

TUOLUMNE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Time: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
Place: Tuolumne County A.N. Francisco Building - 48 Yaney Ave., 3rd Floor, Committees & Commissions Conference Room, Sonora, CA 95370

This Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting will be available to the public via in-person attendance only at the above physical address. However, written comments may be submitted by the public for inclusion in the meeting through the following methods.

Email: Email your comments to Attn: Pandora Armbruster at behavioralhealth@tuolumnecounty.ca.gov

U.S. Mail: Mail your comments to Attn: Behavioral Health Advisory Board, 2 S. Green St., Sonora CA 95370.

Written comments must be received no later than 8:00 a.m. on the morning before the noticed meeting.

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AGENDA

**BOARD OF
SUPERVISOR'S
REPRESENTATIVE/
CHAIRPERSON**

Ryan Campbell

**ALTERNATE
REPRESENTATIVE/
VICE CHAIR**

Daniel Anaiah Kirk

MEMBERS

Cathie Peacock

Elizabeth Marum

Jenn Salazar

Marshall Romeo

Maureen Woods

Sherry Bradley

Terry Garcia

Valerie Shuemaker

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** (3 minutes per person)
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- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - Draft Minutes of the October 2, 2024, Meeting
 - Draft Minutes of the November 6, 2024, Meeting
- 5. UPDATE ON GENERAL FUND**
- 6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial Permanent Program
 - Justice Camp Behavioral Health Outreach
 - BH Financial Status
- 7. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF REPORT**
 - Update on Supportive Housing
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
 - PATH III In-Reach Jail Program Planning
- 9. CONTINUED BUSINESS**
 - Update on Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors
- 10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**
- 11. NEXT MEETING** - Wednesday, March 5, 2025 @ 4 pm – Tuolumne County A.N. Francisco Building – 3rd Floor Committees & Commissions Conference Room
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**



Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (Minutes of the meeting of October 2, 2024) **DRAFT**

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David Goldemberg – BOS Alt										✓		
Cathie Peacock		E	✓	E		✓	✓	✓	E	✓		
Elizabeth Marum		E	✓	E		E	E	✓	✓	E		
Jenn Salazar		✓	E	✓		✓	✓	✓	E	✓		
Maureen Woods		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Marshall Romeo		---	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Sherry Bradley		✓	E	✓		✓	✓	✓	E	V		
Terry Ann Garcia		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	E	✓	✓		
Valerie Shuemake		✓	E	✓		E	✓	E	✓	✓		

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<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>
Annie Hockett, Director – Health & Human Services Agency
Tami Mariscal, Director – Behavioral Health Department
Lindsey Lujan, Deputy Director – Behavioral Health Department
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Technician – Behavioral Health Department
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Ren Takeda, community member
Katrina Olvera, Executive Director – CalPride Sierras
Marisa Caratachea, Behavioral Health Director - Tuolumne Me-Wuk Indian Health Center
Several community members were also in attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board of Supervisors alternate Behavioral Health Advisory Board Chair, David Goldemberg, called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SHERRY BRADLEY’S REQUEST TO APPEAR REMOTELY FOR “JUST CAUSE” UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE §54953.

Supervisor Goldemberg explained the need for the group to formally address Sherry Bradley’s request to attend this meeting virtually due to a medical concern. Sherry was present virtually through the Zoom meeting platform to explain her need and requested permission to attend virtually from the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Terry Garcia and seconded by Cathie Peacock to allow Sherry Bradley to attend this month’s meeting remotely for “Just Cause” under Gov. Code

§54953 due to a medical concern. The motion passed unanimously by all Behavioral Health Advisory Board members in attendance.

(Ayes: 8 – Supervisor Goldemberg, Cathie Peacock, Jenn Salazar, Marshall Romeo, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley, Terry Garcia, and Valerie Shuemaker. Nays: 0 Members Absent: 1 – Elizabeth Marum)

3. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Seven members were physically present with one member virtually present and accounted for at the time of roll call, completing a quorum for the Board. Those present were David Goldemberg-District 1 Supervisor, Cathie Peacock, Jenn Salazar, Marshall Romeo, Maureen Woods, Terry Ann Garcia, and Valerie Shuemaker. Sherry Bradley was in attendance virtually. Supervisor Campbell, and Elizabeth Marum were not in attendance.

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board members in attendance introduced themselves to all present.

County staff introduced themselves to the group as well. Community members were present but did not choose to identify themselves.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

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No public comments were received.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Maureen Woods and seconded by Marshall Romeo to approve the September 4, 2024, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Minutes with noted corrections. The motion passed.

(Ayes: 7 – Supervisor Goldemberg, Cathie Peacock, Jen Salazar, Marshall Romeo, Maureen Woods, Terry Garcia, and Valerie Shuemaker. Abstentions: 1 – Sherry Bradley Nays: 0 Members Absent: 1 – Elizabeth Marum)

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tami Mariscal, Director

Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Director, updated the group on a recent visit on September 18th by Governor Newsom's External Affairs Team arranged by Supervisor Goldemberg. They toured several different projects within Tuolumne County, including the Parrotts Ferry Property purchased with Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) funds. They were impressed with the County's housing efforts and the warp speed by which we were able to identify a property and get it "stood up" for occupancy. They also toured the Rafferty Court Navigation Center as it is another housing opportunity for those in need and the Miners Inn, Veterans Housing, and the Justice Encampment.

Proposition 1 passed in March of 2023 which will be changing the landscape of how Mental Health Services Act Funding may be used. Part of the department's plans include offboarding existing funding in preparation of new directives and requirements. Funds have been utilized to revitalize our existing supportive housing properties, such as much needed deck repairs/replacement at Cabrini House. The deck is completed, and the property is no ADA compliant. Repainting is also underway. Washington House is

scheduled for repairs next due to the identification of a run leak (heavy rains create run off down the hillside) which affects the lower level of the house.

Supervisor Goldemberg recently toured Cabrini House and shared his observation of the much needed new deck now that the renovation is complete. Tenants spoke openly with him and expressed their gratitude for being able to reside there. In his opinion, Behavioral Health has created a very successful supportive housing program.

September 27th Behavioral Health held their annual Suicide Prevention Celebration at the Enrichment Center. Seven to eight community partners joined us, providing resources to all who attended. It was very well received by the community. Tami noted that the department did have a mishap with the annual formal Proclamation of September as Suicide Prevention and Awareness month. The team has since discussed this concern and steps are in place to ensure that doesn't happen again in the future. May will continue to be celebrated with a formal proclamation of Mental Health Awareness month, with September reserved for more of a community proclamation for Suicide Prevention and Awareness.

Supervisor Goldemberg shared that the Board of Supervisors are very appreciative of the work necessary to increase suicide prevention and awareness within our community and solidly supports the Behavioral Health Department's efforts.

Mental Health Services Act 3-Year Plan Update is underway. A new strategy is in place to utilize existing standing forums to receive increased feedback through our Community Stakeholders in addition to those forums we already provide. Please look out for these opportunities to use your voice, encourage others to do so as well.

Cathie Peacock would like to see the department create some type of partnership that focuses on seniors as in her experience with the Committee on Aging there is a need. Her observation is that many seniors suffer from melancholy in silence within our community. As the group discussed, this county is comprised of a large population of seniors than most others and many seniors' pride prevent them from reaching out for help. Director Mariscal will investigate what else can be done to focus more on suicide prevention and awareness efforts aimed at the senior population. She is looking into "Man Therapy" and "I Love You Bro" programs.

Sherry Bradley complimented Tami for moving Behavioral Health Services Act implementation forward so quickly.

The group discussed Veterans Services and what mental health assistance is available through their programs. Annie Hockett, HHSA Director, informed the group that Veterans Services has now received a grant for transportation support. They have hired a driver that takes veterans to their appointments, even outside of the county.

7. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF REPORT

No Staff Reports were received at this meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

2024 Data Notebook:

Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Support for the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, delivered an overview of the intent of the Data Notebook survey and the Behavioral Health Advisory Board's role in providing their opinions on the data. The group reviewed and discussed the survey questions and answers provided by the Behavioral Health

Department's Quality Management Team. Several items were identified for additional input and/or feedback from the group and are detailed below. An updated, completed copy of the Data Notebook will be incorporated into these minutes.

#13. Added e. Rates of self-harm

#15. Answer a. Yes

#16. e. Psychiatric hospitalizations

f. LPS Conservatorships

g. Rates of self-harm and suicide

l. Other: Dual-Diagnosis and Age-specific utilization of behavioral health services

#21. Provide an easier format for boards to work with prior to electronic submission of survey answers.

The group agreed on the answers provided by staff and opinions given by Board members. An updated version including the edits received at this meeting will be brought back before the Behavioral Health Advisory Board for approval of submission at their November Meeting.

9. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Update on Aegis Site Visit – An update on the scheduling of the next proposed site visit was provided to the group. The Behavioral Health Department has recently identified an appropriate contact at Aegis to work with to determine potential dates for the visit. Once that information is gained, Pandora will share that with the Site Visit Ad Hoc to determine their availability. Once an official date and time has been confirmed with the provider and the Ad Hoc team, Pandora will send out directions, a copy of the contract, Site Visit forms and protocol instructions.

Update on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors - The group discussed the work entailed in creating their annual report each year. An Ad Hoc has been created and Supervisor Campbell will be providing a bullet point list to the Ad Hoc of suggested information to include in that report. Pandora Armbruster will send out the previous year's annual report to be used as a resource. Supervisor Goldemberg suggested that information relayed in the presentation be succinct, digestible, and quantifiable.

10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Jennifer Salazar expressed concerns that Behavioral Health is not present when residents of the Justice Encampment are required to move their belongings. She feels their presence could alleviate some of the emotional upheaval felt by that population. She also feels that Behavioral Health's support of those housed in hotels would be very helpful in assuring they comply with program requirements.

Maureen Woods thanked Tami Mariscal for the recent celebration for Suicide Prevention Awareness month held at the Enrichment Center. She noted that the event was very productive and fun. She shared a flyer on county suicide data that she picked up from the Public Health table at the event.

Sherry Bradley shared her appreciation of Tami and her staff for facilitating her remote participation in these meetings. She informed the group that she would be leaving due to her family's arrival. Sherry Bradley left the meeting at 5:49 pm.

Cathie Peacock's informed the group that the Center on Aging is sponsoring their annual Centenarian Luncheon for those 90 years of age or older. This popular event is so important, and participants are grateful for the recognition of their achievements in reaching these milestones.

Tami Mariscal reported that the Parrotts Ferry property is now occupied with the third house ready for occupancy in 2 weeks. She believes that the site will be fully occupied before the end of the year.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2024, at 4:00 pm. Detailed meeting information will be provided on the October Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The October 2, 2024, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.



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Terry Ann Garcia		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	
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3. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Seven members were physically present with one member virtually present and accounted for at the time of roll call, completing a quorum for the Board. Those physically present were Ryan Campbell-District 2 Supervisor, Cathie Peacock, Elizabeth Marum, Jenn Salazar, Marshall Romeo, Maureen Woods, and Terry Ann Garcia. Sherry Bradley was in attendance virtually. Valerie Shuemake was not in attendance.

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the draft Minutes for the October 2, 2024, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting was tabled until the December 4, 2024, meeting to allow more time for members to review.

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Annie Hockett, Health and Human Services Agency Director answered several questions posed by Behavioral Health Advisory Board members surrounding the uptick in current Covid cases and the process involved in participating in the misdemeanor mental health diversion program. Annie responded that any perceived increase in Covid cases has not required any special response from the Public Health Department at this time. As Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Director is not available to respond concerning the mental health diversion programs currently in place, Annie suggested that this topic be re-visited at the December meeting when she is available. An item will be added to next month's meeting to address questions surrounding the diversion programs.

7. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF REPORT

Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Support, shared information regarding the repaving project currently underway on Hospital Road. As access to the building is impacted by this road work, plans were quickly put into place to move in-person appointments to phone appointments, allowing clients to choose their preference whenever possible. Initial assessments and group services continue to be provided on site.

8. NEW BUSINESS

The group discussed the need to reschedule or cancel the regularly scheduled Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting for January, as it falls on New Years Day.

A motion was made by Cathie Peacock and seconded by Elizabeth Marum to move the January meeting day to Wednesday, January 8, 2024, at 4:00 pm. The time to meet will remain the same. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

(Ayes: 8 – Supervisor Campbell, Cathie Peacock, Elizabeth Marum, Jenn Salazar, Marshall Romeo, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley, and Terry Garcia. Nays: 0 Members Absent: 1 – Valerie Shuemake)

9. CONTINUED BUSINESS

2024 Data Notebook:

Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Support for the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, delivered a completed copy of the Data Notebook survey and requested their approval of their compiled information for submission to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council.

A motion was made by Marshall Romeo and seconded by Maureen Woods to accept the Data Notebook survey answers as compiled from the previous month's feedback and approve them for submission. Motion passed unanimously by all members present.

(Ayes: 8 – Supervisor Campbell, Cathie Peacock, Elizabeth Marum, Jenn Salazar, Marshall Romeo, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley, and Terry Garcia. Nays: 0 Members Absent: 1 – Valerie Shuemake)

Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Support, informed the Behavioral Health Advisory Board that the Data Notebook survey would be completed soon, and a final copy shared with the Behavioral Health Advisory Board once it is received.

Update on Aegis Site Visit:

Pandora Armbruster shared information regarding the Behavioral Health Advisory Board's proposed site visit to the Aegis Medication Assisted Treatment Center. Staff have requested several potential dates for the Site Visit and once that information is received from Aegis, it will be shared with the Site Visit Ad Hoc to determine the best date based on their availability.

Update on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board's Annual Presentation to the Board of Supervisors:

The group discussed the need to set up a meeting for the Annual Report Ad Hoc to start the process of updating the Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors PowerPoint slides. An invite will be sent out for 1:30 pm on Monday, November 25, 2024, for the first meeting. Pandora will provide the slides and work with the Ad Hoc to complete this task for next year's presentation.

10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Jennifer Salazar expressed concerns that Behavioral Health is still not on site when residents of the Justice Camp need crisis intervention. She does not feel that there is enough of a clinical presence there when occupants are in need of grief or crisis counseling. Jenn's concerns surrounded a recent death at the camp and the impact that had on people there. Annie Hockett countered that Behavioral Health did respond to help when they were notified of the death. To assure deeper coverage, there are several Health and Human Services Agency departments partnering together to provide all types of support to those in need. The group discussed the needs and impacts to those occupying Justice Camp, weekly moves, winter weather, etc. The group requested a Staff Report from Behavioral Health regarding their presence and the services provided to those at the homeless camp. Lisa Silva, Master Care, explained that her team is also providing case management at the homeless encampment and are working to address

the needs of those occupying the site. Sherry Bradley requested more information on Master Care. Lisa explained that Master Care is an enhanced care management provider as newly required through CalAim initiatives. Their focus includes severe mental health, substance use disorder and unsheltered populations, as well as elderly disabled. They are contracted through Health Net and Anthem, as those are Tuolumne County Medi-Cal providers.

Sherry Bradley shared her recent experience at her temporary housing location. She had a woman who threw a rock at her, that she was able to dodge. It was clear that the woman was suffering from some sort of mental health issue. Sherry did call 911 to get her help. The woman was arrested, but once Sherry was subpoenaed and able to meet with the Court, she was able to encourage the provision of mental health services vs. jail time. They were able to get this in place for the woman, so she is now able to receive the necessary help she needs. Sherry explained that mental health diversion programs do appear to be working in other counties. Cathie Peacock stated that she also experienced an issue locally where mental health diversion was implemented with positive results.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regular Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2024, at 4:00 pm. Detailed meeting information will be provided on the December Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The November 6, 2024, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.