



Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (Minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2026)

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<u>2026 BHAB Membership</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ryan Campbell - BOS	X	Meeting Cancelled	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anaiah Kirk – BOS Alt	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Holland – BOS Alt	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cathie Peacock	X		X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jenn Salazar	-		X	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maureen Woods	X		X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sherry Bradley	X		X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Terry Ann Garcia	-		X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Valerie Shuemake	X		X	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blake Dolman	-		X	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>
Tami Mariscal, Director – Behavioral Health Department
Lindsey Lujan, Deputy Director – Behavioral Health Department
Evan Hammond-Housing Agency Program Manager- Behavioral Health Department
Ryan Kramer- Staff Services Analyst II, Behavioral Health Department
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Anna Britt Spears-Community Member
Nikki Hyske-Mastercare

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board of Supervisors Behavioral Health Advisory Board Chair, Ryan Campbell, called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Five 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, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley, and Terry Ann Garcia. Blake Dolman, Valerie Shuemake, and Jenn Salazar were not in attendance.

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.

Community member voiced her concern at the high DUI rate in Tuolumne County. She voiced her concern about businesses offering wine pairing events with people consuming alcohol and no rideshare service being offered.

Anna Britt Spears wanted to compliment the advisory board and the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health (TCBH) Department for their efforts to address the need for mental health services in the community.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Jennifer Montgomery, the Chief Administrative Officer/Executive Director for DUI/SUD services with Kings View presented an overview of DUI/SUD service history in Tuolumne County. Kings View began providing DUI services in California in 1975. Kings View is a member of the California Association of DUI Treatment Programs (CADTP). Individuals arrested for driving under the influence are court mandated to complete a state licensed DUI program. The type/length of the program is dependent upon the individual's Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) at the time of arrest and or the number of DUI offenses they have. Individuals can self-refer for services at any time to satisfy the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requirement of completing the DUI counseling program. Kings View provides five different DUI programs based on an individual's BAC or number of DUI offenses. The classes range from a Wet-Reckless program (12 hours of education) to an 18-month multiple offender program. Counselors at Kings View conduct an intake assessment with individuals starting any of the DUI programs to determine if additional help from outside agencies could benefit them, such as referring an individual to TCBH. Kings View DUI program is monitored by TCBH and conducts audits twice a year at the Kings View Sonora office.

Public comment- A community member reported to the board about an article from the CalMatters website that presents information on the multiple DUI offender rates in California.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sherry Bradley moved, and Maureen Woods seconded to approve the March 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes including edits from Maureen Woods, and Sherry Bradley.

(Ayes:5-Supervisor Campbell, Cathie Peacock, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley and Terry Ann Garcia Abstentions: 0. Nays: 0 Members Absent: 3-Jenn Salazar, Blake Dolman, and Valerie Shuemaker)

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tami Mariscal, Director of Behavioral Health Department informed the board of a \$9.5 million dollar grant that TCBH received from the state. The Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) approved the grant to fund a new peer respite center that will be run by TCBH peer specialist staff. The respite center will be located on the first floor of the old Tuolumne County General Hospital next to the

TCBH clinic. Construction to remodel the old emergency room of Tuolumne General Hospital has yet to be finalized. The peer respite center will offer individuals with the need for temporary housing and services to individuals who are waiting to be admitted to a mental health facility. The center is being built solely to provide peer respite services. The name of the Respite Center will be "The Foundry." Local agencies in the community will be assist with building up the peer respite services that will be offered at The Foundry. Completion of The Foundry is expected to be 2030.

No public comments

7. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF REPORT

Evan Hammond-Housing Agency Program Manager provided an update to the board about an upcoming housing property that will offer eight spots for temporary housing. The property titled the Sonora House is located in downtown Sonora. The home will be mixed housing with female and male housing located on the same property. The housing team with TCBH hopes that the home will be opened to new residents by the summer of 2026. Once the Sonora House opens, the housing program will have 35 spots that provide temporary and long-term housing to individuals in need. The current housing properties that are under TCBH hold weekly meetings to help address issues in the home with its residents. Staff from TCBH visit the housing properties to provide case management and offer groups for mental health and substance use disorder services.

The board discussed with Evan Hammond if he could provide a quarterly update to the members with housing statistics. Being mindful to not divulge personal information, the board requested to hear success stories of residents that were able to find permanent housing after participating in TCBH's housing program. It was discussed if the board could tour the Sonora House property soon before residents move into the property. Evan Hammond and his staff will work to schedule a tour.

No public comments

8. CONTINUED BUSINESS

Discussion of providing wraparound services to community agencies/navigation center.

A Navigation Center staff member was present at the meeting and wanted to acknowledge the outreach provided to community members at the center by TCBH. Multiple workshops ran by TCBH staff have been offered to community members at the Navigation Center. In addition, when individuals seek services at the Navigation Center, staff will refer them to TCBH if they believe they may benefit from their services. An increased presence of TCBH staff at the Navigation Center was suggested by Tami Mariscal. TCBH staff visiting the Navigation Center could provide mental health and substance use disorder assessments for individuals seeking services. TCBH clinical staff will meet to discuss the possibility of providing group services to community members at the Navigation Center.

Public Comment-A Navigation Center staff member wanted to report to the board and community members of an upcoming chair yoga session that will be offered at the Navigation Center. Community members can contact the Navigation Center for more information.

9. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

- Sherry Bradley attended a California Behavioral Health Planning Council's (CBHPC) educational webinar. Panelists at the webinar presented findings and

recommendations from their review of the 2025 Data Notebook Overview Report. The 2025 Data Notebook focused on wellness centers in California. Sherry provided a handout to the board that reviewed wellness center data. The data included types of services offered to individuals, agencies that operate the wellness centers and how the centers are funded. Tami Mariscal notified the advisory board that two TCBH Peer Specialist completed their certification process. TCBH intends to offer increased services at the local wellness center called the Enrichment Center. In addition, services provided by Certified Peer Specialist would be billed to Medi-Cal.

- Board members discussed who could be the next speaker to present at the advisory board meeting. Tuolumne County Health Officer Dr. Kimberly Freeman is tentative to present at June's meeting. Further discussion from the board is needed help focus the priority and information that Dr. Freeman can present to the board.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The April 1, 2026, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm.