



**Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board
(Minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2020)**

FINAL

<u>2019 MHAB Membership</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Anaiah Kirk - BOS	E	✓	✓									
Chris Daly	✓	✓	✓									
Cynthia Halman	✓	✓	✓									
Jenn Salazar	✓	✓	✓									
John Gray – BOS Alt.	E	E	E									
Loretta Pagni	✓	✓	E									
Mary Anne Schmidt	✓	✓	✓									
Scott Garrison	✓	✓	✓									
Valerie Shuemake	✓	✓	E									

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E

8 MHAB Members

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>
Rebecca Espino, Director - HHSA
Michael Wilson, Director – BH
Linda Downey, Chief Probation Officer
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Asst - BH

I. CALL TO ORDER

Advisory Board Chair, Chris Daly, called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. Six of the Advisory Board members which included Anaiah Kirk, Chris Daly, Cynthia Halman, Jenn Salazar, Mary Anne Schmidt, and Scott Garrison were present to meet a quorum requirement for the eight-member Board.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by all Board members present. Non-members included: Rebecca Espino – HHSA Director; Michael Wilson, LMFT – BH Director; Linda Downey, Chief Probation Officer; and Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Assistant - BH, taking minutes.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

None to report.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Scott Garrison and seconded by Anaiah Kirk to approve the minutes for February 5, 2020 as presented. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present. (Ayes: 6 – Anaiah Kirk, Chris Daly, Cynthia Halman, Scott Garrison, Mary Anne Schmidt and Jenn Salazar. Nays: 0)

V. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Anaiah Kirk, Tuolumne County Supervisor – District 3

Anaiah relayed current election results as several outcomes have already been determined with other results awaiting further ballot counts. The group discussed the impact of those results on the Board of Supervisors membership, as well as county funding. It was noted that the sales tax initiative failed which could negatively impact County of Tuolumne contracts and program funding. There will be a new incoming Supervisor as John Gray retires.

VI. AUDIENCE/BOARD MEMBERS (5 MINUTES PER PERSON)

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 unless the Chairperson grants a longer period of time. Comments by members of the public on any item on the agenda will only be allowed during consideration of the item by the Board.

Cynthia Halman followed up on the Best Practice in Care Transitions topic which was on last month's agenda. Valerie Shuemake identified several of the most frequently used facilities, and Cynthia would like to reach out to those identified to start a discussion regarding this topic and the importance of continuity in client aftercare. She has asked that we add this item to next month's agenda in order to allow these communications to take place with the Advisory Board's support. Cynthia will invite Rob Egger with Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools to attend the next meeting for more discussion on this topic.

Scott Garrison relayed his participation and appreciation of Donna Fone's presentation on the MHSA 3-year funding update recently held at the Enrichment Center.

Jenn Salazar shared her progress on her book. Editing is underway as it is currently 355 pages long, single-spaced. She has also started participating in the Inspiration Open Mic offering at the Enrichment Center. She is excited to share at this event and it is something that she is really enjoying. She will be participating in tomorrow's Open Mic and will share one of her poems and artwork at that time.

VIII. BUSINESS

Vice Chairperson Election: Nominations and Election

The group discussed the duties and responsibilities of the vacant Advisory Board Vice-Chairperson position. Cynthia Halman expressed interest in serving in that role. Mary Anne Schmidt made a motion to nominate and elect Cynthia Halman as the new Vice-Chair of the Tuolumne County Advisory Board. Anaiah Kirk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present. (Ayes: 5 – Anaiah Kirk, Chris Daly, Scott Garrison, Mary Anne Schmidt and Jenn Salazar. Nays: 0 Abstains: 1 – Cynthia Halman)

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Michael Wilson, LMFT - BH Director

Behavioral Health is currently prepping for its annual External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) audit on the 18th of March. Three months from now we will be undergoing our Triennial Audit by DHCS. We also have a Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Desk Audit next month, as well as our MHSA audit in June. These audits

are currently taking much of our attention in getting up to speed and assuring our plans of corrections from previous years have been met. We are exploring bringing an Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model forward based on the “Employment First” program. This is an evidence-based practice which supports people with serious mental illness in their efforts to achieve steady, meaningful employment in mainstream competitive jobs.

The group discussed the recently named Tuolumne County Homeless Coordinator, Kellae Brown, and her proposed duties

Michael shared that he recently met with Animal Control and their law enforcement officers regarding the extreme mental health concerns related with this work by the request of Tuolumne County Agricultural Commissioner, Kelly Schroeder. Michael relayed that he is hoping to bring basic trauma training that would be available to Behavioral Health staff and any others who are regularly exposed to trauma through the course of their employment.

Michael has had recent communication with Laura Krieg regarding the implementation of a Mental Health Diversion program, which is held in collaborative court vs. a criminal court setting. All parties involved collaborate in working towards the best interests of the mental health client. The group discussed mental health simulation tools and resources which assist others in understanding the impact of those suffering from severe mental illness.

Michael has an initial meeting to start the planning process for his proposed Mental Health Town Hall in May. This event should coincide with the Mental Health Awareness month.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The March 4, 2020, Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned by Chris Daly @ 4:52 pm. The next Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2020, at 4:00 pm at Adventist Health Sonora Hospital, Conference Room #4 – near the cafeteria, 1000 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370.