



**Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board
(Minutes of the meeting of July 1, 2020)**

FINAL

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

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E

8 MHAB Members

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>
Michael Wilson, Director – BH
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Asst - BH
Lindsey Lujan, QI Coordinator - BH
Amanda Lawrance, QI Staff Analyst - BH
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
C’Anne Johnson, Patients’ Rights Advocate

I. CALL TO ORDER

Advisory Board Chair, Chris Daly, called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm. Five members were present to complete a quorum for the eight-member Board. Loretta Pagni and Scott Garrison are unable to attend due to lack of available technology and their personal health concerns relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chris Daly requests clarification from County Counsel regarding the possibility of placing both Loretta and Scott on a temporary leave of absence, in the hope that this may alleviate issues regarding Brown Act quorum requirements. Pandora will reach out to County Counsel for clarification on this topic.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by all Board members present. Non-members included: C’Anne Johnson, Patients’ Rights Advocate; Michael Wilson, LMFT – BH Director; Lindsey Lujan, QI Coordinator - BH, Amanda Lawrance, QI Staff Analyst - BH; and Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Assistant – BH.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

None to report.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Valerie Shuemaker and seconded by Jenn Salazar to approve the minutes for March 4, 2020 as presented. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present. (Ayes: 5 – Chris Daly, Valerie Shuemaker, Cynthia Halman, Mary Anne Schmidt and Jenn Salazar. Nays: 0 Absent: 3 - Anaiah Kirk, Loretta Pagni and Scott Garrison)

V. SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Anaiah Kirk, Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors – District 3

Postponed until next month as Anaiah had not yet arrived at the meeting.

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.

No comments were received.

VIII. BUSINESS

Best Practices in Care Transitions (cont. from March 2020) – Cynthia Halman:

Cynthia Halman has requested that the Advisory Board group grant her authority to gather information from psychiatric hospitals regarding their best practices and collaboration/coordination of aftercare services for patients being discharged from inpatient mental health services. She would like to assess psych hospitals interest in participating in a Health Information Exchange (HIE) network which could allow healthcare partners to improve discharge outcomes and re-admission rates.

The group discussed concerns regarding the gathering of this information and its possible use in the implementation of a HIE, as action on the information gained would not be a part of the Advisory Board’s role. It was decided that this knowledge may be beneficial in assisting the Board regarding future suggestions to Behavioral Health regarding aftercare collaborations.

Anaiah Kirk made a motion which was seconded by Mary Anne Schmidt to allow Cynthia Halman permission to gather information from mental healthcare partners on their best practices in discharge planning and their possible interest in implementing a HIE and the sharing of that information with the rest of the Board. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present. (Ayes: 6 – Chris Daly, Anaiah Kirk, Valerie Shuemaker, Cynthia Halman, Mary Anne Schmidt and Jenn Salazar. Nays: 0)

CALBHB/C “Reducing Criminal Justice Involvement & Striving for Zero” presentation summaries – Cynthia Halman

“Reducing Criminal Justice Involvement” - Cynthia Halman shared slides from a webinar presentation she participated in online through CALBHB/C website and presented by MHSOAC. These slides detailed several findings discovered through an MHSOAC Subcommittee focused on reducing the increase of the number of people with mental health

needs within the criminal justice system. Opportunities for diversion and prevention were the focus of the presentation.

The group discussed Behavioral Health’s participation in an SB82 grant – Mobile Triage Response Unit and has requested that a report from Michael regarding this item be added to the August agenda.

“Striving for Zero” - Cynthia shared an additional MHSOAC’s presentation regarding the Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention 2020-2025. The group reviewed the strategic aims and goals identified in the plan as well as the proposed State Workplan.

A copy of both presentations will be available as a part of the final July 2020 Advisory Board Minutes.

Inmate Suicide @ Tuolumne County Jail – Cynthia Halman

Cynthia Halman has requested more information on an article posted in the My Motherlode forum. The group discussed the possibility of a report from the Sheriff’s Department on this topic. Anaiah Kirk will request information from Sheriff Bill Pooley’s PIO on this topic.

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

Michael shared his recent meeting with jail staff to address Behavioral Health services provided onsite at the jail. Plans to restart the CASE program, dual diagnosis services, three times weekly were discussed and will be implemented soon. An additional 6 hours weekly of services are also provided at the jail to assure we are meeting their identified needs and seeing referred inmates. The increase in the amount of services provided are meant to improve communications with jail staff and to assist our clients when arrested to maintain connections with their mental health services. Safety cell services are also provided at the jail.

The Health and Human Services Agency Executive Cabinet, which includes all the second line of Supervisors and up within the department, are meeting regularly and are currently working on the “Dare to Lead” program in order to improve communication, transparency and collaborations with each other.

The Enrichment Center continues to operate under a limited schedule due to COVID-19. Laundry and shower services are still available, and appointments are recommended.

Three weeks ago, the Behavioral Health clinic started offering regular mental health services onsite again. Services are provided by clinicians, when they feel comfortable doing so, and are requested by the client. No groups are being offered yet, but there is a definite uptick in traffic through Behavioral Health. Crisis services continue to be offered as they always have been.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The July 1, 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 August 5, 2020, at 4:00 pm via Zoom and teleconference. Meeting information will be posted on the August Agenda.