



**MENDOCINO COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**July 15, 2026
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

Location: Health Services, Conference Room 1,
1120 S. Dora Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

**Chairperson
Jo Bradley**

**Vice Chair
Mo Mulheren**

**Secretary/Treasurer
Jenniffer Estevo**

**BOS Supervisor
Mo Mulheren**

MEMBERSHIP:

**ANTHONY BAROZA, 25 YRS AND UNDER
JO BRADLEY, 5TH DISTRICT
MARK DONEGAN, VETERAN
JENNIFFER ESTEVO, 2ND DISTRICT
DENISE GORNY, 1ST DISTRICT**

**JEFF SHIPP, 3RD DISTRICT
JILL ALES, COMMUNITY MEMBER
TIM BOSMA, 4TH DISTRICT
MARTIN MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY MEMBER
GINA DANNER, LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY**

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

	Agenda Item / Description	Action
1. 3 minutes	Call to Order, Roll Call, Quorum Notice, & Approve Agenda: - Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. - Members present: Member Ales, Member Baroza, Member Danner, Member Donegan, Member Estevo, Member Gorny, Member Bosma, Member Martinez. - Members excused: Member Shipp. - Supervisor Mulheren and Supervisor Norvell were present. - Director Miller was present. - Motion made by Member Baroza and seconded by Member Danner to approve the Agenda.	Board Action: Approved.
2. 10 minutes (Maximum)	Public Comments: <i>Members of the public wishing to comment on the BHAB will be recognized now. Any additional comments can be provided through email to bhboard@mendocinocounty.gov</i> Brian Erickson, Tapestry Family Services Brian gave an update on Tapestry Family Services, and the timeline between client referrals, assessments and linkage to services, and how from time of referral to time of service is approximately twenty-two days.	Board Action: None.

	• Supervisor Norvell asked Brian what steps Tapestry takes to reduce the timeline. • Brian stated that Tapestry is working with the community to schedule follow-up appointments at the same time as assessments, to not have to have the client wait. • Member Martinez asked what new services Tapestry was planning on offering. • Brian stated that there are many opportunities for new services, but could not go into specific detail. • Member Martinez asked if Tapestry has a social media presence. • Brian stated yes, with efforts to broaden their social media. • Member Ales inquired about Tapestry's mobile services. • Brian said the mobile services were up and running and doing very well. Currently it is in an Outreach capacity with licensed therapists, with a focus on Laytonville and Covelo in particular. • Member Martinez asked if the therapists are bilingual, to which Brian confirmed. • Member Martinez asked if the tribes are being visited, as well as the Coast, specifically Point Arena and Manchester, to which Brian confirmed. Taryn Soto, Program Manager, Redwood Community Services and Lindsay Thorton, Stepping Stones Manager • Taryn reported an increase in mobile crisis calls initiated by the clients directly, which is encouraging to see clients reach out before a situation escalates. • Taryn expressed gratitude towards Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services for their constant collaboration. • Lindsay shared two client success stories, one of which had successfully completed Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT). • Member Martinez asked how long a client is in the AOT program from referral to completion. • Lindsey believed that the timeframe is six months, with an option for an extension if necessary. • Member Martinez asked how a client becomes eligible for AOT. • Lindsay explained that BHRS employee Melinda Driggers, who is head of the program, assesses the client to see if they meet criteria. RCS and Tapestry are part of the treatment plan. • Member Martinez asked if there were plans for opening more housing for clients. • Lindsey was not aware of any plans to open additional housing. Tapestry was still working on filling open spaces in the housing they currently have. • Member Martinez asked if AOT took referrals from reentry programs such as the Jail, rehab, etc. • Lindsey explained that although referrals were taken from many different programs, the Jail is currently not one of them, but there are efforts to change that. • Member Martinez inquired if there was any collaboration with parole or probation.	
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	• Lindsay explained there is a close collaboration with the County and the AB109 program, overseen by Meave Johnson. • Member Ales asked if Taryn could give her thoughts on what the up tie in crisis calls was related to. • Taryn explained that the rise in temperature and schools being out seemed to correlate with the increase in calls. • Member Ales inquired if there were passes to community resources such as swimming pools and other social outlets for clients during the summer months. • Taryn was not familiar, but could look into more information. • Member Martinez commented that Hopland will be holding a youth camp out on August 20 through August 24, to which Taryn and Lindsay thanked him for the information. • Member Martinez asked if 290 offenders were offered services. • Lindsay explained that her program worked with all clients that met criteria. • Member Martinez asked if there were brochures available. • Taryn answered yes, and Dr. Miller provided information on where to find them on the County website. • Member Donegan asked for information on Stepping Stones' Blue House program, and asked of any relation to agencies such as Building Bridges. • Lindsay explained that collaboration with Building Bridges, Stepping Stones, and RCS in regards to the Blue House. • Supervisor Mulheren briefly clarified what the acronym AOT stands for. Sarah Walsh, Anchor Health Management • Sarah gave a brief update on Anchor's referral processes, Med Compliance, and their current status with their application process with Partnership Health Plan.	
3. 5 minutes	Approval of Minutes from May 27, 2026, Regular Meeting and from June 17, 2026, Regular Meeting: Review and Possible Action • Motion made by Member Gorny and seconded by Member Baroza to approve the June 17, 2026 Minutes. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously. • Motion made by Member Ales and seconded by Member Baroza to approve the May 27, 2026 Minutes. Motion was voted on and approved, with Member Donegan, Member Martinez, Member Danner, and Member Estevo abstaining.	Board Action: Approved. Approved.
4. 30 minutes	Guest Speaker: Programs and Services Brian Fay, Chief of Police, Willits Police Department • Chief Fay gave a brief introduction of himself and the Willits Police Department (WPD). Chief Fay has 20 plus years of experience in Marin County, working many different roles within law enforcement in a County setting, and is excited for a close collaboration with Mendocino County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS). • WPD recently hired three new officers. • Member Bosma asked if WPD has a CARE unit that works in the department, and if not, are they interested. Chief Fay stated they	Board Action: None.

	do not, but are very interested and looking into all options. Unfortunately, they are a small department. • Chair Bradley asked what WPD's protocol is when there is a Mental Health crisis. Chief Fay stated that officers call for Crisis field teams, if necessary. • Member Ales asked if he has all the necessary contact information for the crisis field teams, to which he stated that WPD dispatch does. • Director Miller added that WPD and BHRS share a building. • Member Martinez asked if WPD has noticed any progress in relation to mental health issues in the community. • Chief Fay would love to say yes, and has a very positive attitude. • Member Martinez asked if he has been attending any Community Safety meetings, to which Chief Fay responded with yes. • Chair Bradley asked if he has seen a big difference between Mendocino and Marin County, particularly on how mental health issues are handled. • Chief Fay stated that although there are big differences in funding, size, scope and capacity, there is nothing vastly different in approach to mental Health. • Member Bosma asked if any methods have been identified with handling Mental Health can be incorporated into WPD's approaches, to which Chief Fey stated having more officers with more thorough training. • Member Bosma asked how close WPD was to having full staff. • Chief Fay stated that with budget cuts, WPD is technically close to full staff, but the decrease in staff due to budget makes things very tough.	
5. 5 minutes	2026 Revised Meeting Schedule: Review and Possible Action • Chair Bradley mentioned that the website had not been changed, but the BHAB meeting in August to be held at the Caspar Community Center alongside the Measure B Committee meeting. • Motion made by Member Baroza and seconded by Member Estevo to approve the revised schedule for the month of August. The motion was approved unanimously.	Board Action: Approved
6. 30 minutes	Mendocino County Report: Jenine Miller, Director of Health Services A. Director Report Questions • Report included in the agenda packet. • Reviewed the director's report with the board. B. Substance Use Disorders Treatment • Regional Model is ending, and the County is moving to a single county model. • Continuing to work with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and contracts on the transition of the service model. C. Specialty Mental Health • Specialty Mental Health contracts are scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors on July 21. • The presentation will also seek direction from the Board of Supervisor regarding Avatar and interoperability.	Board Action: None.

