



Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (Minutes of the meeting of August 7, 2024) **FINAL**

<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	E				
Cathie Peacock		E	✓	E		✓	✓	✓				
Elizabeth Marum		E	✓	E		E	E	✓				
Jenn Salazar		✓	E	✓		✓	✓	✓				
Maureen Woods		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				
Marshall Romeo		---	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				
Sherry Bradley		✓	E	✓		✓	✓	✓				
Terry Ann Garcia		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	E				
Valerie Shuemaker		✓	E	✓		E	✓	E				

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
Lindsey Lujan, Deputy Director – Behavioral Health Department
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Assistant – Behavioral Health Department
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Mystery Bradford, community member
One other community member was also in attendance who chose not to introduce themselves

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Chair, Ryan Campbell, called the meeting to order at 4:05 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 Marshall Romeo. Elizabeth Marum had not yet arrived. Terry Ann Garcia and Valerie Shuemaker were not in attendance.

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; Lindsey Lujan, Behavioral Health Deputy Director; and Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Support to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Mystery Bradford, community member and Behavioral Health Advisory Board applicant introduced herself to everyone as well.

2. 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.

Mystery Bradford expressed concerns that the homeless population suffering from behavioral health issues are not able to get to the Behavioral Health Department for potential treatment due to a lack of transportation services. Transportation benefits are not available to those that are not actively receiving services.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Cathie Peacock and seconded by Maureen Woods to approve the July 3, 2024; Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed.

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

Elizabeth Marum arrived at 4:20 pm.

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

Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Program:

Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Department Director, updated the group on the IST Permanent Program. The pilot program provided successful outcomes and as a result, the department is now moving into a permanent relationship. There will be a contract going before the Board of Supervisors for approval soon. The IST contract will provide \$7M to serve up to 7 individuals a year using existing staff and resources. Tami explained that participants must comply with the judge's and department's recommendations to stay in the program.

FY '23-24 External Quality Review Organization's (EQRO) Final Report:

Lindsey Lujan, Behavioral Health Deputy Director Quality Management, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the results of the FY '23-24 EQRO Final Report. A copy of that PowerPoint presentation is included with these minutes.

5. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF REPORT

Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Support to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, shared an update on the creation of an online interactive calendar created to assist in the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and public's awareness of upcoming mental health and substance use disorder events within the community. A brief website tutorial was provided to assist all in utilizing this new website calendar.

6. NEW BUSINESS

The group discussed upcoming Behavioral Health Advisory Board tasks and determined that several Ad Hoc groups needed to be created to streamline efforts to accomplish them.

Cathie Peacock and Elizabeth Marum were identified to work on the Data Notebook Ad Hoc. Marshall Romeo, Supervisor Campbell, Maureen Woods, and Elizabeth Marum will serve on the Aegis Site Visit Ad Hoc group, with Cathie Peacock volunteering as an alternate. Cathie Peacock, Jenn Salazar, and Maureen Woods will participate in the Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc. Supervisor Campbell will assist by compiling a list of topics to cover. The Behavioral Health Advisory Board will review their Goals and Objectives at a future meeting in the new year.

A community member noted that attending community events should be included as a part of the group's future goals.

Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Support to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, advised the group that upcoming changes to Welfare and Institutions Code 5620 will impact the current approved Behavioral Health Advisory Board Bylaws. Proposed edits will be made to the current bylaws to bring them into alignment with the Welfare and Institutions Code and the 2024 Board of Supervisors Committees and Commissions Handbook. The proposed draft will be brought back to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board at a future meeting for their review and approval.

7. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Maureen Woods reminded the group that the September 4, 2024, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting will be hosting Marisa Caratachea LMFT, MSC, Behavioral Health Director of the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Indian Health Center as a special speaker. Maureen requested that members get any questions they have for the speaker to Pandora Armbruster.

Jenn Salazar shared her recent experience in calling crisis for assistance for a man located at the Justice Center Homeless Camp threatening to harm himself with a weapon. Her frustrations surrounded being placed on hold and then referred to call law enforcement. Once law enforcement was contacted, they directed her to call the Behavioral Health Department. Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Director, requested that Jenn Salazar provide more details, such as the date, time, and any identifying information for the individual in crisis to her immediately after the meeting.

Cathie Peacock informed the group of an upcoming Discover Life event on October 12 and 13, 2024, from 8 am to 4 pm at 40 N Forest Road, Sonora CA. Free adult health care will be provided to those over the age of 18 years on a first come first served basis.

Mystery Bradford, community member, shared her feeling that 988 was not as helpful as it should be. When calling 988, there is no local response, calls are answered by someone outside of the county and callers are regularly put on hold.

8. NEXT MEETING

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

The August 7, 2024, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.