



Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (Minutes of the meeting of May 6, 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	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anaiah Kirk – BOS Alt	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Holland – BOS Alt	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cathie Peacock	X		X	X	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jenn Salazar	-		X	E	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maureen Woods	X		X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sherry Bradley	X		X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Terry Ann Garcia	-		X	X	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Valerie Shuemake	X		X	E	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blake Dolman	-		X	E	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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
Jenn Guhl-BHSA 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
Lisa Silva-Mastercare

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board of Supervisors Behavioral Health Advisory Board Chair, Ryan Campbell, called the meeting to order at 4:01 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, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley, Jenn Salazar and Blake Dolman. Valerie Shuemake, Terry Ann Garcia and Cathie Peacock was 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.

Anna Britt Spears voiced her concern for community members that are in need of peer-to-peer mental health services. These members are dealing with unstable housing situations and could benefit from agencies in county offering mental health services. Anna has spoken with community members from camp justice who have voiced their frustration regarding Board of Supervisor candidates stating they are visiting the camp weekly to speak with members. Individuals at the camp claim that those statements made are false. Lastly Anna wanted to praise the staff at the Navigation Center for their calm and quick handling of a medical emergency that recently took place at the center. First responders arrived at the center and assisted the individual in need.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sherry Bradley moved, and Maureen Woods seconded to approve the April 1, 2026, Meeting Minutes including edits from Maureen Woods, and Sherry Bradley.

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

5. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tami Mariscal, Director of Behavioral Health Department discussed the future changes to Medi-Cal eligibility for California residents effective January 2027. The passing of the H.R. 1, also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," will enact new Medi-Cal eligibility requirements for individuals who have Medi-Cal insurance. Individuals on Medi-Cal will now have to complete their renewal certification every six months, the previous renewal term was once a year. Tuolumne County Behavioral Health (TCBH) is concerned that changes to resident's Medi-Cal eligibility status could interrupt care for those who are receiving housing assistance, medication and hospitalization services. Fortunately, individuals who are receiving Specialty Mental Health (SMH) services are exempt from the updated Medi-Cal eligibility requirements.

Supervisor Campbell wants to discuss how the implementation of H.R. 1 could negatively affect income generated from billing for Medi-Cal services at TCBH and the local hospital. And if H.R. 1 would have long-term effects on the county's budget.

No public comments

Director Tami Mariscal provided an update for wrap around services that will be offered at the Navigation Center. TCBH staff have discussed with community members at the Navigation Center regarding what issues they face that could be the focus of upcoming support groups. A topical group will be facilitated by TCBH staff once a week at the Navigation Center. TCBH staff will begin to offer Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder screenings for individuals who may want services from the clinic.

Public comment- A community member wanted to thank TCBH for stepping up and providing a well needed service for individuals at the Navigation Center. Members voiced their concern for increased difficulty for members for individuals at camp justice. The

community member requested TCBH to provide wraparound services for individuals at the camp justice.

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF REPORT

Jenn Guhl-BHSA Agency Program Manager announced to the board that May is Mental Health Month. Jenn provided information on several events that are happening in May around the county. Tuesday May 12th Jenn will be at the Board of Supervisors meeting to bring the resolution forward proclaiming May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month. That same day, community stakeholders and TCBH staff will meet at 1pm at Courthouse Park to decorate Washington Street with green ribbons to commemorate Mental Health Awareness. Friday May 29th the Enrichment Center host their monthly Mental Health Coffee Talk from 8am to 10am, TCBH and other direct service providers will be present to discuss various topics around mental health awareness. In addition, May 29th from 10am to 1pm, the Enrichment Center will host the Mental health awareness event. Up to twelve community resources will be present at the event to offer information and outreach for anyone who are seeking services. Games and a free lunch is being offered to attendants.

Public comments-None

7. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Kimberly Freeman will present to the board at the next meeting in June. Dr. Freeman requested the board to provide topics of what they would like for her to present on. The board would like data on Tuolumne County suicide rates to be presented. Including factors such local demographics and other trends. Targeted early prevention strategies and campaigns offered in the community. Moreover, emerging state and local public health issues pertaining to substance use disorder.

Supervisor Campbell suggested that the next advisory board meeting could publicized to the community to draw attention. Such as sending a letter to the editor of the Union Democrat or advertising the next meeting on social media platforms.

Public comments – A community member wanted to give kudos to the Public Health Department staff for their services provided to members at camp justice.

8. CONTINUED BUSINESS

Board members agreed the best time to tour the Sonora House property would be in May or June. Sherry Bradley, Blake Dolman and Maureen Woods volunteered to tour the home. TCBH staff will coordinate with the advisory board for an upcoming visit of the Sonora House.

No public Comment

9. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

- Sherry Bradley wanted to highlight the presentation regarding the upcoming Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) project that was discussed at the Quality Improvement Council (QIC) on April 17th. Sherry gave

kudos to TCBH's Quality Improvement Supervisor Amanda Lawrance for her detailed and informative presentation on service data during QIC.

- Sherry attended the CALBHBC quarterly meeting on April 17th. The topic for the 2026 Data Notebook topic was announced. The topic will focus on Behavioral Health Services for Foster Youth. The advisory board will assist TCBH staff to complete the 2026 Data Notebook. Sherry provided handouts to the board and community members regarding both meetings discussed.
- Jenn Salazar wanted to discuss what she read on an online community dispatch page regarding the negative feedback of TCBH's outreach the community. In addition, the community dispatch page discussed suicide rates in Tuolumne County. Board members discussed if Tuolumne County could review how other counties are addressing suicide rates in their community.

Public Comment- A community member voice her concern regarding individuals at the navigation center running out of their medications.

Supervisor Campbell wanted to discuss what barriers individuals are facing in the community that are preventing them from receiving their medications on time.

Lisa Silva commented on the suicide statistics discussed. Lisa recommended asking the YES commission to provide relevant county data that could be presented to the advisory board.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The May 6, 2026, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 5:11pm.