



Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (Minutes of the meeting of June 3, 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	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anaiah Kirk – BOS Alt	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Holland – BOS Alt	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cathie Peacock	X		X	X	A	A	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jenn Salazar	-		X	E	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maureen Woods	X		X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sherry Bradley	X		X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Terry Ann Garcia	-		X	X	E	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Valerie Shuemaker	X		X	E	E	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blake Dolman	-		X	E	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
Jenn Guhl-BHSA Agency Program Manager- Behavioral Health Department
Ryan Kramer- Staff Services Analyst II, Behavioral Health Department
Annie Hockett-HHSA Director
Dr. Kimberly Freeman-Public Health Officer, Public Health Department
Katie Andrews-EMS Administrator, Public Health Department
Kristina Herrera-Agency Manager, Public Health Department
Paul Marum- Senior Staff Analyst, Public Health Department
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Anna Britt Spears-Community Member
Sierra Andrews-CMA

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

6 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, Terry Ann Garcia, and Valerie Shuemaker. Blake Dolman and Cathie Peacock 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 wanted to comment on the lack of quality care and mental health services their family have received from agencies in this county. As a primary care provider for a family member, the community member shared their experience with the lack of services and communication from healthcare providers. The community member requested that the advisory board further discuss how service delivery for Tuolumne County residents can be improved.

Anna Britt Spears shared the great experience she had at the Mental Health Awareness Celebration held at the Enrichment Center on Friday, May 29th.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sherry Bradley moved, and Maureen Woods seconded to approve the May 6, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously

(Ayes:6-Supervisor Campbell, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley, Jenn Salazar, Valerie Shuemake and Terry Ann Garcia Abstentions: 0. Nays: 0 Members Absent: 2- Blake Dolman, and Cathie Peacock)

5. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tami Mariscal, Director of Behavioral Health Department reported to the board that Tuolumne County Behavioral Health (TCBH) will absorb the caseload held by GEO Reentry Services, as the contractor will not renew their agreement for day reporting services in Tuolumne County. Moreover, individuals receiving services at TCBH will have the opportunity to apply for other resources such as medication support, crisis services, peer support and for individuals with dual diagnoses, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and mental health services. The Me-Wuk Indian Health Center is available to provide SUD services to those in the community with mild to moderate need for SUD services.

Public Comments- None

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF REPORT

Discussion of touring the Sonora House property will be passed on for the next scheduled advisory board meeting due lack of quorum as some board members needed to leave early today.

Public Comments- None

7. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Kimberly Freeman, Public Health Officer for the Public Health Department presented a detailed, data driven presentation to the advisory board. Dr. Freeman began with an overview of Public Health (PH) services offered to county residents. The main topics of the presentation covered opioid & overdose, suicide data, and prevention strategies & coalitions. Dr. Freeman reviewed data that reports Tuolumne County has the highest rate of opioid related overdoses and admittance to emergency room due to opioid use in the state. Among total drug overdose deaths in Tuolumne County, opioid related

overdose deaths have led this category since 2019. With the increased drug enforcement and criminal penalties for distributing illegal drugs, PH has noticed a decrease in most illegal substance use in Tuolumne County. New local ordinances are being developed with hopes to decrease the availability of some “legal,” substances that are negatively affecting county residents such as Kratom and Nitrous Oxide. Suicide data collected in Tuolumne County from 2016 to 2025 reports that 83% of suicides were male, 47% of suicide deaths were by firearm and that 21% of suicides were veterans. Crude rate data reports that 2021 saw the greatest decrease of the suicide rate in Tuolumne County and 2022 saw the greatest increase of suicide over the data collection period. The suicide rate in 2025 is almost the lowest during the time frame of the report. Suicide rate by age groups was reviewed as well, showing that suicide is the second most common cause of death for youth ages 10-19 years old in the county. For Tuolumne County to address substance use and suicide prevention, it requires a coordinated, community wide approach. Dr. Freeman highlighted three substance use and suicide prevention coalitions in the county; Tuolumne County Opioid Coalition, YES Partnership and Suicide Prevention Collaborative.

Director Tami Mariscal encouraged the advisory board to plan a visit to the local jail to learn about services being offered by TCBH to individuals. The Jail Commander has voiced their support with providing a tour as well.

Public Comments- None

8. CONTINUED BUSINESS

9. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

- Jenn Salazar attended the Amador Homeless Resource Fair in Jackson on May 18th and 19th. The overnight event allowed people to speak with various service providers in the area, and free meals were provided to attendees. Jenn provided a brief history of her experiences with residential treatment facilities when she was younger. And wanted to emphasize that this type of event could be beneficial individuals experiencing housing insecurity. Jenn was able to meet with the organizers of the event and they would like to provide a similar outreach event in Tuolumne County.
- Maureen Woods reported to the board about her visit to the Mental Health Awareness celebration event at the Enrichment Center on ay 29th.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The June 3, 2026, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 5:07pm.