues, relaying that necessary medical treatments may impact her attendance over the next few months. The group shared their wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Director, relayed that the Behavioral Health Innovations Plan is now slated to be reviewed virtually by the Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) on Thursday, June 15, 2023, between 10:30 and 11:30 am. A link to that review can be found on their website. She suggests that people attend and show their support for Behavioral Health's Innovation Plan.

Jenn Salazar informed attendees about her new job working for Mathiesen and Resiliency Village conducting interviews of the unsheltered population here in Tuolumne County. She noted that, even though she is just starting the process, many she has spoken with are not homeless because of drug addiction or mental illness. Rather, many of the unsheltered population appear to be in that situation due to financial impacts and lack of affordable housing. She will share more information as her interview process continues.

A community member shared her concerns that the Blue Zones programs focus more on the affluent population, offering healthy eating and walking groups in areas that cater to those with financial means. She feels that community members at the Enrichment Center who have expressed interest in those topics should reach out to them for more information and shared a brochure which described their offerings.

Terri Alford, Mental Health Coordinator - Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools (TCSOS), informed attendees of the updated Youth Resource Guide which can now be found on the TCSOS website as a part of the Mental Health Dashboard. <https://www.tcsos.us/>

Mary Anne Schmidt, Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Chairperson, spoke to attendees about the June 14th Elder Empowerment Conference at Black Oak Casino. It is a free full day of information, speakers, etc., focused on Elder Abuse in the community. Transportation can be arranged, and lunch will be provided. She has signed up to attend.

Blue Zones is sponsoring an upcoming bike ride at Indigeny Reserve this coming Saturday. Bikes can be provided if needed. Details can be found on their website. Chester and Push is putting on a fundraiser for their horse rescue program on June 10 from 10 am – 4 pm, and Habitat for Humanity is putting on a fundraiser that same day from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Sonora Inn.

Mary Anne is assisting Joan Montesano in a book drive for the Tuolumne County Jail and the Juvenile Detention Center. She is looking for paperback books. Please contact Mary Anne for more information.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The June 7, 2023, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

The next Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2023, at 4:00 pm at the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Enrichment Center, 105 Hospital Road, Sonora, CA 95370. Detailed meeting information will be provided on the July 2023 Agenda.

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