



Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (Minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2024)

FINAL

<u>2024 BHAB Membership</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ryan Campbell - BOS	Meeting Cancelled	✓	✓									
Anaiah Kirk – BOS Alt		E	E									
Cathie Peacock		E	✓									
Elizabeth Marum		E	✓									
Jenn Salazar		✓	E									
Maureen Woods		✓	✓									
Marshall Romeo		---	✓									
Sherry Bradley		✓	E									
Terry Ann Garcia		✓	✓									
Valerie Shuemake		✓	E									

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E Virtual Attendance = V 8 MHAB Members, 1 BOS Alternate

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>
Tami Mariscal, Director – Behavioral Health Department
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Assistant – Behavioral Health Department
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Blake Dolman, Student Intern, Veterans Services
Mary Anne Schmidt, community member
Pat Cervelli, community member
E. Marvin, community member
And one other unidentified community member

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Chair, Ryan Campbell, called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm. Six members were present and accounted for at the time of roll call, completing a quorum for the Board. Those present were Ryan Campbell-District 2 Supervisor, Cathie Peacock, Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, Marshall Romeo, and Terry Ann Garcia. Jenn Salazar, Sherry Bradley, and Valerie Shuemake were excused from attending.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board members in attendance introduced themselves to all present.

Introductions were made by Tuolumne County staff in attendance, as follows: Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Director and Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Technician, Behavioral Health Department.

Others present were Mary Anne Schmidt, community member, Blake Dolman, Veterans' Services Student Intern, and three other community members who did not introduce themselves.

3. GENERAL 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 community member shared information regarding National Alliance for the Mentally Ill's (NAMI) Family to Family Education Program is scheduled for March 13th through May 8, 2024. Details are available on the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health website at the following link <https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/1612/Important-News-Events>.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Maureen Woods and seconded by Marshall Romeo to approve the February 7, 2024, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

(Ayes: 6 – Supervisor Campbell, Cathie Peacock, Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, Marshall Romeo, and Terry Ann Garcia. Abstentions: 0 Nays: 0 Members Absent: 3 – Jenn Salazar, Sherry Bradley, and Valerie Shuemake)

5. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Director

Tami Mariscal shared that staff are extremely busy with the annual External Quality Review Organization's (EQRO) audit currently underway at Behavioral Health. This comprehensive audit reviews the department's contractual obligations and outcomes and identifies areas that the department excels in, as well as areas of needed improvement. Current efforts include checking to assure the department is meeting outlined milestones towards California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) implementation. A consumer panel and staff have been identified to participate in the process by providing feedback to the auditors, ensuring a thorough examination is conducted. Once those results are shared with the department, they will be reported out through the Quality Improvement Council (QIC) and to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board through a staff report, as well as shared on the department's website. Director Mariscal recommended that the group visit the Behavioral Health website and review past EQRO reports to learn more about this important annual assessment. The department is excited that this year's preliminary findings have already identified that penetration rates are exceeding required rates.

Tami informed the group that the department requested a Letter of Intent (LOI) to purchase the property located at 22039 Parrott's Ferry Road from the Board of Supervisors at their recent February 27, 2024, meeting. The preferred housing characteristics identified through the February Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting were used to select this property. It consists of 2.5 acres, 4 dwellings, plus 1 additional outbuilding. The purchase of this property will offer housing to an additional 11 tenants. There will be three community meetings scheduled to discuss this proposed purchase more fully. Additional information on these community meetings, i.e., dates and details, will be provided to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board by Behavioral Health staff once they have been confirmed.

The Behavioral Health Bridge Grant was awarded in October and received in November of 2023. Behavioral Health is now 7 months into the grant period so identifying a suitable property as soon as possible to utilize these funds is important. The Parrott's Ferry property meets almost all the preferred attributes identified at the last Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting. One particularly unique aspect to this property is the ability to allow tenants to have a pet. None of the departments' other supportive housing properties can host tenants with pets.

The group discussed the various needs associated with this purchase, such as long term sustainability, on site property managers, increased staffing, and the screening processes for potential tenants. The group felt that clear messaging to the community to educate them about the project to gain their acceptance and understanding will also be crucial moving forward. Supervisor Campbell encouraged the Behavioral Health Advisory Board to attend BOS meetings to show support for this housing purchase.

A community member relayed that they were appalled at public comments made at the recent housing presentation made to the Board of Supervisors so appreciates Supervisor Campbell's request for the Behavioral Health Advisory Board to show up to future meetings.

6. NEW BUSINESS

The group reviewed the two newest applications for appointment to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board submitted by Blake Dolman and Melody Roberson.

Blake Dolman, Veterans' Services Representative, has attended the last two meetings. Melody Roberson, mental health counselor for Adventist Health Sonora, has not yet attended a meeting. An invitation to attend the next two Behavioral Health Advisory Board meetings will be extended to Ms. Roberson so that her application can be more fully reviewed in May 2024.

A motion was made by Cathie Peacock and seconded by Terry Garcia to move Blake Dolman's application forward to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of appointment. Motion passed unanimously.

(Ayes: 6 – Supervisor Campbell, Cathie Peacock, Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, Marshall Romeo, and Terry Ann Garcia. Abstentions: 0 Nays: 0 Members Absent: 3 – Jenn Salazar, Sherry Bradley, and Valerie Shuemake)

7. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

No written reports have been received nor reported out on.

8. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

As Sherry Bradley was not in attendance, Director Mariscal summarized Sherry's written reports of the February 12, 2024, Quality Improvement Council (QIC) meeting and the February 22, 2024, Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) monthly meeting with the group. Those written reports were included as a part of the agenda packet for this meeting. Information on future virtual QIC Meetings will be shared with all BHAB members.

Maureen Woods spoke to the group regarding the scheduling of public speakers to present to the group. She will work with Marshall Romeo and Tami Mariscal to identify the next speaker to potentially present at the May Meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2024, at 4:00 pm at the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Enrichment Center, 101 Hospital Road, Sonora, CA 95370. Detailed meeting information will be provided on the April 2024 Agenda.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The March 6, 2024, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.