

# Mental Health Treatment Act Citizen's Oversight Committee

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## MEETING AGENDA

County Administration Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers  
September 25, 2019 - 1:00 PM

Member Angelo will be participating via telephone conference from the following location (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953):

Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel, Room 413  
4130 Lake Tahoe Boulevard  
South Lake Tahoe, California

1. **OPEN SESSION / ROLL CALL**

2. **PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

*Members of the public are welcome to address the Committee on items not listed on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee is prohibited by law from taking action on matters not on the agenda, but may ask questions to clarify the speaker's comment. The Committee limits testimony on matters not on the agenda to 3 minutes per person and not more than 10 minutes for a particular subject at the discretion of the Chair of the Committee.*

*To best facilitate these items, please review and complete the public comment/speaker form available at the back of the conference room and present to the Clerk. If you wish to submit written comments, please provide 15 copies to the Clerk of the Board staff, located in the County Administration Center, Room 1010. All meetings are recorded, so speakers are reminded to announce their names as they approach to podium to speak*

3. **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

3a) **Approval of Minutes of the August 28, 2019, Meeting**

3b) **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Measure B Project Manager**

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

- 3d) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request for Qualification/Request for interest in the operations of the proposed Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT) facility, Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)
- 3e) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Further Options with Measure B Services
- 3f) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Report from the Kemper Report Ad Hoc Committee
- 3g) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Allocation of no more than \$250,000 of Measure B Funds for Potential Improvements to the Regional Behavioral Health Training Facility
- 3h) Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the Use of Measure B Funds to Acquire a Sound System to be used for the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee Meetings
- 3i) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Allocation of no more than \$30,000 of Measure B funds for Grant Writers

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND FILED

- 5a) No communications received.

*Communications received and filed are retained by the Clerk throughout the Committee proceedings. To review items described in this section, please contact the Committee Clerk, in Room 1010.*

ADJOURNMENT

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**Agenda Summary**

**ITEM 3A**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/25/2019
<b>Contact:</b>	Cassandra Borgna, Committee Clerk
<b>Time Allocated for Item:</b> 5 mins	

**AGENDA TITLE:**

Approval of Minutes of the August 28, 2019, Meeting

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## August 28, 2019 Minutes

### AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1:00 P.M.)

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

**Committee Members Absent:** Ms. Jan McGourty.

### 2. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

**Presenter/s:** Ms. Michelle Rich; Mr. John McCowen,

### 3. COMMITTEE MATTERS

#### 3e) Acceptance of Suicide by Cop Update

**Presenter/s:** Sheriff Allman

**Public Comment:** Mr. Dan Anderson; and Mr. John Wetzler

The Committee received a presentation by Ukiah Police Chief Wyatt on the article, "Suicide by Cop." The article focuses on the trend of law enforcement getting away from responding to an individual who is threatening suicide without a threat of violence toward anybody else. Once law enforcement responds, there is a high chance of some type of violence occurring. Chief Wyatt also presented information on other service providers, specifically the program, Cahoots, and what response they can provide on a variety of things including mentally ill, homelessness, and other people in need.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

#### 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 \$9,552,363; to date expenses were \$230,437; and interest earned was \$69,570; for a total current balance of \$9,391,496.

### **3b) Approval of Minutes of the July 24, 2019, Meeting**

**Presenter/s:** Ms. Cassandra Borgna, Committee Clerk.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Member Moschetti, seconded by Member Riley, and carried unanimously, IT IS ORDERED that the Minutes of the July 24, 2019, meeting, are hereby approved with one typo being fixed on page 3, 3g, first paragraph, second line, first word should be "Kemper."

### **3c) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Measure B Project Manager**

**Presenter/s:** Member Angelo.

The Committee received an update on the recruitment of the Measure B Project Manager. An interview process was conducted and approximately eight candidates were interviewed by a panel that included members of the committee, mental health staff, and the sheriff. There were two top candidates. On behalf of the County, Member Angelo made an offer to the top candidate. The top candidate came back and wanted additional money and a higher job classification. The second candidate was offered the position. She had two other offers, and she opted to take one of the other offers. This had nothing to with the salary of the job; she actually got a counteroffer from her current employer.

It was further reported that the position is posted again for recruitment. There are approximately four candidates who have applied as of the time of today's meeting. Another interview process will occur within the next few weeks. The process has not stopped. The committee needs a project manager - somebody to be responsible and accountable to this committee and to the board to move forward.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

### **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:** None.

The Committee received an update on the purchase of a Training Center/Sheriff Sub-station in Redwood Valley. It was reported that escrow is set to close on September 3, 2019. The County has already done a walk-through with possible basic improvements including removing the theatre-type chairs and replacing the carpet.

It was reported that the California Post Police Officers Training has confirmed that Mendocino County will be the recipient of a brand new force option simulator which will assist in training law enforcement regarding shoot/don't shoot. Mendocino County has been promised one of these \$75,000 pieces of equipment for delivery the second week of January. It is hoped that the regional training center will be up and running by then.

There were questions about how the costs of the remodel would be split and if that has been determined. It was reported that an RFP would be issued and that there is an expectation by the Sheriff's office that any costs incurred for the Sheriff's office will be the County and Sheriff's office responsibility.

### **3f) 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.

**Public Comment:** Mr. John Fremont.

Ms. Rau gave a brief update on the RFP/RFQ process, which was issued on June 19, 2019. The deadline for submittals closed on August 16, 2019. There were four responses/proposals received by the County. An evaluation panel was identified which includes some members of the Committee. Everyone on the panel should have the proposals. A written evaluation meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2019, which will be the first time the panel will meet as a group to review the written proposals and determine the top two proposals. Following that meeting, the evaluation panel will conduct oral presentations for the top proposers. Once those oral presentations are concluded, the evaluation panel will finalize their evaluations, tally up the total, make the recommendation to, in this case, the purchasing agent, as to who the number-one response-getter was. At that point, the panel would entertain contract negotiations, finalize it, and bring it to the Board of Supervisors. It is anticipated this will go to the Board in October, 2019.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

### **3g) Discussion and Possible Action Including Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to Utilize Measure B Funds as a Match to Other Funding Streams**

**Presenter/s:** Member Mark Mertle.

**Public Comment:** Mr. John Wetzler

Member Mertle requested to open discussion on funds that may exist for help with mental health. Mr. Mertle inquired if County staff have grant writers or such other staff who could work in conjunction with Measure B. He also requested the creation of a formula for funding for those individuals to be able to research available grants. Member Miller stated that Behavioral Health is always looking for grants and they do have some grant writers that they fund and work with. Behavioral Health applies for grants on a regular basis, but many of the grants are federal so they are competing across the nation and there is not much funding for capital building. Sheriff Allman stated that as far as the criminal justice arena and mental health, Governor Newsom has discussed grants that are going to be clearly for criminal justice and mental health together offered to state sheriffs. The Sheriff expects by the end of this calendar year to have some opportunities from the state that are going to require a massive grant for some kind of either buildings or services. Member Barash also stated

there is a CHAPA grant for alcohol that will be applied for. Member Riley stated there may be opportunities for funding through the California Tax Credit Accreditation Committee.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

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

**Presenter/s:** Member McGourty absent

**Public Comment:** Michelle Rich.

Member McGourty was absent by prearrangement and no update was provided. There was discussion about the Board of Supervisor's approving the Kemper Report on its face on August 27, 2019, and confirmation that the Committee had already approved same.

## **4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

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

**Public Comment:** Carol Hester; Jill Bradley

The Committee discussed the concerns that members of the public sometimes have a difficult time hearing the meeting. County staff will research the possibility of having a sound system available for the meetings.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

**THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER, THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 2:17 P.M.**

Attest: CASSANDRA BORGNA  
Committee Clerk

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**Agenda Summary**

**ITEM 3B**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/25/2019
<b>Contact:</b>	Carmel J. Angelo, Chief Executive Officer
<b>Time Allocated for Item:</b> 15 mins	

**AGENDA TITLE:**

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Measure B Project Manager

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On February 27, 2019, the Committee approved a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to obtain a Project Manager.

On March 12, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved a Measure B Project Manager.

On May 22, 2019, the Committee Received an Update Regarding the Hiring Process.

On August 28, 2019, the Committee Received an Update Regarding the Hiring Process.





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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 19, 2019  
TO: Measure B Committee  
FROM: Carmel J. Angelo, Chief Executive Officer  
SUBJECT: Update Regarding Measure B Project Manager

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As this Committee is aware, the County issued another recruitment for the Measure B Project Manager position, after the two candidates who were offered the position declined. The new recruitment closes at midnight on September 19, 2019. As of the time of issuing this memo, Human Resources has received 25 applications for the position. Once the recruitment closes, the applications will be provided to the Executive Office for review. Human Resources will then work with the interview panel to schedule interviews accordingly.

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**ITEM 3C**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/25/2019
<b>Contact:</b>	Mendocino County Executive Office
<b>Time Allocated for Item:</b> 30 Mins	

**AGENDA TITLE:**

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Status of the Architect RFQ and Related Feasibility Study

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On January 27, 2019, the Committee made a Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to explore utilizing Measure B funds for the development of a Crisis Stabilization and Crisis Residential Facility and a 24-hour Psychiatric Facility. Further, that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to research options associated with such facility including design/bid/build and potential property or facility locations.

On February 5, 2019, the Board of Supervisors directed County staff to proceed with researching options associated with the development of Crisis Residential Unit(s), Crisis Stabilization Unit(s), Crisis Treatment Unit(s), and 24 Hour Psychiatric Health Facility utilizing Measure B Funds, including design, bid and/or build potential properties or facilities locations.

On February 27, 2019, the Committee Received an update regarding competitive bidding processes related to the development of Crisis Residential Unit(s), Crisis Stabilization Unit(s), and 24 Hour Psychiatric Inpatient Health Facility

On May 22, 2019, the Committee received an update on the status of the architect Request for Qualification (RFQ) and related feasibility study.

On June 19, 2019, the Measure B Architectural Services Request for Qualification Request for Proposals (RFQ RFP) was released, with a closing date of August 16, 2019, and is located on the County website at: <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/Home/Components/RFP/RFP/1576/181>

On July 24, 2019, the Committee received an update on the status of the architect Request for Qualification (RFQ) and related feasibility study. Members Mertle and Diamond were selected to participate in the Selection Committee.

On August 16, 2019, the Request for Qualification Request for Proposals (RFQ RFP) closed.

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Four responses/proposals were received by County. An evaluation panel was identified which includes some members of the Committee. A written evaluation meeting took place on September 4, 2019, and the panel reviewed the written proposals and determined the top two proposals. The evaluation panel conducted oral presentations for the top proposers on September 13, 2019.

Event	Date/Location	
RFQ/RFP Issued	June 19, 2019	
Mandatory RFQ/RFP Qualifications/Proposers' Conference	July 2, 2019 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Location: Conference Room Agriculture/Farm Advisors Building 890 North Bush Street Ukiah, CA 95482
Inquiry Deadline	July 16, 2019	
Responses Due	August 16, 2019 <b>NO LATER THAN</b> 3:00 pm	
Evaluation Period	August 19, 2019 – August 30, 2019	
Oral Presentation/Interviews	September 13, 2019	
Notice of Intent to Award to selected Firm/Architect	TBD	
Approximate Board approval Date and award	October 22, 2019	
Approximate Contract and Start Date	October 25, 2019	

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**ITEM 3D**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/25/2019
<b>Contact:</b>	Member Mertle
<b>Time Allocated for Item:</b> 20 mins	

**AGENDA TITLE:**

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request for Qualification/Request for Interest in the Operations of the Proposed Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT) facility, Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF).

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Member Mertle is requesting the Committee to start the process of soliciting operators for each of the proposed facilities. Member Mertle would like to ensure that we have an operator that is capable and proficient in the operations of such facilities before we spend money to design and build facility. Discovery on this process may be needed but feel this is necessary to work in parallel with the design team's functions.

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**ITEM 3E**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/25/2019
<b>Contact:</b>	Chair Barash
<b>Time Allocated for Item: 30 Mins</b>	

**AGENDA TITLE:** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Further Options Regarding Measure B Services

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Measure B Committee is being pressured to provide more services, but are hamstrung by the expenses for projects already promised, included services. Members of the public continue to suggest the Committee follow the Kemper Report and provide the recommended services. The Committee is faced with flaws in that report regarding inaccurate costs and the potential of having to pay prevailing wages. Therefore, there is not a true estimate of costs and Measure B could potentially face expenses in excess to what is available.

Furthermore, certain local facilities are looking at closure because they are too expensive to operate. It is requested that the Committee start an open discussion about exploring creative options and suggest local entities to collaborate with each other to enable Measure B (and the County) to have funds to spend on services recommended by the Kemper Report.

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**Agenda Summary**

**ITEM 3F**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/25/2019
<b>Contact:</b>	Member McGourty
<b>Time Allocated for Item:</b> 15 Mins	

**AGENDA TITLE:**

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Report from the Kemper Report Ad Hoc Committee

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Ad hoc committee will provide an update on the status of the Ad Hoc Committee since the July 24, 2019 update.

On July 24, 2019, the Committee voted to support the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to create a strategic plan (excluding a separate audit process) with prudent reserve conversation taking place as part of the strategic plan.

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**ITEM 3G**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/25/2019
<b>Contact:</b>	Sheriff Allman
<b>Time Allocated for Item: 30 min.</b>	

**AGENDA TITLE:** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Allocation of no more than \$250,000 of Measure B Funds for Potential Improvements to the Regional Behavioral Health Training Facility

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On July 8, 2019, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizen’s Oversight Committee approved a recommendation to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors for the purchase of real property located at 8207 East Road, Redwood Valley, California, to be used as a Regional Behavioral Health Training Facility/Sheriff’s Office Sub-station.

On July 16, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved the allocations of up to \$278,000 of Measure B Funds and up to \$150,000 of Sheriff’s Office Asset Forfeiture Balance for the purchase of Real Property located at 8207 East Road, Redwood Valley, for a Regional Behavioral Health Training Facility/Mendocino County Sheriff Sub-station; and in Closed Session authorized the acquisition of Real Property located at APN: 163-140-14; 8207 East Road, Redwood Valley, CA for the purchase price of \$389,000. On September 3, 2019, escrow closed on the property, and it is now a County owned parcel and facilities.

The Sheriff would like to discuss the plan for improvements to the Regional Behavioral Health Training Facility and allocate up to \$250,000 of Measure B funds for said improvements.

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**ITEM 3H**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/25/2019
<b>Contact:</b>	Executive Office
<b>Time Allocated for Item: 15 min.</b>	

**AGENDA TITLE:** Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the Use of Measure B Funds to Acquire a Sound System to be Used for the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee Meetings

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The County of Mendocino has limited meeting space to be used for public meetings. Currently, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee meets in the County Administration Center, Conference Room C. This meeting room is the one of the few available meeting room currently available that has the capacity to conduct a public meeting with approximately 14 participants, as well as accommodating members of the public. At present, Conference Room C has no available sound system to broadcast the speakers and/or to ensure that members of the public can adequately hear both the Committee members and members of the public when speaking.

The County researched options associated with ensuring that the meeting space is adequately equipped for the public participation, as well as alternatives for consideration (refer to attachment A).

It would be recommended that the Measure B Committee authorize the expenditure of funds to acquire the wireless sound system specified by the County Information Services Division. This system would provide a long-term viable solution for the public Committee meetings, regardless of location.



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**Sound Public Meeting – PA/Sound System Options**

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages	Estimated Cost
Purchase Wireless Sound System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides the ability to live stream from any location</li> <li>• wireless set up (wired set up would be time/resource prohibitive)</li> <li>• meets ADA requirements for sound, as well as public speaking</li> <li>• set up for 14 meeting attendees</li> </ul> <p>While the primary benefit is that this system will provide full control over audio levels for all board members (meaning that the technician can ensure the quieter board members are heard and the louder board members aren't peaking the microphone, there are other benefits. One is that the audio recording will be clearer, comparable to that of the Board of Supervisors chambers audio recordings, which will assist with the production of minutes and any clarifications needed from the meeting. This will also allow the County to utilize its Agenda Management System for all meeting (meeting administration would mirror that of the Board of Supervisors, with all meeting agenda, supporting documents, audio, video and minutes in one location). Another benefit is that having that much control over the audio will create the possibility of live streaming Measure B meetings and any other offsite meetings as it would eliminate the need for any post production work on the audio. Additionally, using a wireless system would eliminate any trip hazard wires and avoid potential liability.</p>	None	\$35,000
Purchase a Wired Sound System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides the ability to live stream from any location</li> <li>• meets ADA requirements for sound, as well as public speaking</li> <li>• set up for 14 meeting attendees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires resources dedicated to set up (those costs would be per meeting, and would be billable to the Mental Health</li> </ul>	\$15,000 - \$20,000 (this does not include the monthly meeting set up costs; estimated 2 hours (set up and take down)

		<p>Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential tripping hazards/exposure to liability</li> </ul>	
<p>Consider alternate meeting locations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research into available options would need to be conducted</li> <li>• County Board of Supervisors Chambers is currently the only meeting space adequately equipped</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited space availability in County owned facilities</li> <li>• Other suitable locations do not currently have a PA/Sound System available</li> <li>• County Board of Supervisors Chambers has limited availability as it is utilized by several meeting bodies and has limited seating arrangements for the estimated 14 attendees (would require microphone sharing, etc.)</li> <li>• Other meeting space that is not County owned would require payment for use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sound portable PA/system would be required for many alternative locations that can accommodate meeting body of this size</li> <li>• Rental costs associated with space are estimated to be between \$500-\$1,000 per day/per meeting</li> </ul>

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**ITEM 3I**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/25/2019
<b>Contact:</b>	Chair Barash
<b>Time Allocated for Item: 20 min.</b>	

**AGENDA TITLE:** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Allocation of no more than \$30,000 of Measure B funds for Grant Writers

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

At the last Measure B meeting on August 28, 2019, the Committee discussed the possibility of Measure B utilizing grant funds. At the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 17, 2019, the Board recommended the Committee research this option as well. The County contracts with grant writers. Measure B could benefit greatly by the assistance of grant writers to research and apply for grants for funding that may exist for help with mental health.

It is recommended that the Committee authorize the allocation of up to \$30,000 of Measure B funds for grant writer services.