



Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board **(Minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2021)** **FINAL**

<u>2021 MHAB Membership</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Jaron Brandon - BOS	C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	E
Anaiah Kirk – BOS Alt	A	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Cynthia Halman	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mary Anne Schmidt	C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E
Valerie Shuemaker	E	E	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	E	E	E	✓	E
Chris Daly	L	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E
Emily Valentine	L			✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Heather Farris	E								E	✓	✓	✓
Jenn Salazar	D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	E	✓	✓
Jennifer Pastorini				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Elizabeth Marum					✓	A	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓
Maureen Woods					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Penny Ablin				✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓
Sherry Bradley			✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Susie DeMassey					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E

14 MHAB Members, 1 BOS Alternate

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>
Wendy Hoffman-Brady, Assistant Director HHSA
Debra Esque, Veterans Services Officer
Tami Mariscal, Deputy Director – Behavioral Health
Brock Kolby, Deputy Director – Behavioral Health
Lindsey Lujan, Agency Manager – Behavioral Health
Jennifer Guhl, MHSA Program Specialist – Behavioral Health
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Assistant - BH
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Constance Bone, Community Member, and applicant for membership
Marjorie Langford, Community Member and applicant for membership
Bryanna Carter, Mathiesen Memorial Red Feather MAT Center
Christina Welch, Community Member and Chairperson of the TCCoH

I. CALL TO ORDER – 5 minutes

- Advisory Board Chair, Cynthia Halman, announced to attendees that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of assuring accurate meeting minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm. Nine of the fourteen members were present and accounted for at the time of roll call to complete a quorum for the Board. Those

present were Cynthia Halman, Emily Valentine, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, Jennifer Pastorini, Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, Penny Ablin, and Sherry Bradley. Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemaker, Chris Daly, and Susie DeMassey were not in attendance when the meeting was called to order.

- Pandora Armbruster, Quality Improvement Administrative Assistant, read the November 3, 2021 Findings Resolution for AB 361 into the meeting record (attached).
- A motion was made by Penny Ablin and seconded by Jennifer Pastorini to make the January 5, 2022 Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) meeting available for virtual attendance per AB 361 and through #2 of the associated Findings. The motion passed unanimously by all members present. (Ayes: 9 - Cynthia Halman, Emily Valentine, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, Jennifer Pastorini, Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, Penny Ablin, and Sherry Bradley. Nays: 0 Members Absent: 5 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemaker, Chris Daly, and Susie DeMassey)

As a result of this determination, the January 5, 2022 Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting will only be available for virtual attendance per the County Administrator's recommendation to only allow in-person or virtual meetings, not through a combination of both.

II. INTRODUCTIONS – 2 minutes

Introductions were made by all Behavioral Health Advisory Board members present. Introductions were made by Tuolumne County staff as follows: Wendy Hoffman-Brady - Assistant Director Health and Human Services Agency, Debra Esque – Veterans' Services Officer, Tami Mariscal - Behavioral Health Deputy Director, Brock Kolby - Behavioral Health Deputy Director, Lindsey Lujan - Quality Improvement Agency Manager, Jenn Guhl – MHSA Program Specialist, and Pandora Armbruster – Quality Improvement Administrative Assistant. Other attendees introduced were Bryanna Carter - Mathiesen Memorial Red Feather Clinic, Constance Bone - Community Member, and Christine Welch – Community Member and Chairperson of Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness.

III. PUBLIC HEARING - DRAFT MHSA 3-Year Plan FY '20-23

Jenn Guhl, MHSA Program Specialist, introduced herself and presented a PowerPoint presentation of the DRAFT MHSA 3-Year Plan for FY '20-23. A copy of that presentation will be incorporated into these minutes. Upon completion of the presentation, a public comment period was opened for attendees. Questions received through chat were as follows:

- Can FSP funding be used for Substance Use services? FSP funds are mental health specific, however it can be used to access substance use disorder services for those clients who are enrolled in the Full-Service Partnership (FSP) program.
- What is the full cost of the new Electronic Medical Record (EMR) System? There is a one-time fee for implementation of the new EMR system which will be spread over the next 2-3 years which will include the transition from our existing system into the new one. Additionally, there is an annual ongoing cost to the service provider. These numbers and the specific contract information was presented to the Board of Supervisors two weeks ago, so all the contract documentation associated with this project is available to the public.
- Is there anything specific to anti-stigma efforts under the ATCAA Contract? At this time, there is not a specific contract focused on mental health anti-stigma

efforts, though it is part of ATCAA's mission. Their ongoing efforts to reduce stigma within our community are a part of their trainings and presentations but are not called out specifically within their contracts.

- Will the Draft MHSA 3-Year Plan for FY '20-23 PowerPoint Presentation be available to attendees? Pandora will include this slide deck as an attachment to the BHAB December Minutes.
- Why is there such a wide difference in costs between the Enrichment Center (\$155 per visit) vs. the David Lambert Drop-In Center (\$15 per visit)? The David Lambert Drop-In Center is completely volunteer run, without any paid staff onsite. The property is leased vs. owned. The Enrichment Center is staffed by county employees and offers expanded services, such as laundry and shower facilities. The building is county-owned and operated.
- What has been the impact of Covid related to social isolation on Mental Health services? The greatest impact specific to mental health services, through the lens of the MHSA, has been around the closure of the Enrichment Center and the Drop-In Center. Safely reopening has taken several months and greatly impacted the community. The centers are still not functioning at full capacity. Creative and modified services have been put in place to alleviate some of the isolation and increase socialization through phone support.
- Why were the 100% preventative young adult program attached to the Center for Nonviolent Community (CNVC) discontinued? CNVC was awarded a contract through a Request for Proposal (RFP) two or three years ago specifically for a prevention and early intervention program. This program exceeded the costs associated with the contract. We are unable to provide additional funding without opening the RFP process to all interested parties and will be doing that in the future.
- Please explain the "Mental Health Loan Assumption Program (MHLAP)." The MHLAP allows MHSA to assist staff in paying for their educational costs through the Workforce and Education Training funds. This is a way to entice students to enter the mental health field and work for county entities.
- When will stakeholder input be sought to guide selection of a new Innovation Project? The date has not yet been set to solicit input, but we will be looking at getting this going as soon as possible.
- Maureen asked if there is an active First Five Commission in Tuolumne County? Yes, there is a very active First Five Commission in Tuolumne.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW – 2 minutes

After review of the agenda, Sherry Bradley suggests that in the interest of time, under XI Business: Item #2 Behavioral Health Advisory Board Membership be moved ahead of Item #1 Tuolumne County 2021 Data Notebook. Cynthia Halman, Board Chair agrees, and those items will be rearranged to address membership first within the Business Section. The group discussed the potential time needed to cover this month's packed agenda. Penny Ablin withdrew her Item #3 under New Business as she feels that this topic has already been addressed through information gained during the Quality Improvement Council meeting.

V. CORRESPONDENCE – 2 minutes

Cynthia Halman noted that Chris Daly's email correspondence announcing her resignation was received and this topic will be addressed later within the meeting.

Jenn Salazar left the meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 5 minutes: November 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Emily Valentine made a motion to approve the November 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Maureen Woods seconded the motion. Motion passed. (Ayes: 7 - Cynthia Halman, Emily Valentine, Elizabeth Marum, Heather Farris, Jennifer Pastorini, Penny Ablin, and Sherry Bradley. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 1 – Maureen Woods Members Absent: 6 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemaker, Chris Daly, Jenn Salazar, and Susie DeMassey)

VII. SUPERVISOR’S REPORT – 5 minutes: Board of Supervisors Representative – Jaron Brandon

Supervisor Brandon’s report was postponed until next meeting as he was not in attendance.

VIII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT – 5 minutes: Rebecca Espino, Interim BH Director

Due to a meeting conflict, Rebecca Espino, Interim Behavioral Health Director could not attend this meeting.

Brock Kolby, Behavioral Health Deputy Director, shared a summary of Behavioral Health updates.

- The Behavioral Health Department continues to partner with Tuolumne County Schools to deploy their recently awarded Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) grant. This Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools administered grant will result in additional therapy and case management within the twelve different school districts.
- The department continues to collaborate with local correctional partners, participating in a local mental health diversion program as well as developing a state felony diversion program. These two programs offer misdemeanor and state felony inmates mental health treatment in lieu of incarceration or psychiatric hospitalization. More to come on these important programs.
- Behavioral Health is currently managing several Corrective Action Plans from the Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) in reference to our Substance Use Disorder program. The state has informed all 58 CA counties of increased monitoring and quarterly attestations with the Triennial audits. This increased monitoring has resulted in additional workloads for our administrative staff.
- Staff recruitment continues. We are currently recruiting for clinicians, both full time and relief, program supervisors, behavioral health director, deputy director and behavioral health worker positions. We are still in great need of clinical staff.
- We continue to prioritize services for children. We have increased collaboration with Child Welfare Services and have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Children’s System of Care, as well as partnering with the school system.
- Lastly, we are reapplying for a mobile crisis grant and we are implementing a new electronic medical record system within the next eight months.

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Members of the Advisory Board may share announcements and/or comment on matters not on the

agenda. Advisory Board Members' comments/announcements will be limited to **three minutes**.

- Emily Valentine shared the Tuolumne County Democratic Central Committee's upcoming zoom meeting on December 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm. This event is highlighting guest speaker Ash Kalra's AB 1400 CalCare, the creation of a single payer healthcare system for all Californian residents, regardless of citizenship status. More information on this meeting will be shared with the group.
- Penny Ablin attended the Quality Improvement Council's recent meeting and shared information gained about staff's ongoing Change Agent meetings and recent StrengthFinders training. These offerings are aimed at addressing staff's recent concerns.

X. 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 **five 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.

No public comments were received.

XI. BUSINESS

Continued Items:

1. Behavioral Health Advisory Board Membership (15 minutes)
 - Chris Daly Resignation Letter – Acceptance and Approval to Move Forward to the Board of Supervisors

Emily Valentine made a motion to accept Chris Daly's resignation and move it forward to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance with a recommendation to send a letter of appreciation for her many years of service. Heather Farris seconded the motion. Motion passed. (Ayes: 8 - Cynthia Halman, Emily Valentine, Heather Farris, Jennifer Pastorini, Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, Penny Ablin, and Sherry Bradley. Nays: 0 Members Absent: 6 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemaker, Chris Daly, Jenn Salazar, and Susie DeMassey)
 - New Member Application Review – Discussion, Review and Possible Action to Forward to Board of Supervisors for Approval of Appointment - Cynthia Halman
 - a. Marjorie Langdon
 - b. Constance Bone

Sherry Bradley made a motion to recommend the appointment of both Marjorie Langdon and Constance Bone to the Board of Supervisors. Emily Valentine seconded the motion. (Ayes: 8 - Cynthia Halman, Emily Valentine, Heather Farris, Jennifer Pastorini, Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, Penny Ablin, and Sherry Bradley. Nays: 0 Members Absent: 6 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemaker, Chris Daly, Jenn Salazar, and Susie DeMassey)
2. Tuolumne County 2021 Data Notebook (20 Minutes): Discussion, Review and Possible Action to Approve for Submission – Cynthia Halman

- The group discussed options and answers to the Data Notebook survey questions. It was decided that comments and feedback be provided to Pandora for compilation and presentation at the next month's meeting.

New Business:

3. Role of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board in staff support and retention (15 Minutes) – Penny Ablin

This item was withdrawn by Penny Ablin during the Agenda Review period.

Due to a limitation in meeting time, Items # 4-5 will be moved to the January 5, 2022 Meeting.

Ad-Hoc Committees' Progress Reports:

4. "Speakers for Advisory Board" Ad-Hoc Committee (10 minutes) – Cynthia Halman
 - Suggested Speakers – Cathie Parker – TCSOS, Juvenile Hall, Probation Dept., Community Cultural Collaborative, District Attorney's Office, ATCAA, and Mark Dyken – Resiliency Village
 - Invitations for them to attend future meetings.
5. "Social Media" Ad-Hoc Committee (15 Minutes) – Mary Anne Schmidt
 - Update & Possible Action on Facebook Build Out/Suggested Links for FB page

Items for Future Meetings:

6. "Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors" Ad-hoc Workgroup (5 minutes) – Cynthia Halman
 - Review, Discussion & Possible Action to Approve for Presentation to Board of Supervisors
7. "Taking the Call" National Conference (5 minutes per person): Reports from Attendees – Mary Anne Schmidt
8. "Call to Action" Ad-Hoc Committee Update (5 minutes) – Cynthia Halman
9. Board Membership: Recruiting Youth (5 minutes) – Heather Farris
10. "Bylaws Review" Ad-hoc Committee (5 minutes) – Cynthia Halman
 - Review, Discussion, and possible Action regarding the "Executive Committee" language used in the current and draft bylaws.
 - Review & Approve County Council Edits, if completed, and Possible Action to move forward to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance.
11. Social Get-Together Discussion – Cynthia Halman
 - Proposed Date, Place and Associated Costs – Cynthia Halman

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting after New Business: Item #3, by Emily Valentine and seconded by Sherry Bradley. Motion passed. (Ayes: 8 - Cynthia Halman,

Emily Valentine, Heather Farris, Jennifer Pastorini, Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, Penny Ablin, and Sherry Bradley. Nays: 0 Members Absent: 6 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemade, Chris Daly, Jenn Salazar, and Susie DeMassey)

The meeting was adjourned by Cynthia Halman at 6:01 pm. The next Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2022, at 4:00 pm via videoconference through Zoom and teleconference only. Meeting information will be posted on the January 2022 Agenda.