



Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (Minutes of the meeting of September 7, 2022) **FINAL**

<u>2022 BHAB Membership</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Jaron Brandon - BOS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Anaiah Kirk – BOS Alt	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E			
Mary Anne Schmidt, Chairperson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Sherry Bradley, Vice-Chairperson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Heather Farris, Secretary	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Cynthia Halman	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓			
Elizabeth Marum	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	E			
Emily Valentine	E	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	E	✓	A			
Jenn Salazar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E			
Marjorie Langdon	A	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓	A			
Maureen Woods	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Susie DeMassey	✓	E	✓	E	✓	E	✓	E	✓			
Valerie Shuemaker	E	✓	E	E	A	✓	✓	E	✓			

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E

12 MHAB Members, 1 BOS Alternate

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>
Rebecca Espino, Director – Health & Human Services Agency
Tami Mariscal, Director – Behavioral Health Department
Lindsey Lujan, Agency Manager – Behavioral Health
Jenn Guhl, MHSA Agency Manager – Behavioral Health
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Assistant – Behavioral Health
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Urooj John, Catholic Charities
Estrella Torres, Community Member

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Advisory Board Chairperson, Mary Anne Schmidt, announced to attendees that the meeting was being recorded.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm. Seven of the twelve members were present and accounted for at the time of roll call to complete a quorum for the Board. Behavioral Health Advisory Board members introduced themselves as roll call was taken. Those present were Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Sherry Bradley, Heather Farris, Cynthia Halman, Maureen Woods, and Susie DeMassey. Elizabeth Marum, Emily Valentine, Jenn

Salazar, Marjorie Langdon, and Valerie Shuemaker were not in attendance at the time of roll call.

- The August 3, 2022, Findings Resolution for AB 361 indicating that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board would be meeting virtually only for the September 7, 2022, meeting was incorporated into the meeting record.
- A motion was made by Sherry Bradley and seconded by Heather Farris to make the October 5, 2022, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting available for virtual attendance per AB 361 and through #2 of the associated Findings. The motion passed. (Ayes: 7 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Sherry Bradley, Heather Farris, Cynthia Halman, Maureen Woods, and Susie DeMassey. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Members Absent: 5 – Elizabeth Marum, Emily Valentine, Jenn Salazar, Marjorie Langdon, and Valerie Shuemaker)

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

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by Tuolumne County staff in attendance, as follows: Rebecca Espino – Director, Health and Human Services Agency, Tami Mariscal – Director, Behavioral Health Department, Lindsey Lujan - Agency Manager, Jenn Guhl – MHSA Agency Manager, and Pandora Armbruster – Administrative Assistant. Urooj John - Catholic Charities was also present.

III. AGENDA REVIEW PERIOD

There were no suggested changes to the order of agenda items.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was reported.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cynthia Halman pointed out a correction to the date of the Suicide Expo which should read September 13, 2022.

Heather Farris moved to approve the August 7, 2022, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes with the noted correction. Maureen Woods seconded. Motion passed.

(Ayes: 6 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Sherry Bradley, Heather Farris, Cynthia Halman, and Maureen Woods. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 1 – Susie DeMassey Members Absent: 5 – Elizabeth Marum, Emily Valentine, Jenn Salazar, Marjorie Langdon, and Valerie Shuemaker.)

VI. 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.

No public comments were received.

VII. NEW BUSINESS & ACTIONS

Nothing agendaized for this month.

VIII. AD HOC COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. DATA NOTEBOOK – Sherry Bradley, Ad hoc Chair

Sherry Bradley presented several questions still outstanding from the 2022 Data Notebook to gain input and feedback from members on the Ad hoc's recommended answers for inclusion in the final report.

Due to the limited time left for review, a few of the remaining questions will be presented to members via email from Pandora Armbruster to assist Sherry in completing the 2022 Data Notebook for final review and approval for submission at next month's meeting.

B. BOARD MEMBER RECRUITMENT& MEMBERSHIP – Heather Farris, Ad hoc Chair

1. Update on the Orientation Plan for New Members

Heather briefly explained that the Orientation Plan has been updated and divided into four modules which will be presented at next month's meeting.

2. Review Pending BHAB Applications

After discussion and presentation by Heather Farris, it was decided that an Application Review and Interview Committee Ad Hoc would streamline the vetting process for the three new pending applicants to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board vacant seats. Ad hoc members were identified as Jaron Brandon and Mary Anne Schmidt.

3. Behavioral Health Advisory Board Members Applications for Reappointment – Sherry Bradley, Jenn Salazar, and Marjorie Langdon.

***Valerie Shuemaker arrived at the meeting at 5:05 pm

A motion was made by Jaron Brandon and seconded by Valerie Shuemaker to move Marjorie Langdon and Sherry Bradley's applications forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval of reappointment to a new term. (Ayes: 7 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Sherry Bradley, Heather Farris, Cynthia Halman, Maureen Woods, and Valerie Shuemaker. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 1 – Susie DeMassey Members Absent: 4 – Elizabeth Marum, Emily Valentine, Jenn Salazar, and Marjorie Langdon.)

Heather Farris relayed that another reminder would be sent to Jenn Salazar to complete her application for reappointment.

4. Youth Recruitment Plan

Heather Farris shared a PowerPoint Presentation update on the Youth Orientation and Recruitment Plan developed through the Board Member Recruitment and Membership Ad hoc Committee which was included with the agenda packet. The goal of this plan is to present

information to the Board of Supervisors in support of developing a youth membership category on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board. Heather pointed out that the importance of youth experiences with mental health in our community is in line with the board's focus and goals and will provide a voice for youth within Tuolumne County. Plans for a future presentation to the Board of Supervisors advocating for this change is in the works.

C. SPEAKING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – Mary Anne Schmidt for Marjorie Langdon

Mary Anne Schmidt shared information on Marjorie Langdon's behalf as she was not in attendance at the meeting. The Ad hoc Committee came up with a plan to present monthly to the Board of Supervisors. The presentation material would be compiled each month by the members of the Ad hoc Committee. The goal of these presentations would be to bridge communications and concerns between the Behavioral Health Department, the Advisory Board, the public, and the Board of Supervisors. These presentations will inform the Board of Supervisors of what the Advisory Board is doing to support the Behavioral Health Department, what they hope to accomplish over the next month, and could also include a call to action based on possible findings, discussions, and goals. The plan provides an opportunity for every Advisory Board member to present at a future Board of Supervisors Meeting if they wish.

Mary Anne shared a draft template proposed by the Ad hoc Committee to assist in preparation of these monthly presentations.

Rebecca Espino shared that the October Board of Supervisors Meetings were already jam packed and she would send an email in to see if a date could be secured for a November presentation.

The group shared concerns about monthly presentations being a bit burdensome and a consensus was reached that quarterly reports may be more doable. The Ad hoc will start working on a presentation for the month of November.

Lindsey Lujan will move the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Quarterly Report for October 4th to November. All Board of Supervisors Agenda items and support materials must be provided to Lindsey Lujan well in advance of any scheduled presentation.

IX. REPORTS

A. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Brandon shared information on several items addressed at recent Board of Supervisors Meetings. He relayed that the Board of Supervisors held a 13-hour 48-minute meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. The long meeting was a result of several topics before the Board. Items under review concerned updated recommendations to the budget – fund balance, ARP funds, general fund, and growth. He noted that Tuolumne County Arts had a \$50,000 allocation set aside for one year. Additional funding for recreation projects were also reviewed and a few

positions adjustments were made within the Health and Human Services Agency budget.

Michael Roberson, Tuolumne County Homelessness Coordinator presented information on the proposed Pallet Shelter for the homeless population. A decision was made to look at moving this forward in the Spring after more information can be gathered.

B. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tami Mariscal provided additional information on the department's plans at the Homelessness Pallet Shelter site. In addition to the residents already in

Behavioral Health's care, plans are made to be out there providing screening and assessments no differently than we would for those presenting at our agency or who reach out to us via telephone. We will be covering crisis, outpatient mental health, substance use disorder prevention and intervention. We plan to have a daily presence at that site.

Tami provided a staffing update. She shared that Behavioral Health is now down to only one vacancy within the leadership team. A new Program Supervisor has been hired. Stephen Roos, clinician in the Full Service Partnership (FSP) Program, has accepted the promotion. He has worked for Behavioral Health for some time, and the department is excited to be able to promote from within. Stephen will be assisting in the implementation of several new projects around FSP like Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST), Mental Health Diversion (MHD), and Care Court.

A former employee has returned to Behavioral Health as a clinical intern, Paul Castro, Substance Use Program, is here to gain his clinical hours for registration and licensure.

Head of Service interviews are over, and a decision has been made. An announcement will be shared once all applicants have been informed.

***Supervisor Brandon left the meeting at 5:20 pm.

Tami informed the group that Behavioral Health recognizes that the population being served is changing, as the department is seeing more and more individuals who are engaged in the judicial system. Several safety trainings have been deployed to staff to give them the tools they need to stay safe while providing services on site and out in the field. Quality Improvement has built a 30-60-90 Day robust orientation training plan for staff that is specific to employees' roles and responsibilities. All of this is being done to assure that staff are prepared for any concern and that the quality of client care continues to meet the highest standards.

Suicide Prevention Week is September 4th through the 10th. Saturday, September 10th, is World Suicide Day which coincides with the Hope and Honor Walk. Please come out and join us. The times and locations are shared on the Behavioral Health Facebook page and website.

Tami shared that the Behavioral Health team is keeping pace with CalAIMS imposed deadlines and expectations. This full transformation of behavioral health services for California, eliminates much of the

burdensome and unnecessary paperwork, resulting in a positive impact on client care.

All Corrective Action Plans from last year's Substance Use Audits have been completed, except for one remaining item. The Spring 2022 External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) review has been published and is now on the BHIS EQRO website. Tami encouraged Behavioral Health Advisory Board members to read this document. It provides an overall view of the Behavioral Health Department. You will learn the standards and quality of care expected by the State, see how we are graded, and if there were any findings, or recommendations for our system. A link to the website will be sent out to all attendees.

The first Mental Health Coffee Talk occurred on August 26th. There was only one attendee. Teri Alford, TCSOS, joined about a dozen staff members who came and went throughout the morning. Even though the turnout was light, staff and Terri Alford enjoyed talking about current mental health topics. Please be sure to join us at the next Mental Health Coffee Talk on the fourth Friday of every month at the Enrichment Center from 8 am to 10 am.

Tami drew attention to Behavioral Health's Facebook page. More posts and more valuable information are now being shared via social media. Several community partners have expressed their appreciation of recent postings. Tami reminded the board to send their suggestions to the department for consideration of posting.

Behavioral Health is engaged in reviewing their Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) with the Juvenile Detention Facility, the Probation Department, the Jail, and Adventist Health Sonora. If concerns or issues arise, more information will be shared with the Advisory Board.

C. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Mary Anne Schmidt requested information on responses to the survey sent out to members. She asks that board members send those to Pandora soon.

Mary Anne shared that she recently read the Innovation Grant sent out by Jenn Guhl, on August 18th. She inquires whether the approval of the Advisory Board is required to move the Innovation Plan forward. Lindsey Lujan informed the Advisory Board that the Mental Health Services Act does not require the Behavioral Health Advisory Board's action to approve the Innovation Plan. Sherry Bradley relayed her belief that the Advisory Board did not see the detailed plan at the time of the original presentation and her concern is that there is not a Public Hearing scheduled at the culmination of the public comment period. Jenn Guhl will reach out to find out what may be required to move the Innovation Plan process forward appropriately.

D. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Tami hoped that those in attendance had a chance to review CARE Court – SB 1338. Mary Anne Schmidt shared the most current language surrounding it with in the agenda packet. Cynthia Halman requested that a summary be provided, either in writing, via email or at a future meeting.

E. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cynthia Halman reminded everyone that the Suicide Prevention Expo is coming up on Tuesday, September 13th, from 1-5 pm at the Fairgrounds. Twenty-four agencies will be talking about the things that they do to help prevent suicide. There will be people from veterans, seniors, the faith community, and people regarding grief and loss. Ten people trained in ASIST and identified by 988 t-shirts will be ready to provide help to anyone having thoughts of suicide. 988 education continues to be provided to 7-12th grade students throughout the school system. These educational offerings presented in collaboration with school counselors, helps to build relationships with students.

***Susie DeMassey left the meeting at 5:50 pm.

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm due to a loss of quorum. All remaining items will be tabled until the October 5, 2022, meeting.

X. SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Tabled until October Meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The September 7, 2022, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned immediately following Item IX., E. Board Member Reports/Announcements due to a loss of quorum. See item above.

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