

# Behavioral Health Advisory Board Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 3:00-5:00pm

Zoom Conference

## Attendance

**Board Members:** Kyle Horst, Chair; Supervisor Tami Ritter; Bobby O'Reiley; Jessi Wallis

**Staff:** Scott Kennelly, Holli Drobny, Jenn Stofa, Helena Meyer, Melody Robinson, Jessica Wood, Reidun Waddell, Kim Peoples, Kelly Marinello, Anna Smith

**Visitors:** Eden Werstler (CWAH), Denise Petersen (CWAH), Kevin Freitas (CWAH), Andrea Wagner (CAMHPRO), Tanya Fontenot (Wayfinder/Lilliput), Boyle, Erna Friedeberg (NVCSS), Colleen Phipps (NAMI), Katy Philippe (NVCSS), Sage (CWAH)

**Absent:** Toby Dowd, Vice Chair; Lt. Jarrod Agurkis; Kimberly Pemberton

Agenda Item/Issue:	Discussion Summary:	Recommendation/Result/Action/ Next Step/Person Assigned/Due Date:
<p>1. Call to Order</p> <p>Action Item-Vote to Approve Assembly Bill (AB) 361</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the AB361 Resolution was explained.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supervisor Tami Ritter put a motion on the floor to approve the Resolution.</li> <li>○ Bobby O'Reiley seconded the motion.</li> <li>○ The motion was unanimously approved.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board unanimously voted to meet online per the AB 361 Resolution.</li> </ul>
<p>2. Introductions/ Correspondence /Hand Outs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kyle welcomed the Board and audience to introduce themselves.</li> <li>• Kyle explained to the group where to find the agenda and handouts for the BHAB meetings and shared the link. <a href="https://www.buttecounty.net/behavioralhealth/advisory-board">https://www.buttecounty.net/behavioralhealth/advisory-board</a></li> <li>• The draft minutes from August 17, 2022 were reviewed with minor edits requested.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supervisor Tami Ritter put a motion on the floor to approve the minutes with corrections.</li> <li>○ Bobby O'Reiley seconded the motion.</li> <li>○ The motion was unanimously approved.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The August 24, 2022 minutes will be posted on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board website.</li> </ul>
<p>3. Public Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kyle reviewed the public participation protocol.</li> <li>• CWAH Representative, Eden Werstler, announced Global Peer Recognition Day in October. The request to be on the next agenda to read a proclamation at the next BHAB meeting.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There was a recommendation to have the proclamation read at the Board of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brenda will place this on the agenda for the next meeting.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Supervisors October 11, 2022 meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bobby O'Reiley stated the housing committee is trying to do something with housing vouchers for Foster Youth that are aging out of the system. He stated that often these youth meet Behavioral Health criteria and he wondered what we could do with that process? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scott Kennelly stated Department of Employment and Social Services coordinate the programs for foster youth and housing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jessi Wallis stated a resource for youth is Stand up for the Silence Committee that works with youth that have mental health problems and provides them with free education and mentorship programs and help with bullying. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scott stated this program often partners with the schools, not necessarily Behavioral Health.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no announcements.</li> </ul>	
5. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no new business.</li> </ul>	
6. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colleen thanked Jessi for being a member of NAMI on her school campus.</li> <li>• NAMI has a Peer to Peer eight (8) week education course beginning October 1, 2022.</li> <li>• The Family to Family education course started last week.</li> <li>• There are monthly support groups, one for family members and one for consumers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For more information on NAMI support groups, visit: <a href="#">Support Groups – NAMI Butte County</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
7. Consumer Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no consumer perspectives.</li> </ul>	
8. Public Safety Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no public safety updates.</li> <li>• Tami appreciated the Incarceration report being provided with the agenda.</li> <li>• Chief Madden from the Chico Police Department has officially retired. Billy Aldrich is now serving as the Interim Chief and is committed to pursuing the same things as</li> </ul>	

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	Chief Madden in regards to Behavioral Health.	
9. Committee Follow Up  -Executive -Membership -Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) -Performance Review Committee (P.R.C.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Committee met briefly and set the agenda for this meeting.</li> <li>There is one membership application pending and the hope is that it will be on the agenda next month.</li> <li>There were no other committee meetings.</li> </ul>	
10. Peer Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no peer certification updates.</li> </ul>	
11. Presentations -Substance Use Treatment Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation provided by Jenn Stofa.</li> <li>Jenn announced that Melody Robinson is now the Interim Assistant Director over SUD.</li> <li>September is National Recovery Month.</li> </ul> <p><i>Key Points from Presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BCDBH history of substance use services provided.</li> <li>BCDBH SUD does not operate an abstinence only program and clients are never discharged solely due to relapse.</li> <li>There was a DHCS requirement to attend a minimum of 2 groups every 30 days but those regulations may be relaxing with the implementation of CalAIM.</li> <li>BCDBH SUD does not currently have a waitlist for treatment.</li> <li>SUD Service Delivery was described with BCDBH SUD providing services to approximately 300 to 400 clients each month.</li> <li>Residential services are contracted services.</li> <li>There are some clients and chronically homeless clients that may never reach and maintain sobriety regardless of BCDBHs best efforts. BCDBH continues to work with these clients and does not give up.</li> </ul>	
12. MHSA Update, Holli Drobny, MHSA Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Loan Repayment Program can provide incentive for those who have educational loans. Successful applicants can be awarded up to an \$11,000 payment toward their loan in return for 12 months of service.</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workforce Education and Training (WET) Superior Regional Partnership</li> <li>- MHSa Plan and Community Input</li> <li>- Program Performance Review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The program is open to BH employees and contract providers.</li> <li>○ The application period is open from 10/1/2022 - 11/15/2022.</li> <li>○ For questions moving forward, contact Brenda Sallade at <a href="mailto:bsallade@buttecounty.net">bsallade@buttecounty.net</a> or <a href="mailto:mhsa@buttecounty.net">mhsa@buttecounty.net</a>.</li> <li>● Community Input for the 3-year Plan is beginning.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Each county is required to write how they will spend their MHSa funding.</li> <li>○ We are in the planning stages of community input and have collaborated with the MHSa Steering Committee.</li> <li>○ There will be an announcement regarding community input meeting opportunities coming in October.</li> <li>○ The lead for this is Kim Peoples who can be reached at <a href="mailto:kpeoples@buttecounty.net">kpeoples@buttecounty.net</a> or <a href="mailto:mhsa@buttecounty.net">mhsa@buttecounty.net</a>.</li> <li>○ The second phase will launch in January with the meetings taking a deeper dive and expand community engagement and performance outcomes of MHSa programs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● AAFCC Monitoring process has been completed and the plan of correction has been resolved. This will be sent to the BHAB to review.</li> <li>● Holli announced that tomorrow is her last day at Behavioral Health.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Director's Report, Scott Kennelly</li> <li>- Staffing</li> <li>- Incarceration Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Holli has been instrumental as an asset and support to the entire department.</li> <li>● Dr. Lema, the youth Psychiatrist at Chico Community Counseling Center and the last full-time county employed in-person psychiatrist has announced her retirement at the end of the year.</li> <li>● The August Incarceration Report showed 711 individuals were booked into the jail.</li> </ul>	

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<p>- Strategic Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We have been embarking on a Strategic Plan process for the last year.</li><li>• The plan is in its final stages and will be tackling the departmental struggles with morale, vacancies, retention, on-boarding of staff, and communication.</li><li>• 99% of the feedback came from line staff.</li><li>• The 5-year Strategic Plan will be shared with the BHAB and public once complete.</li></ul>	
<p>- MHSA Funds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are a number of members of the legislative body who believe there is an abundance of unused/unspent MHSA funding being held by Counties.</li><li>• There is misunderstanding with how this funding works, how it is allocated, and how it's encumbered for up to three years on projects.</li><li>• The direction being given to county departments is to encumber and over-spend all MHSA funds so it is not taken by the state.</li></ul>	
<p>- Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) Funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Behavioral Health is putting in a couple of proposals to the Board of Supervisors for projects to upgrade or acquire new facilities.</li><li>• We are hoping for approval of our proposals within the next couple of months.</li><li>• The State recently changed the COVID testing requirements stating those with</li></ul>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Everhart Village and Resiliency Empowerment Support Team (REST)</li>   <li>- CARE Court</li> </ul>	<p>medical and/or religious exemptions will no longer have to be regularly tested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is still some ambiguity with whether or not masks will still be required in the clinics but are still required for now.</li>   <li>• Everhart Village has been given approval to begin building.</li> <li>• There will be heavy equipment beginning work next week.</li> <li>• BCDBH is actively recruiting and hiring for all positions for this team.</li>   <li>• The Governor has signed the CARE Court legislation into effect as one of his tools to reduce homelessness.</li> <li>• This will serve those who are homeless and have a psychotic disorder or substance use issue who have not been successful in or are resistant to treatment.</li> <li>• You don't have to be homeless for this but it does appear to be targeting the homeless.</li> <li>• There are similarities with Laura's Law but there is no funding attached.</li> <li>• CARE Court is also supposed to have dedicated housing for this program.</li> <li>• Butte will have to begin this program in December 2024.</li> <li>• It is hoped that the REST program will be successful and the team could transition to serve the requirements of the Care Court in the future</li> </ul>	
<p>14. Public Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no public comments.</li> </ul>	
<p>15. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board members and audience are welcomed to attend the next Executive Committee meeting on 10/6/2022 at 11:00 am.</li> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.</li> </ul>	