



Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board

(Minutes of the meeting of July 12, 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	E					
Mary Anne Schmidt, Chairperson		✓		E	✓	✓	✓					
Sherry Bradley, Vice-Chairperson		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Cathie Peacock		-		-	-	-	✓					
Elizabeth Marum		✓		✓	✓	V	E					
Jenn Salazar		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Maureen Woods		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Terry Ann Garcia		-		-	-	-	✓					
Valerie Shuemaker		✓		✓	✓	E	A					

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E Virtual Attendance = V 9 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 (attending virtually)
Sarah Carrillo, County Counsel
Maria Sullivan, Deputy County Counsel
Jenn Guhl, MHSA Agency Manager – Behavioral Health Department
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Assistant – Behavioral Health Department
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Community Member

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 4:03 pm. Seven of nine 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 Supervisor Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Sherry Bradley, Cathie Peacock, Jenn Salazar, Maureen Woods, and Terry Ann Garcia. Elizabeth Marum and Valerie Shuemaker were not in attendance.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by Tuolumne County staff in attendance, as follows: Tami Mariscal – Director, Behavioral Health Department; Jenn Guhl – MHSA Agency

Manager, Behavioral Health Department; and Pandora Armbruster – Administrative Technician, Behavioral Health Department.

A community member was in attendance but chose not to introduce themselves.

Sarah Carrillo, County Counsel, and Maria Sullivan, Deputy County Counsel, had not yet arrived.

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.

A member of the public shared that as of July 1, 2023, there is a program through the California State Department of Public Health that Governor Newsom has allocated \$72M to place naloxone in the hands of the public. This funding is a result of the overwhelming number of fentanyl overdose deaths. Applications to apply for funding are available on the website. The speaker would like to see support at the county level to assure more naloxone is available in our county.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained:

- Draft Minutes of the June 7, 2023, Meeting.

Jaron Brandon moved, and Maureen Woods seconded to approve the Consent Agenda item as presented. The motion to approve the June 7, 2023, Draft Minutes as presented on the Consent Agenda passed.

(Ayes: 6 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Sherry Bradley, Jenn Salazar, Maureen Woods, and Terry Ann Garcia. Abstentions: 1 - Cathie Peacock. Members Absent: 2 - Elizabeth Marum and Valerie Shuemake. Nays: 0)

VII. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS

The suggested edits to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Bylaws were shared with the group for review, additional suggestions, and possible approval to move to County Counsel for review.

Cathie Peacock inquired whether Bylaws were necessary as the County of Tuolumne Commission and Committee Handbook covers this need for other committees and commissions. Mary Anne explained that bylaws were a requirement laid forth in the Welfare and Institution Code specific to County Mental Health Advisory Boards.

Maureen Woods requested that an edit be made to Article 1 – Name, to assure consistent language throughout the Bylaws surrounding Behavioral Health and Mental Health Advisory Boards.

Sherry Bradley advised that there was an additional error in Article 5 – Member Training: #5, where an incorrect acronym was referenced. Language should reflect California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS) versus CIMH.

A motion was made by Sherry Bradley and seconded by Jaron Brandon to approve the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Bylaws as presented, including suggested edits identified above made by Maureen Woods and Sherry Bradley.

(Ayes: 6 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Sherry Bradley, Jenn Salazar, Maureen Woods, and Terry Ann Garcia. Abstentions: 1 - Cathie Peacock. Members Absent: 2 - Elizabeth Marum and Valerie Shuemaker. Nays: 0)

VIII. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Mary Anne Schmidt shared the Ad-hoc Committee's suggested content of this year's Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors and requested comments and feedback from the group.

The group discussed including performance data on several topics that are specific to Tuolumne County Behavioral Health, i.e., Innovation Grant, Mobile Crisis Development, Enrichment Center, etc. A decision was made to provide detailed information, identifying challenges, successes, and recommendations.

Mary Anne will work with the Behavioral Health Director to gain more information on each topic identified in the "Needs and Performance of County Mental Health System" section shared with the group.

Tami Mariscal relayed that she would share a list of the department's progress and details of these subjects with the Chair for inclusion in the Annual Report.

The Ad-hoc committee will meet again and bring this item back for further review of the BHAB.

IX. SITE VISITATIONS:

Proposed dates of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board's first Site Visit were discussed. The group decided that the first scheduled visit would occur on Monday, July 17, 2023, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm to the department's clinic, located at 105 Hospital Rd., Sonora, CA. Members participating in the Site Visit will be Sherry Bradley as lead, Maureen Woods, and Cathie Peacock.

Supervisor Brandon left the meeting at 4:55 pm.

X. RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE OPIOID CRISIS IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY:

The group discussed providing a recommendation to the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors on the current Opioid Crisis in Tuolumne County because of a recent report provided by Dr. Freeman, Public Health Officer.

Sarah Carrillo, County Counsel, suggested that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board gather more information and education from her department, as well as the Public Health Officer, before drafting any recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

An Ad-hoc Committee was created to focus on gathering needed information and education to assist in determining the focus of their recommendation to the Board of

Supervisors. Ad-Hoc committee members were identified as Mary Anne Schmidt, Cathie Peacock, and possibly Jaron Brandon, as he was no longer in attendance.

The group decided that once more information has been gathered, this topic will be revisited at a future meeting and a presentation by County Counsel will be requested.

A member of the public relayed that she felt that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board should focus more effort on advocating for better distribution of naloxone to the public.

XI. INNOVATION GRANT UPDATE:

Jenn Guhl, MHSA Agency Manager, informed the BHAB that Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Department received approval on June 15, 2023, from the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHOSAC) of the proposed Innovation Plan: Family Ties-Youth & Family Wellness in the amount of \$925,891.04. This funding is spread over a period of five years. This approval was based on the condition that Tuolumne County enhance the project's youth engagement, reassess the project's design in response to its enhanced youth engagement, and inform the MHOSAC regarding the project's development and implementation. It was also recommended that the County work with MHOSAC staff to identify strategies for bolstering youth engagement efforts in this innovation project and in other youth mental health efforts.

The group discussed the recent presentation to MHOSAC prior to approval. It was noted that Lindsey Lujan, Deputy Director, and Jenn Guhl, MHSA Agency Manager, did an amazing job presenting the Innovation Plan to MHOSAC.

XII. CARE COURT IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY:

An introduction was made by Sarah Carrillo, County Counsel, and the presentation was provided by Maria Sullivan, Deputy County Counsel. A copy of that presentation is included in these minutes.

The group discussed information shared throughout the presentation, such as funding, sustainability, housing requirements, and implementation.

A member of the community shared her knowledge of a person suffering from mental health being incarcerated as there was no support available to them to assist navigation through the court process.

XIII. TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT: Jaron Brandon, District 5 Supervisor

This item was postponed to next meeting as Supervisor Brandon was not available to report.

XIV. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Tami Mariscal, Director

Tami Mariscal, Director, Tuolumne County Behavioral Health, provided a recap of the list of departmental accomplishments over a period of the last fiscal year. A copy of these accomplishments and a written Director's report is included in these minutes.

XV. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS:

Cathie Peacock, BHAB member, informed the group that she attended the Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) webinar recently sponsored by Jenn Guhl, MHSA Agency Manager. She felt that the webinar was interesting and informing.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Support to the BHAB, shared that the County is soliciting volunteers to help with set up and cleaning of the Oak Terrace Navigation Center. Volunteers are needed Thursday, July 20th through Saturday, July 22nd. A flyer was shared with the group. Additionally, she informed the BHAB that a Cooling Center has been initiated for Sunday, July 23rd, from Noon until 6 pm at the Enrichment Center. County staff will be on site to assist community members who need respite from the extreme temperatures.

Mary Anne Schmidt, BHAB Chairperson, shared information on a free healthcare event scheduled for September 16th and 17th, at 40 N Forest Rd in Sonora. This wonderful event is sponsored by Adventist Health Sonora and the Life Hope Centers. She also shared information on upcoming Community Wildfire Protection Plan workshops being held in July and August. Finally, she relayed information on an upcoming Youth Mental Health First Aid training. All flyers may be found on the Behavioral Health webpage under "Important News and Events."

Cathie Peacock, BHAB member, will be attending the NAMI Meeting at the Red Church this Thursday, July 13th.

Jenn Guhl, MHSA Agency Manager, informed the Behavioral Health Advisory Board of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Program Planning Process. More information and documents will be shared with the group via email after this meeting. Jenn solicited the Behavioral Health Advisory Board's feedback on these policies and processes which have been submitted to the Department of Healthcare Services for feedback.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The July 12, 2023, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

The next Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for August 2, 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 August 2023 Agenda.