



Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

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Minutes: Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Location: **Behavioral Health and Recovery Services,**
Conference Room 1 – 1120 South Dora St., Ukiah CA 95482

1 **CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL:** 1:04 PM

Committee Members Present: Chair Ebyam, Member Allman, Member Antle, Member Barash, Member Bradley, Member Moschetti, Member Pierce, Member Willeford, and Director Miller.

- A quorum is established.

2 **PUBLIC EXPRESSION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

- None.

3 **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

3a) **Approval of Minutes from the August 28, 2024, Regular Meeting**

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Allman, seconded by Member Miller, it is ORDERED that the minutes of the August 28, 2024, regular meeting be accepted but the word inaccurate from the fiscal report to be removed instead the revenue was exceeded by 26 percent.

- Motion passes with 7 approvals.

3b) **Mendocino College Discussion Regarding Psychiatric Technician Certifications**

Presenter: Timothy Karas, Superintendent and President Mendocino-Lake Community College

- Mr. Karas presented to the members and asked if there were any questions.
- Member Allman asked how long the Psychiatric Technician program certification takes to be completed. Mr. Karas responded that it takes approximately a year or two years.

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Action:

- None.

3c) **November 2024 Measure B Financial Report**

Presenter: Member Miller/Designee

- Andrea Turchin, Senior Department Analyst for Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, informed the committee that the detailed monthly report for November is missing however, the fiscal reports that were submitted contained the financial information for November. She will ensure that the complete report is included in the

- next report. Additionally, she provided the final report for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- Member Allman asked if they are billing the training center for grounds cleanup. She responded that she would review and provide an update to the members at a later date.

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Action:

- None.

3d) Update and Discussion Regarding Measure B Related Items at the Board of Supervisors Meetings

Presenter: Member Miller/Designee

- Member Miller commented that during the last meeting, the Board of Supervisors requested funding for a substance use disorder treatment program.

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Action:

- None.

3e) Update and Discussion Regarding the Status of Current Measure B Projects

Presenter: Member Miller

- Member Miller presented the current Measure B projects report and asked if there were any questions. Also, added that BHRS was awarded 9.3 million, but they must bill for it as a requirement through the grant. BHRS sent up the first expenses which was 1.3 million. They are now waiting for the first upload in the system to see how the reimbursement process goes.

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Action:

- None.

3f) Update and Discussion Regarding Retiring the Phrase Measure B

Presenter: Chair Ebyam

- Chair Ebyam informed the board that she submitted a letter to Katrina Bartolomei, Assessor-County Clerk-Record, requesting that the phrase Measure B be retired for any future ballot measures to avoid confusion by not using letters that have already been used for other measures. Ms. Bartolomei responded that it is not possible, as the county must use a rotation of letters for the measures.

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Action:

- None.

3g) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Request for Proposal for Substance Misuse Projects

Presenter: Chair Ebyam.

- Member Miller mentioned that 10% of Measure B should be allocated for substance misuse. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) has requested a discussion on whether they are ready to approve moving forward with another Request for Proposal (RFP). An RFP was on hold, pending the Psychiatric Health Facility and the needs related to the jail project.
- Member Allman suggested that for the next meeting agenda to have an open discussion to get some of their questions answered.
- Member Antle supported Member Allman's idea of doing an RFP and supported the idea of bringing something back to the members that lined out three to five priorities that could go to the RFP and maybe those responding can bring other things to the table. Also discuss options for youth substance misuse.

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Action:

- None.

3h) Update Regarding Loan of Measure B Funds for Construction of the County Jail Behavioral Health Wing

Presenter: Chair Ebyam.

- Member Antle thanked Member Pierce and her team, as there is now improved visibility into their finances. Earlier this month, the BOS voted to return \$7 million back to Measure B.
- Member Pierce mentioned in September that the BOS approved the funding of \$7 million, but the money was not withdrawn from the Measure B funds, so it remains in the account.

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Action:

- None.

3i) Discussion and Possible Action Related to Funding Fort Bragg Care Response Unit

Presenter: Chair Ebyam.

- Neil Cervenka, Chief, Fort Bragg Police Department, gave a brief presentation regarding the Care Response Unit (CRU). They are requesting funding for CRU for a three-year period at \$250,000 per year. CRU plans to seek grants and explore other funding sources but does not want the program to end in May 2025, as it has proven to be beneficial to the community.

Public Comment:

- None.

Committee Action:

- Upon a motion by Member Allman, seconded by Member Miller, it is ORDERED that the CRU program approve the request for \$500,000, which will be allocated as \$250,000 per year over a two-year period. CRU will provide quarterly financial reports. If additional funding becomes available, Chief Cervenka will inform the board and recommend a reevaluation of the proposal. Furthermore, CRU will explore alternative funding sources to assist in covering transportation costs.
- Motion passes with 8 approvals

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

- Member Allman commented the Behavioral Health Wing at the County Jail is on track and encouraged members stop by to see the facility which is scheduled to be open on in November 2025.
- Member Antle thanked Member Bradley for their comment and thanked soon-to-be City Council Member Allman for their comments about the Behavioral Health Wing. On January 14 and 15, a BOS workshop will be held at the Redwood Valley Behavioral Health Regional Training Center. It will include a public safety panel as well as a homelessness panel. The purpose of the meeting is to engage and inform two new BOS members. Additionally, Supervisor Gjerde of the 4th District has retired from the BOS. Lastly, DeDe Parker has been appointed as the new Social Services Director.
- Member Moschetti had nothing to report.
- Member Bradley informed the board that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) rewrote their bylaws as the BOS requested them to and are now 11 members, with the last member to be sworn in at the December meeting. They are also planning to do informational panels not only to inform the board but also educate the public. Member Bradley also stated that Dr. Miller is a jewel and that there is a need to appreciate and understand the amount of work she does and how dedicated she is to the County and her clients.
- Member Pierce had nothing to report.
- Chair Ebyam had nothing to report.
- Member Willeford had nothing to report but wanted to thank Member Pierce and her team for the work they are doing.
- Member Miller stated a reminder that Care Court goes live on December 1.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee adjourned the meeting at 2:54 PM.

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