



Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (Minutes of the meeting of July 3, 2024)

FINAL - Amended

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

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E Virtual Attendance = V 9 MHAB Members, 1 BOS Alternate

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>
Annie Hockett, Director – Health & Human Services Agency
Tami Mariscal, Director – Behavioral Health Department
Lindsey Lujan, Deputy Director – Behavioral Health Department
Evan Hammond, Agency Manager – Behavioral Health Department
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Assistant – Behavioral Health Department
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Pathana Luangrath, AEGIS State Opioid Response Patient Navigator
A community member who chose not to introduce themselves

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Chair, Ryan Campbell, called the meeting to order at 4:00 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, Jenn Salazar, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley, and Terry Ann Garcia. Marshall Romeo and Valerie Shuemake had not yet arrived. Elizabeth Marum was not in attendance.

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: Annie Hockett, Health & Human Services Director; Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Director; Lindsey Lujan, Behavioral Health Deputy Director; Evan Hammond, Agency Manager

Supportive Housing; and Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Technician-Behavioral Health Department.

One community member was present at the opening of the meeting but did not elect to 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 in attendance suggested that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board review their assigned roles through the Welfare and Institutions Code and focus on those things which are required of them. She noted that she had attended several local events which she felt were important to the mental health community and did not see any attendance from BHAB members except for Maureen Woods attendance at the Mental Health Month Celebration held at the Enrichment Center.

Pathana Luangrath, State Opioid Response Patient Navigator for AEGIS, shared a brief overview of current Opioid Treatment Programs and Medication Assisted Treatment options currently available through AEGIS to Tuolumne County residents who qualify. All insurance is accepted, though there have been some problems noted with Anthem Blue Cross. Those patients may need to be enrolled as cash pay but grants for care are available. She explained that initial intakes are done in Modesto and after that ongoing treatment is available locally in Sonora. Some transportation to Modesto for intakes is available through insurance. The group identified other transportation options that patients could use to access this important benefit.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Terry Ann Garcia and seconded by Maureen Woods to approve the June 5, 2024; Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed.

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

Marshall Romeo and Valerie Shuemake arrived at 4:15 pm.

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

Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Department Director, welcomed the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and all attendees to the Parrotts Ferry property recently acquired by the department. She introduced the newest member of the Housing Team, Evan Hammond, Supportive Housing Agency Manager.

Tami explained that the property was purchased with Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Grant funds. This \$2.7 Million grant was earmarked for short term housing (of less than 18 months duration). Tenants will be provided with navigation services geared at enabling them to move to more permanent housing. Rent will be free, but tenants will work with resources

provided to secure paid housing using the Housing First Model. Mental Health Services Act funding will pay for maintenance, upkeep, and ongoing expenses related to the Parrotts Ferry property. Proposed tenants must meet the requirements of a Severe Mental Illness (SMI) diagnosis and be a Medi-Cal recipient. Housing (if available) may be provided to both mental health and substance use disorder clients who qualify. The Parrotts Ferry Property will be ready for occupancy once repairs have been completed.

Evan explained that clinical teams are currently undergoing training on the universal housing referral process. Housing and needs assessments are performed and suitability for appropriate properties is then determined. Each supportive housing property is unique and offers different options. Client's preferences are considered as a part of the Housing First model.

6. NEW BUSINESS

In-person Tour of 22039 Parrotts Ferry Property:

Tami Mariscal, Lindsey Lujan, and Evan Hammond provided the group with a live tour of all homes and outbuildings on the property. Several comments were made in reference to the beautiful setting and varied housing components available at Parrotts Ferry. Opportunities to have a garden or raise small animals were some of the benefits discussed by those on the tour.

7. CONTINUED BUSINESS

Follow up on new applicants for Behavioral Health Advisory Board membership:

Terry Ann Garcia stated that she had reached out to Claudette de Carbonel who informed her that she is visiting with family over the Independence Day weekend and hopes to attend the August Meeting.

Sherry Bradley contacted Melody Roberson who stated that she is not yet available to attend regularly but is still interested in becoming a member in the future.

Marshall Romeo ~~attempted to~~ explained to Mystery Bradford the need to attend two to three consecutive ~~Behavioral Health Advisory Board~~ meetings to be considered for appointment ~~but shared his concern that she may not have understood the requirement to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.~~

8. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Sherry Bradley, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Member, shared her written report from the June 17, 2024, Quality Improvement Council (QIC) Meeting. A copy of that report will be included within these minutes.

Jenn Salazar, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Member, expressed her concern over current outreach efforts by the Behavioral Health Department at the homeless encampments. She feels that more presence by Behavioral Health staff would encourage those asking for help to take the next step.

Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Director, will get more Behavioral Health Crisis cards to Jenn Salazar so that those expressing interest in getting help can reach out to the Department's Crisis Line at any time to receive it.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2024, at 4:00 pm. Detailed meeting information will be provided on the August 7, 2024, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The July 3, 2024, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.