



# MENDOCINO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Potter Valley Family Resource Center,  
10270 Main Street, Potter Valley, CA

**Chairperson**  
Jan McGourty

**Vice Chair**  
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**Secretary**  
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**BOS Supervisor**  
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**1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT:**

DENISE GORNY  
JAN MCGOURTY  
LOIS LOCKART

**2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT:**

CATHY HARPE  
DINA ORTIZ  
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**3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT:**

MARGIE HANDLEY  
MEEKA FERRETTA  
VACANT

**4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT:**

EMILY STRACHAN  
TAMMY LOWE  
VACANT

**5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT:**

PATRICK PEKIN  
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**OUR MISSION:** "To be committed to consumers, their families, and the delivery of quality care with the goals of recovery, human dignity, and the opportunity for individuals to meet their full potential."

Item	Agenda Item / Description	Action
<b>1.</b> 5 minutes	<b>Call to Order, Roll Call &amp; Quorum Notice</b> <b>Approve Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order by Chair McGourty at 10:09 A.M.</li> <li>Roll Call completed by Member Martinez</li> <li>Quorum met</li> <li>Meeting agenda accepted by consensus of members present with correction to item 5, #10 - Change Other to Nominating Committee.</li> <li>Members present: McGourty, Gorny, Lockart, Harpe, Ortiz, Handley, Strachan, Behringer, and Martinez. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervisor Hamburg also present.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Board Action:
<b>2.</b> 10 minutes	<b>Minutes of October 18, 2017 BHAB Regular Meeting:</b> <i>Discussion and Approval (Handout)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from BHAB meeting October 18, 2017 approved as written.</li> </ul>	<b>Board Action:</b> Motion by Member Strachan, seconded by Treasurer Harpe to approve Minutes from October 18, 2017 as written, passed with a unanimous yay vote by members present.

<p><b>3.</b> 30 minutes (Maximum)</p>	<p><b>Public Comments:</b> <i>Members of the public wishing to make comments to the BHAB will be recognized at this time.</i></p>	<p>Board Action:</p>
<p><b>4.</b> 15 minutes</p>	<p><b>Board Check-in &amp; Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair McGourty asked members to share something they are thankful for. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Chair McGourty</b> - Commented that she is very grateful for the County Staff and all they do for BHAB.</li> <li>○ <b>Member Behringer</b> - Stated she is grateful to be part of the BHAB group and looks forward to actually helping someone.</li> <li>○ <b>Supervisor Hamburg</b> - Stated he is grateful for the BHAB members, passage of Measure B and having people from his district step forward and volunteer for the Measure B Oversight Committee.</li> <li>○ <b>Member Handley</b> - Commented she is grateful for Sheriff Allman for taking on Measure B.</li> <li>○ <b>Member Gorny</b> - Thankful for the community we have and the support from the people.</li> <li>○ <b>Member Lockart</b> - Thankful for the community, commented she was not directly affected by the fires but has loved ones that were. She feels it's time to come together and not be prejudice against one another.</li> <li>○ <b>Member Strachan</b> - Stated she tries to maintain an attitude of gratitude.</li> <li>○ <b>Member Martinez</b> - Grateful for people stepping forward to help people they don't know. But is sad that it took a disaster to see it happen.</li> <li>○ <b>Treasurer Harpe</b> - Grateful for her family.</li> <li>○ <b>BHRS Director Miller</b> - Thankful for her family and for the things BHRS has accomplished the last several years; grants, MHSA Housing, Measure B, and Covelo Innovation Project to name a few.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.</b> 30 minutes</p>	<p><b>Reports: Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p>1. <b>Chair</b> -</p> <p>A. Chair McGourty attended a meeting with an expert of homelessness. There will be a survey coming out regarding homelessness, she asked members for suggestions of what some of the questions should be for the survey.</p> <p>i. Member Gorny suggested looking at the Point in Time survey and see what questions are not being asked and use that information to come up with other questions.</p> <p>ii. Member Lockart commented on some of the questions from the tribe's surveys such as; how did</p>	<p>Board Action:</p>

	<p>they become homeless, what services do they need, and how many are local people?</p> <p>iii. Member Martinez suggested one of the questions should be, have they been convicted of crimes. If so there is nowhere for them to go, if they have convictions they can't get housing or jobs.</p> <p>B. Discussion of the homeless issues, who's getting services and whether most are local people.</p> <p>i. BHRS Director Miller commented that HHSA has a housing unit. COO Molgaard oversees the unit.</p> <p>C. Discussion of the connection of violence to women as a reason for some homelessness. Substance abuse is also an issue for the homeless.</p> <p>D. Member Behringer would be interested to know how many are veterans.</p> <p><b>2. Secretary -</b></p> <p>A. Secretary Ortiz stated she did not receive the BHAB agenda packet this month and she did not see the notice for the meeting in the newspaper.</p> <p>i. Discussion of how the press releases are handled and that the media is not required to post the meetings.</p> <p>B. Secretary Ortiz commented on the information on the handout "A Roadmap to Behavioral Health". She thinks the information in the handout is informative and useful.</p> <p><b>3. Treasurer –</b></p> <p>A. Treasurer Harpe commented that the BHAB budget looks good. There is money in the budget if members want to go to training.</p> <p><b>4. Housing Committee -</b></p> <p>A. Chair Gorny commented that there was a housing crisis before the fires and is now worse.</p> <p><b>5. Site Visits -</b> Chair Harpe - Nothing to report at this time.</p> <p><b>6. Crisis -</b> Co-chairs Strachan &amp; Pekin - Nothing to report at this time.</p> <p><b>7. Annual Report-</b></p> <p>A. Chair McGourty handed out the draft Annual Report to BOS for the board to review. She would like to present the report to the BOS at the next meeting.</p> <p>B. Discussion of member's suggestions of what should be added to the report and a few items to be clarified. Discussion of the date/terms the report should reflect. Maybe it should be on the Fiscal Year instead of a Calendar Year.</p> <p><b>8. Data Notebook for 2017 –</b></p> <p>A. Secretary Ortiz asked for the due date of the Data Notebook as she is working on it. Administrative Secretary Peckham will send due date of notebook to</p>	<p>Admin. Secretary Peckham will check to make sure Secretary Ortiz is on the e-mail list.</p>
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	<p>enforcement chiefs, they review the calls that have come in and discuss any needs that have come up.</p> <p>4. Cost per Client -</p> <p>A. Supervisor Hamburg asked about the ages of the clients served, he wanted to know whether the numbers are about the same across all ages, and the number currently reflected is expected to double by the end of the year. He asked if RQMC ever look at the budget as to how much the cost is per client.</p> <p>B. BHRS Director Miller commented about how the funding is broken down. Some of the costs are in the EQRO report, but the reflection in the report is for Medi-Cal payments only.</p> <p>C. Discussions of how much the costs are for hospitalization per client are. The placement costs vary from facility to facility, the needs of the client also determines how much it will be.</p> <p>D. Discussion of what clients are not listed on the RQMC data sheet.</p> <p>E. Board members asked RQMC to include dollar amounts on the Data Dashboard Report. Also asked BHRS Director Miller to include in the Director Report the clients not listed in the count on the RQMC data sheet.</p> <p>F. Ms. Livingston explained the discrepancy between the number of crisis calls and the Outpatient services.</p> <p>G. Supervisor Hamburg asked why RQMC had no clients placed in the Willow Glen Facility.</p> <p>i. BHRS Director Miller explained the clients that are placed Willow Glen are all LPS clients.</p> <p>H. Ms. Livingston will ask that the placement facilities listed on the data sheet be more specific as to location and if the facility is for children or adults.</p>	<p>RQMC will add dollar amounts to the data sheet. Director Report to include clients not listed on data sheet.</p> <p>RQMC Report will be more specific regarding facilities.</p>
<p><b>8.</b> 25 minutes</p>	<p><b>Mendocino County Report:</b> <i>Jenine Miller, Psy. D., BHRS Director</i></p> <p>1. Transition 2016-2017 Report –</p> <p>2. Chair McGourty had asked that the last Transition Report to BOS from 2016 be included with the Director Report. Most of the items on the report have been completed with the exception of some financial accounting from Ortner Management Group (OMG).</p> <p>3. Medication Services Transition -</p> <p>A. BHRS Director Miller commented on the Medication Services transitioning to RQMC. The transition completion date is January 1, 2018.</p> <p>B. Some of the PEI contracts will be coming back to the County from RQMC due to regulation changes; it</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action:</p>

	<p>should make oversight of the contract easier.</p> <p>4. MHSA Innovation Plan –</p> <p>A. BHRS Director Miller, Acting Deputy Director Lovato, and MHSA Coordinator Meloche from the County along with Otis Brotherton, Frank Tuttle and James Russ from Round Valley Tribal Health traveled to Los Angeles to present to the State Oversight and Accountability Commission (OAC) regarding the Covelo Innovation Project. It was a very interesting experience.</p> <p>i. BHRS Director Miller described how the meeting went, the OAC requested the County postpone the for a vote on approving the project and come back to another meeting. The project was approved with a vote of six yay and three nay votes.</p> <p>ii. There was an LGBTQ group in attendance that spoke up in support of our County’s project.</p> <p>B. BHRS Director Miller commented that the MHSA team would be going to Covelo to meet with the Round Valley Tribal Health team to start the contract and next steps moving forward with the project.</p> <p>i. The OAC members will be coming up to review what has been started and visit Covelo. One of the OAC members asked that the County share the outcome from the project so it can be used in other counties.</p> <p>C. Member Lockart thanked the staff for going through this process, as it’s what the tribes has experienced with discrimination/disrespect for years. She hopes the BOS understands what the staff and tribal members went through.</p> <p>5. Stepping UP –</p> <p>A. BHRS Director Miller stated she has met the new Chief Probation Officer, Robert Ochs, he is aware of Stepping Up; they will be meeting and hopefully moving forward with Stepping Up.</p> <p>6. Fires Update-</p> <p>A. BHRS has been at the Local Assistance Center until November 11, 2017. BHRS has been providing assistance at the Shelters and working with RQMC to provide support to people affected by the fires.</p> <p>B. The County has applied for a FEMA Grant to help pay for crisis workers to be out in the community.</p> <p>7. Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health External Quality Review (EQRO) –</p> <p>A. BHRS Director Miller commented that this was a very good report; it’s one of the best she’s seen in several years.</p> <p>B. BHRS Director Miller explained the report and</p>	
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	<p>reminded everyone the report is only Medi-Cal claims. She also explained the reason the County will never have one hundred percent. The County rated a ninety-seven percent rate this year which is very good. The County and RQMC have already talked about what needs to change for next year.</p> <p>8. Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SUDT) -</p> <p>A. BHRS Director Miller passed out a data sheet with the SUDT information as requested at the last BHAB meeting. The information presented was the budget, how many staff and the programs provided.</p> <p>9. MHSA -</p> <p>A. Chair McGourty asked about there not being a MHSA expenditure report included with the agenda packet.</p> <p>B. Ms. Hoaglen commented there have been no funds expended as the MHSA Plan was just approved. There will be a report at the next meeting.</p> <p>10. Discussion of a grant with RCS and County to build a crisis residential facility it is a Community Development Block Grant.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b> 10 minutes</p>	<p><b>Update on Mental Health Initiative:</b></p> <p>1. Discussion of the next step is for the Measure B Oversight Committee to be selected start meeting.</p> <p>A. Supervisor Hamburg talked about the people to be appointed to the board would be appointed by expertise not by political interest.</p> <p>2. Chair McGourty asked Supervisor Hamburg if anyone could talk to BHRS Director Miller's staff about training the Oversight Committee regarding regulations etc.</p> <p>A. BHRS Director Miller is willing to provide training if requested or needed.</p> <p>B. Supervisor Hamburg commented the spending of the funds has a process.</p> <p>3. Member Handley commented that the projected cost for remodeling the old Howard Hospital will be about eleven million. It was put out for bid as a possible PHFF unit.</p> <p>A. Discussion of what facilities the county needs and that BHAB should be kept in the loop when mental health issues are being planned.</p> <p><b>Public adjourned at 1:54 for closed for session.</b></p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action:</p>
<p><b>7.</b> 15 minutes</p>	<p><b>Closed session:</b> <i>Discussion on New Members – moved to last item</i></p> <p>1. BHAB members met in closed session to discuss and vote on whether or not to recommend to Supervisor Croskey an applicant for a position on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board as a representative Consumer for District Three.</p> <p>A. The members voted not to recommend the applicant</p>	<p><b>Board Action:</b> Members voted unanimous not to recommend the applicant to be appointed to BHAB.</p>



	for appointment. B. Members also voted to inform Supervisor Croskey in writing of their decision.	
<b>11.</b> 5 minutes	Next meeting: December 20, 2017 at Manzanita - Ukiah	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Agenda Item Handouts:</b></p> <p><i>BHAB Agenda November 15, 2017</i>      <i>BHRS Department Report</i>  <i>BHAB Draft Regular Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2017</i>      <i>RQMC Data Dashboard</i>  <i>BHAB Finance Reports - October</i></p>		

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Jan McGourty, BHAB Chair

12-20-17  
Date

  
Carolyn Peckham, BHRS Administrative Secretary

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