



**Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board
(Minutes of the meeting of February 2, 2022)**

FINAL

<u>2022 BHAB Membership</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Jaron Brandon - BOS	✓	✓										
Anaiah Kirk – BOS Alt	E	E										
Cynthia Halman	✓	✓										
Mary Anne Schmidt	✓	✓										
Valerie Shuemade	E	✓										
Constance Bone	A	A										
Elizabeth Marum	✓	✓										
Emily Valentine	E	✓										
Heather Farris	✓	✓										
Jenn Salazar	✓	✓										
Jennifer Pastorini	✓	✓										
Marjorie Langdon	A	✓										
Maureen Woods	✓	✓										
Penny Ablin	✓	✓										
Sherry Bradley	✓	✓										
Susie DeMassey	✓	E										

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E

15 MHAB Members, 1 BOS Alternate

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>
Rebecca Espino, Director – Health & Human Services Agency
Tami Mariscal, Director – Behavioral Health
Jenn Guhl, MHSA Agency Manager – Behavioral Health
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Assistant – Behavioral Health
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Bryanna Carter, Red Feather MMMC

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Advisory Board Chair, Cynthia Halman, announced to attendees that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of assuring accurate meeting minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm. Thirteen of the fifteen members were present and accounted for at the time of roll call to complete a quorum for the Board. Those present were Jaron Brandon, Cynthia Halman, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemade, Elizabeth Marum, Emily Valentine, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, Jennifer Pastorini, Marjorie Langdon, Maureen Woods, Penny Ablin, and Sherry Bradley. Constance Bone and Susie DeMassey were not in attendance.

- The January 5, 2022 Findings Resolution for AB 361 indicating that the BHAB would be meeting virtually only for the February 2, 2022, meeting was incorporated into the meeting record (attached).
- A motion was made by Mary Anne Schmidt and seconded by Elizabeth Marum to make the March 2, 2022 Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) meeting available for virtual attendance per AB 361 and through #2 of the associated Findings. The motion passed. (Ayes: 12 – Jaron Brandon, Cynthia Halman, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemaker, Elizabeth Marum, Emily Valentine, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, Jennifer Pastorini, Maureen Woods, Penny Ablin, and Sherry Bradley. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 1 – Marjorie Langdon Members Absent: 2 - Constance Bone and Susie DeMassey)

As a result of this determination, the March 2, 2022 Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting will be available through virtual attendance only per the County Administrator’s recommendation to only allow in-person or virtual meetings and not through a combination of both.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by all Behavioral Health Advisory Board members present. Introductions were made by Tuolumne County staff as follows: Rebecca Espino - Director Health and Human Services Agency, Tami Mariscal - Behavioral Health Director, Jenn Guhl – MHSA Agency Manager, and Pandora Armbruster – Quality Improvement Administrative Assistant.

III. AGENDA REVIEW PERIOD

Sherry Bradley suggested that Item #4 under the Business Section be moved up to Item #2 “Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors” Ad-Hoc Committee immediately following Item #1 - 2021 Data Notebook. The group agreed to the change in order of items. All other agenda items will remain in the same order.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The group discussed several edits and clarifications needed for the January 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Jaron Brandon moved to approve the January 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes with the noted corrections. Elizabeth Marum seconded. Motion passed. (Ayes: 12 – Jaron Brandon, Cynthia Halman, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemaker, Elizabeth Marum, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, Jennifer Pastorini, Marjorie Langdon, Maureen Woods, Penny Ablin, and Sherry Bradley Nays: 0 Abstentions: 1 – Emily Valentine Absent: 2 – Constance Bone and Susie DeMassey)

VI. SUPERVISOR’S REPORT – Board of Supervisors Representative – Jaron Brandon

Supervisor Brandon shared that he is recovering from Covid. He relayed information from the Board of Supervisors regarding the county’s ambulance contract with Manteca. It had been terminated but the board is back to the discussion table with Manteca hoping to renew this coverage, as well as assuring psychiatric care transportation needs are included in any new contract.

Jaron informed the BHAB that Wednesday is the Board of Supervisors scheduled workshop to determine board priorities and gain feedback from Department Heads. The goals set at this meeting will guide County Departments and align priorities based on needs. He conveyed his appreciation of the appointment of the new Behavioral Health Director, Tami Mariscal, and his recent meeting with her. He is excited about the new direction of the department and looking forward to working together.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tami Mariscal, BH Director

Tami thanked Jaron for his kind words and shared her appreciation of the Board's ongoing work on the new ambulance contract, assuring mental health transportation needs were included.

Behavioral Health has filled 1.5 (1 fulltime and 1 relief position) clinician positions since the Advisory Board's last meeting. 1.5 Behavioral Health Worker (BHW) positions (Case Managers) have also been filled. This will allow better coverage and the ability to take on an additional 80 caseloads. Behavioral Health was just notified that we have two additional applications pending for clinician positions as well. She shared her excitement that the department is filling these vacancies quickly – going from 7 vacant clinician positions to 5 and from 2 vacant BHW positions to zero.

TCBH recently fell into the status of Covid Outbreak due to staff presenting with positive Covid results. We have increased our personal protection equipment (PPE), put more stringent distancing plans into place, and are offering alternative treatment plans to clients. We are now on the downward trend of active Covid cases and hope to be out of our Outbreak status soon.

A recent meeting with the Jail Commander to discuss increased mental health services for general population inmates, the expansion of mental health diversion plans, and programs to assist inmates found incompetent to stand trial was very successful. This is something that Behavioral Health and Law Enforcement are continuing to collaborate on.

One of the Corrective Action Plans (CAP), which the department has been working with the Department of Healthcare Services on has now been resolved. We still have one open CAP which has two items left to address. We are now in a place where we are in full compliance with State requirements.

Lastly, Tami shared news about the department's current timeliness statistics. Those requesting mental health services are receiving their first assessment within 12 days and those requesting substance use disorder services are receiving their first assessment within 5 days.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Members of the Advisory Board may share announcements and/or comment on matters not on the agenda. Advisory Board Members' comments/announcements will be limited to **three minutes**.

- Sherry Bradley relayed concern about receiving agenda materials sooner. She feels that this material needs to be in members hands sooner than has been provided in the recent past.

Sherry shared that she attended the Council of State Government's Justice Center briefing "Expanding First Response: The Toolkit for Community Responder Programs" on January 19, 2022 which was very good.

Sherry informed the BHAB that she has been diagnosed with a recurrence of her brain tumor. She will be undergoing "Cyber Knife Radiation Therapy" targeting

the new growth while minimizing any damage to the brain. Consequently, she may not be able to attend next month's meeting.

- Penny Ablin also attended the Council of State Government's Justice Center briefing "Expanding First Response: The Toolkit for Community Responder Programs." which was a very good program. She reviewed the Toolkit provided and felt that these strategies and resources could be beneficial to Tuolumne County in developing Mobile Crisis teams while reducing law enforcement involvement.
- Cynthia Halman answered Maureen Woods' question posed last month regarding whether CEU's offered through the upcoming Suicide Bereavement Clinicians Training were available for registered nurses. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention only offers CEUs through NASW or NBCC. Cynthia's recommendation is that Maureen check with her licensing board to see if that would be acceptable. Maureen thanked Cynthia for her follow-up.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may be heard on any item not on the Board's Agenda. A person addressing the Board will be limited to **five minutes**. Comments by members of the public on any item on the agenda will only be allowed during consideration of the item by the Board.

No public comments were received.

X. BUSINESS

Continued Items:

1. Tuolumne County 2021 Data Notebook (20 minutes): Discussion, Review and Possible Action to Approve for Submission – Cynthia Halman
The group discussed questions and feedback for questions #14 through #22. Each question was reviewed, discussed, and information provided for input into the Data Notebook Survey.
Jaron Brandon made a motion and Maureen Woods seconded to submit the 2021 Data Notebook as discussed with the input provided through this review. (Ayes: 13 – Jaron Brandon, Cynthia Halman, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemaker, Emily Valentine, Elizabeth Marum, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, Jennifer Pastorini, Marjorie Langdon, Maureen Woods, Penny Ablin, and Sherry Bradley
Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 2 – Constance Bone and Susie DeMassey)
2. "Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors" Ad-hoc Workgroup (5 minutes) – Cynthia Halman
The group reviewed and provided input on the Annual Report through Slide 13. The feedback provided will be incorporated into the report. Rebecca Espino, HHSA Director, agreed to work with Cynthia on the report before she brings it back to next month's meeting.

New Business

3. Sharing of Documents/Reports Associated with BHAB Business/Meetings (5 minutes) – Pandora Armbruster
Pandora noted that all communications, documents, reports or any material shared through this meeting must be memorialized within the network files and archived appropriately in order to comply with any Public Record Act requests, as well as all Brown Act requirements. Please be sure to copy Pandora on any emails, material discussed or shared through meetings, etc. to assist with this task.

Due to a limitation in meeting time, Items # 4-6 will be moved to the March 2, 2022 Meeting.

Continued Items:

4. Crisis Care Continuum & AB 988 (15 minutes) – Discussion Review, and Possible Action – Cynthia Halman

Ad-hoc Committees’ Progress Reports:

5. “Speakers for Advisory Board” Ad-Hoc Committee (10 minutes) – Cynthia Halman
 - Suggested Speakers – Cathie Parker – TCSOS, Juvenile Hall, Probation Dept., Community Cultural Collaborative, District Attorney’s Office, ATCAA, and Mark Dyken – Resiliency Village
 - Invitations for them to attend future meetings.
6. “Social Media” Ad-Hoc Committee (15 Minutes) – Mary Anne Schmidt
 - Update & Possible Action on Facebook Build Out: Review and Discussion feedback from Tami Mariscal, BH Director

Items for Future Meetings:

7. “Bylaws Review” Ad-hoc Committee (5 minutes) – Cynthia Halman
 - Review, Discussion, and possible Action regarding the “Executive Committee” language used in the current and draft bylaws.
 - Review & Approve County Council Edits, if completed, and Possible Action to move forward to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance.
8. Social Get-Together Discussion – Cynthia Halman
 - Proposed Date, Place and Associated Costs – Cynthia Halman

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jaron Brandon and seconded by Heather Farris to adjourn the meeting after New Business: Item #3, Sharing of Documents/Reports Associated with BHAB Business/Meetings. Motion passed. (Ayes: 11 – Jaron Brandon, Cynthia Halman, Emily Valentine, Elizabeth Marum, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, Jennifer Pastorini, Marjorie Langdon, Maureen Woods, Penny Ablin, and Sherry Bradley. Nays: 0 Members Absent: 4 – Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemake, Constance Bone, and Susie DeMassey)

The meeting was adjourned by Cynthia Halman at 6:06 pm. The next Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2022, at 4:00 pm via videoconference through Zoom and teleconference only. Meeting information will be posted on the March 2022 Agenda.