

# Mental Health Treatment Act Citizen's Oversight Committee

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## July 24, 2019 Minutes

### AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1:01 P.M.)

**Committee Members Present:** Mr. Thomas Allman; Ms. Carmel J. Angelo; Mr. Jed Diamond; Mr. Ross Liberty; Ms. Jan McGourty; Mr. Mark Mertle; Dr. Jenine Miller; Ms. Donna Moschetti; Ms. Shannon Riley; and Mr. Lloyd Weer.

**Committee Members Absent:** Dr. Ace Barash.

### 2. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

**Presenter/s:** Mr. John Wetzler.

### 3. COMMITTEE MATTERS

#### 3a) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Expenditure Report on Measure B Tax Funds

**Presenter/s:** Auditor-Controller Weer.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

Auditor-Controller Weer reported that the life to date revenue was \$8,730,793; to date expenses were \$228,187; and interest earned was \$36,414; for a total current balance of \$8,539,023.

#### 3b) Approval of Minutes of the May 22, 2019, Meeting

**Presenter/s:** Ms. Karla Van Hagen, Committee Clerk.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Sheriff Allman, seconded by Member McGourty, and carried unanimously, IT IS ORDERED that the Minutes of the May 22, 2019, meeting, are hereby approved.

**3c) Approval of Minutes of the July 8, 2019, Meeting**

**Presenter/s:** Ms. Karla Van Hagen, Committee Clerk.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Member McGourty, seconded by Sheriff Allman, and carried unanimously, IT IS ORDERED that the Minutes of the July 8, 2019, meeting, are hereby approved.

**3d) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Purchase of Regional Behavioral Health Training Center/Sheriff Sub-station**

**Presenter/s:** Sheriff Allman; and Member Angelo.

**Public Comment:** Ms. Jo Bradley; and Mr. John Wetzler.

The Committee received an update on the purchase of the Training Center/Sub-station in Redwood Valley. It was reported that there were three other offers on the property, the County's offer of \$389,000 was accepted, and the property was escrow at the time of the meeting.

Concern regarding the Special Meeting as well as prioritizing the Sheriff's Behavioral Health Training Facility/Sub-Station was discussed. The committee overall agreed that it was a unique situation which required the Committee to take quick action. The formation of an ad hoc committee regarding renovation and logistics of the facility was also discussed, and it was determined that it would be an appropriate discussion at a future meeting once escrow has closed on the property.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

**3e) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Status of the Architect RFQ and Related Feasibility Study**

**Presenter/s:** Ms. Janelle Rau, Deputy Chief Executive Officer; and Mr. Nash Gonzalez, Recovery Director.

**Public Comment:** None.

Ms. Rau and Mr. Gonzalez gave a brief update on the RFP/RFQ process, which was issued on June 19, 2019. A mandatory meeting was held on July 2, 2019, and 11 attendees participated and are now qualified, or have the ability, to submit proposals. The inquiry deadline was July 16 2019, with responses due on August 16, 2019. Members Mertle and Diamond volunteered to sit on the Selection Committee. It was anticipated that a short list of who was invited to oral presentations should be available to distribute to the Committee at the August 28, 2019, meeting. The target date to provide the Notice of Intent to the Board of Supervisors is October 22, 2019.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

**3f) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Request for Permission from the Board of Supervisors to Publish a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Orchard Street, or Other Location as Determined by Feasibility Study, Mental Health Facility Design, Possibly Design/Build**

**Presenter/s:** Member Liberty, and Ms. Janelle Rau, Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

**Public Comment:** None.

The Committee discussed whether the proposed action could possibly speed up the feasibility study, or would actually prolong or even potentially cancel it. After considerable discussion, the committee chose not take any further action.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

**3g) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Report from the Kemper Report Ad Hoc Committee**

**Presenter/s:** Member McGourty.

**Public Comment:** Mr. John Wetzler; and Ms. Jo Bradley.

Ms. McGourty provided an update on the Ad Hoc Committee's progress, which included a review of the Kemper Study Guide on action, policy, and proposed strategic financing. Additionally, Ad Hoc distributed a few recommendations which they proposed be recommended to the Board of Supervisors including Maintaining a prudent reserve of 12.5% of Measure B Funds; Separate annual accounting of Measure B revenues/expenditures; and a 10-year strategic plan. Auditor Weer stated that Measure B funds are currently kept separate from the County's General Fund or Restricted Reserve fund which are included in an annual audit by an outside independent Certified Public Accountant. Discussion ensued regarding a possible Strategic Plan.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Member Riley, seconded by Member Mertle, and carried 10/1/1, with Member Barash absent, and Member Mertle dissenting, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizen's Oversight Committee hereby supports the ad hoc committee's recommendation to create a strategic plan with no separate audit process at this point. Prudent reserve conversation should take place as part of the strategic plan.

**4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

**4a) Committee Member Reports Regarding Items of General Interest**

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER, THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 2:21 P.M.

Attest: KARLA VAN HAGEN  
Committee Clerk

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