



Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

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Minutes: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Location: Behavioral Health Regional Training Center, 8207 East Road, Redwood Valley, CA

1 **CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL:** 1:03 PM

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

- A quorum is established.

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

- None.

3 **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

3a) **Approval of Minutes from February 25, 2026, Regular Meeting**

Presenter: Chair Bradley

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Allman, seconded by Member Barash, IT IS ORDERED that the minutes from February 25, 2026, regular meeting to be accepted as presented.

- Motion passes with approval with Member Vau abstaining.

Public Comment: None.

3b) **May 2026 Measure B Financial Report**

Presenter: Member Miller/Designee

- Andrea Turchin presented the May 2026 Measure B Financial Report as included in the agenda packet.
- Ms. Turchin noted that the last drawdown is still pending as the facility is being completed.
- Member Ebyam commented that revenue totaled \$1.6 million.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Allman, seconded by Member Willeford, IT IS ORDERED that the February 2026 Measure B Financial Report to be accepted as presented.

- Motion passes with approval.

Public Comment: None.

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

Presenter: Member Miller/Designee

- No updates.

Committee Action: None.

Public Comment: None.

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

Presenter: Member Miller/Designee

- Current Measure B project updates are included in the Behavioral Health Director's Report in the agenda packet.
- The State is considering making the Mobile Crisis Response Team program voluntary rather than mandatory and will no longer provide full funding for the program.
- Member Allman noted the sales tax intended to improve mental health services. He stated that the committee previously expressed its full support for continuing the Mobile Crisis Response Team after state funding ends and encouraged exploring alternative funding sources to sustain the program.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Allman, seconded by Member Moschetti, IT IS ORDERED that the current Measure B Projects Report to be accepted as presented.

- Motion passes with approval.

Public Comment: None.

3e) Update and Discussion on the Construction of the Psychiatric Health Facility

Presenter: Member Allman

- Member Allman report that the PG&E issue has been resolved. Installation of the natural gas generator and related electrical equipment, including the switchgear, is progressing after a replacement unit was reordered. Construction activities are expected to be completed by July or August.
- Certificate of Occupancy from the State Fire Marshal is anticipated to be issued in July or August, pending completion of the remaining work.
- Member Miller stated that the facility must still obtain Medi-Cal certification before operations can begin.
- Member Vau asked about plans for public announcements and social media communications regarding the PHF opening.
- Member Miller responded that plans include an opening event for residents in partnership with Restpadd, providing an opportunity for the public to tour the facility and ask questions. Additional tours are also being planned.
- Member Vau asked when staff would begin occupying the building.
- Member Miller explained that the goal is to obtain a temporary certificate of occupancy to allow Restpadd to move into the facility and begin preparations, followed by permanent occupancy once all requirements are met and the facility is ready to receive the public. A more definitive timeline will be provided as the opening date approaches.

Committee Action: None.

Public Comment: None.

3f) Purpose of Measure B

Presenter: Member Allman

- Member Allman provided historical context regarding the purpose of Measure B, noting that its intent was clear when voters approved the measure in 2018. He explained that Measure B was established to ensure local tax dollars would be dedicated to expanding and improving behavioral health services without being diverted to administrative purposes. He emphasized that some of the current participants may not have been in Mendocino County when Measure B passed and may not be familiar with the original voter intent. He stated that the behavioral health system and facilities now being developed represent what voters envisioned and that Mendocino County's approach is unique among other counties.

Committee Action: None.

Public Comment:

- Member Ebyam commented on how the committee should discuss how to move forward before the next meeting in August.
- Chair Bradley noted that the August meeting will be held on the coast and suggested that a special meeting could be scheduled beforehand, if necessary, regarding the opening of the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF).

3g) Discussion of Future of Measure B Budget

Presenter: Member Allman

- Member Allman noted the importance of long-term financial planning for Measure B funding as the PHF prepares to open. He noted that alcohol and substance use disorder funding was not included on the agenda. He also mentioned the County building at Low Gap and Bush Street, where a new roof is being installed, as an example of the types of expenses that must be anticipated and planned for. He reminded of the importance of maintaining fiscal responsibility and ensuring Measure B funds remain in good financial condition to support future operational needs, including facility maintenance repairs, and major replacements, such as roofing.

Committee Action: None.

Public Comment:

- Member Ebyam noted the importance of maintaining a prudent reserve, referencing previous discussions of reserving approximately \$2.5 million over a 20-year period for the PHF. Also, suggested establishing a dedicated capital asset reserve fund for future facility needs and later revisit previous "Version 1" and "Version 2" prudent reserve proposals, noting there are different approaches to managing and spending reserve funds over time.
- Member Vau expressed support for establishing a separate reserve account dedicated to future capital needs. Also asked about the lease agreement with Restpadd, specifically whether Restpadd is leasing the facility, and suggested reviewing or updating the agreement, if feasible, to address building-related costs and mentioned cost from the private sector. Further commented that Measure B funds appear to be managed appropriately and not being misused.
- Member Miller confirmed that Restpadd is leasing the facility.
- Member Pierce suggested inviting Doug Anderson to a future meeting to provide additional information regarding the Restpadd lease agreement. Also, bring back Janelle Rau's projected previous estimates to the Committee for review and discussion.
- Member Moschetti emphasized that a prudent reserve remains important, noting that current reserve amounts may not be sufficient decades into the future because of inflation,

- prevailing wage requirements, and rising construction costs. Also encouraged the Committee to complete its discussion regarding reserve funding and consider how unspent Measure B funds could best be utilized.
- Chair Bradley agreed that Mendocino County has become a strong model for behavioral health infrastructure. She encouraged Member Ebyam to submit a proposed agenda item for a future meeting.
 - Member Vau questioned the long-term use of the Behavioral Health Regional Training Center, commenting that the cost of maintaining the facility is relatively minimal but expressing concern that it may not represent the best use of tax dollars.
 - Member Allman responded that if changes to the use of Measure B funds or facilities are desired, the appropriate process would be to place the matter before the voters through a ballot measure. He also noted that the training center has served multiple community purposes, including public safety training and emergency response activities, demonstrating its broader value to the County.
 - Member Ebyam requested that a future agenda item titled "Measure B Long-Term Business Funds" to continue discussion regarding prudent reserves, long-term financial planning, and the Committee's authority to fund ongoing and future behavioral health projects, including programs such as Mobile Crisis.

3h) Chair Report

Presenter: Chair Bradley

- No updates.

Committee Action: None.

Public Comment: None.

4 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

4a) Committee Member Reports Regarding Items of General Interest

- Member Allman requested to conduct annual audit and discuss contracting. He requested that an "Audit" agenda item be included at the next meeting.
- Member Miller reported that additional fentanyl awareness efforts are planned over the next month including fentanyl prevention billboards inland, with efforts for Fort Bragg, although current availability is limited until January. The prevention and overdose awareness campaign will include three billboard designs in partnership with local law enforcement. It was also noted that overdose data dashboards are being developed to be included on the Good to Know Mendo website.
- Member Allman announced that, in August or at a special meeting, for members interested will have the opportunity to tour the correctional facility one hour before the meeting to view the new mental health wing at the jail.
- Chair Bradley requested that members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) also be invited to tour the correctional facility's new mental health wing.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee adjourned the meeting at **2:27 PM**.

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