



Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board
(Minutes of the meeting of July 6, 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	E	E	E	E	E					
Cynthia Halman	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	E					
Mary Anne Schmidt	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Valerie Shuemake	E	✓	E	E	A	✓	✓					
Constance Bone	A	A	✓	A	A	A	A					
Elizabeth Marum	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓					
Emily Valentine	E	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	E					
Heather Farris	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Jenn Salazar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Jennifer Pastorini	✓	✓	✓	E	E	E	Resigned					
Marjorie Langdon	A	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E					
Maureen Woods	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Penny Ablin	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	E	Resigned					
Sherry Bradley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Susie DeMassey	✓	E	✓	E	✓	E	✓					

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E
 Alternate

13 MHAB Members, 1 BOS

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>
Tracie Riggs, County Administrator
Rebecca Espino, Director – Health & Human Services Agency
Lindsey Lujan, Agency Manager – Behavioral Health
Jenn Guhl, MHSA Agency Manager – Behavioral Health
Logan Ainger, MHSA Program Specialist – Behavioral Health
Amanda Lawrance, QI Staff Analyst – Behavioral Health
Joseph Shaw, QI Staff Analyst – Behavioral Health
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Assistant – Behavioral Health
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Christina Welch, Chairperson – Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Advisory Board Vice-Chair, Mary Anne Schmidt, announced to attendees that the meeting was being recorded.
- The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm. Nine of the thirteen members were present and accounted for at the time of roll call to complete a quorum for

the Board. Those present were Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemake, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, M. Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley, and Susie DeMassey. Cynthia Halman, Constance Bone, Emily Valentine, and Marjorie Langdon were not in attendance.

- The June 1, 2022 Findings Resolution for AB 361 indicating that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board would be meeting virtually only for the July 6, 2022, meeting was incorporated into the meeting record (attached).
- A motion was made by Maureen Woods and seconded by Elizabeth Marum to make the August 3, 2022 Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting available for virtual attendance per AB 361 and through #2 of the associated Findings. The motion passed. (Ayes: 9 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemake, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, M. Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley, and Susie DeMassey. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Members Absent: 4 – Cynthia Halman, Constance Bone, Emily Valentine, and Marjorie Langdon)

As a result of this determination, the August 3, 2022 Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting will be available through virtual attendance only per the County Administrator's recommendation to 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, Lindsey Lujan - Agency Manager, Jenn Guhl – MHS Agency Manager, Logan Ainger – MHS Program Specialist, Amanda Lawrance - QI Staff Analyst, Joseph Shaw – QI Staff Analyst, and Pandora Armbruster – Administrative Assistant. Christina Welch, Chairperson – Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness was also present.

III. AGENDA REVIEW PERIOD

There were no suggested changes to the order of agenda items.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was reported.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jaron Brandon moved to approve the June 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes with noted corrections. Heather Farris seconded. Motion passed.

(Ayes: 8 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemake, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, M. Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, and Sherry Bradley. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 1 – Susie DeMassey Members Absent: 4 – Cynthia Halman, Constance Bone, Emily Valentine, and Marjorie Langdon)

VI. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – Board of Supervisors Representative – Jaron Brandon, District

Supervisor Brandon thanked Behavioral Health and Heather Farris for their work at the recent PRIDE event in June and was pleased to share that June was proclaimed the first PRIDE month in Tuolumne County.

Jaron Brandon recently met with the HHS Executive Cabinet where various departmental ideas were discussed. He felt this was important and hopes to have more of these types of meetings to gain knowledge of departmental processes, challenges, and successes.

There are several Grand Jury Reports coming out soon. The Board of Supervisors had a presentation on how the grand jury works on Tuesday, July 5th. If you are interested in Grand Jury service, you can request to participate in that process. Please reach out to Supervisor Brandon for more information.

The Board of Supervisors recently approved Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) through the Housing and Community Development Department. This is a 5-year Strategic Plan for a series of grants of about \$2-3M dedicated to housing related projects and programs that assist in addressing the unmet housing needs of local communities.

The Board of Supervisors recently accepted the resignations of Penny Ablin and Jennifer Pastorini from the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and reappointed Cynthia Halman and Elizabeth Marum to another term.

Several Behavioral Health contracts were reviewed and approved through the Board of Supervisors. There was also a discussion surrounding Care Court implementation and, after learning of several concerns surrounding funding and implementation, Tuolumne County has declined to participate but would reconsider if remedies were in place to address those concerns.

The Board of Supervisors recently approved the Sierra Business Council to represent Tuolumne County in pursuing a \$5M Planning Grant through the Community Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF). CERF supports the development of regional economic roadmaps that invest in industries that will thrive in a carbon-neutral future, create high-quality jobs, and build a more equitable economy that works for all. This \$5M Planning Grant is between seven counties, which then allows for competition of up to \$500M statewide. Funding ideas could include a mental health component.

Jaron thanked Jennifer Guhl and Lindsey Lujan, Behavioral Health Agency Managers, for their MHS Presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

And lastly, the Board of Supervisors recently approved a 1-cent sales tax to be placed on the ballot. If approved by voters, these funds would be split 40-40-20, between the Sheriff's Office, Fire Department and Roads.

Mary Anne Schmidt welcomed Tracie Riggs, Tuolumne County Administrator, to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) meeting.

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

Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Director, was not in attendance at the meeting, but requested that Lindsey Lujan, Behavioral Health Agency Manager, share information with the group on her behalf.

The 988 Suicide Hotline is set to go live on July 15th. Calls will be routed to an assigned call center for each state. These calls will not be directly routed to Behavioral Health. The implementation of 988 does not involve rerouting 911 calls nor does it replace any current protocols for law enforcement dispatch or local mental health crisis dispatch. Additionally, there is not a current mandate for local efforts nor local funding associated with 988. There is no active legislation to support local funding or local projects underway. 988 is live but is being overseen by the State at this time.

The first CalAIMS deadline has arrived. It is affecting both clinical and administrative processes for Behavioral Health. The biggest deadline was July 1st which changes the documentation required that clinicians provide for Plans of Care (POC). The change reduces the documentation mandate for clinicians and more easily allows clinicians to braid services.

Behavioral Health's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Managed Care Plans (the insurance providers for Medi-Cal: Anthem Blue Cross and CA Health & Wellness) is being updated to reflect current requirements from CalAIMS. We have a close relationship with those providers. There are approximately 14,000 Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Tuolumne County and these Managed Care Plans serve the majority of those with mild to moderate mental health issues.

The Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Program has been re-vamped over the last year, substantially increasing Perinatal and Adolescent & Youth Treatment Groups. Our Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Drug Medi-Cal application is currently pending approval.

Brock Kolby, Behavioral Health Clinical Deputy Director, is interested in presenting information on residential mental health facilities and hospitals and our relationship with them at next month's BHAB meeting.

Elizabeth Marum: How does the 988 State level response work? Answer: The 988 Call Center would gather the location and then connect to our local 911 service if deemed necessary.

How are the latest mass shootings outside of our state influencing prevention and/or preparation efforts here in Tuolumne County? Answer: This question is best directed at Tami when she is available, but recently the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools received a \$2M grant from the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) to help put mental health professionals on school campuses.

Maureen Woods: Who is qualified for Perinatal Services through TCBH? How far into the post-partum phase do mothers qualify for this support? Answer: All moms with a substance use disorder, whether currently pregnant or just with dependents in their home qualify.

Heather Farris: What is the planned use for the \$2M Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) Grant? Can Tami provide additional information on this

upon her return? Answer: Tami will be asked to elaborate on what is currently in place for this funding. Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools (TCSOS) is the lead for this grant.

Supervisor Brandon: Has a final decision on how to spend these grant funds been made? Answer: Yes, the MHSSA grant is already in the implementation phase.

Mary Anne Schmidt: What is the State doing around 988 education in the community? Answer: We do not yet have any information to share about what has been put in place by the State for education through media or advertising aimed at informing the public.

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**.

No Behavioral Health Advisory Board member comments or announcements were received.

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.

Christina Welch, Chairperson - Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness (TCCoH) informed the group that she is putting together a panel to discuss what mental illness looks like in our local homeless population. The panel discussion is scheduled for Thursday, July 14th from 10:00 am to 11:00 am via the monthly TCCoH meeting which will be available through Zoom. Meeting information and links to attend will be on the County website. Christina is hoping to get in touch with Jenn Salazar, Behavioral Health Advisory Board member, to request her participation. Jenn acknowledged that she would be a part of the panel.

X. BUSINESS

Continued Items:

1. Presentation of officer nominations and election of officers. (10 minutes) – Supervisor Jaron Brandon shared the results of the Nominating Committee's recommendations for chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary as follows: Mary Anne Schmidt – Chairperson, Sherry Bradley – Vice Chairperson, and Heather Farris, Secretary.

The group discussed the ad-hoc committee's nomination recommendations and a motion was made by Supervisor Brandon to elect the entire panel as stated. Valerie Shuemake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (Ayes: 9 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemake, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, M. Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley, and Susie DeMassey. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Members Absent: 4 – Cynthia Halman, Constance Bone, Emily Valentine, and Marjorie Langdon)
2. Final Action for approval of BHAB Bylaws (10 minutes) – Mary Anne Schmidt
Mary Anne informed the group that some of the suggested edits/comments were accepted into this final draft. It was noted that this final draft of the

Bylaws must be submitted to County Counsel and CAO's Office for review before going to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Heather Farris made a motion and Elizabeth Marum seconded to accept the final draft of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Bylaws as written and submit them for review and approval as noted. Motion passed. (Ayes: 9 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemake, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, M. Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley, and Susie DeMassey. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Members Absent: 4 – Cynthia Halman, Constance Bone, Emily Valentine, and Marjorie Langdon)

3. Vote for the removal of Constance Bone as a member of the Advisory Board due to 5 unexcused absences and notify the clerk of the Board of Supervisors in writing with the request that the BOS declare a vacancy and proceed to fill the position. (5 minutes) – Mary Anne Schmidt

Jaron Brandon moved, and Elizabeth Marum seconded to recommend the removal of Constance Bone from the Behavioral Health Advisory Board by the Board of Supervisors. Motion passed unanimously. (Ayes: 9 – Jaron Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, Valerie Shuemake, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, M. Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley, and Susie DeMassey. Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Members Absent: 4 – Cynthia Halman, Constance Bone, Emily Valentine, and Marjorie Langdon)

4. Discussion of Submission of BH Director's Report in written form (5 minutes) – Mary Anne Schmidt

Supervisor Brandon felt that this may be an additional burden to put on the Director but feels a short summary of topics could be shared before the meeting.

Rebecca Espino relayed that providing information in real time may be more beneficial and Tami should be able to weigh in on this before making any recommendation that adds to her workload.

Mary Anne Schmidt feels this could be as simple as a short list of items that would assist the board members with understanding ongoing impacts and topics relevant to their role and also identify areas that could help members support the Behavioral Health Department.

Lindsey Lujan relayed that Tami felt this would increase the Director's workload. Minutes are recorded for every meeting which are provided to members. Any questions that arise upon their review could then be directed to her as a follow up. Tami intends to make herself available to all board members for questions.

Elizabeth Marum asked for details of Mary Anne's research of other Advisory Board's process about a monthly written Director's report. Mary Anne clarified that she had spoken to San Diego County and checked on a few others. Those Advisory Board members enjoyed having Director's reports. She shared that she would be meeting with Tami for additional discussion on this topic.

5. Youth Recruitment Ad-Hoc Report (10 minutes) Heather Farris
Heather Farris shared her screen, displaying a PowerPoint presentation on the Ad-Hoc Committee's work on youth recruitment. Members are Heather Farris, Supervisor Brandon, Mary Anne Schmidt, and Teri Alford. The first meeting was held on June 16th, where there were some quick and productive discussions focused on the need to recruit for transitional age youth. Various

ways to engage and inform youth were discussed. Advertising through flyers, postcards, social media posts, and a website URL anchor were all suggested. Using a website anchor would be helpful to direct youth to the website for more information and education for applicants.

Several organizations were identified as promising for potential youth participants. A recruiting announcement was formalized for future use on the website. Postcards were created and distributed at the Sonora Pride event. Several examples of flyers for future events were shared. The Ad-Hoc committee will continue to work towards adding verbiage to the County website and partner with local organizations to create media that suits their outreach events. Additionally, social media posts will be shared with Behavioral Health and other entities. The committee plans to define and create a mentorship program for any new youth recruit identified. More information on that will be shared in a future report. Through the Ad-Hoc Committee's recent efforts, a couple of potential candidates have already professed interest. Members congratulated the Ad-Hoc for their work on this topic. Jaron suggested Archer and Hound post or boost this topic for the Advisory Board. Mary Anne Schmidt will discuss printing flyers or promotions with Tami at a future meeting. Website changes and social media posts related to the Ad-Hoc Committee's suggestions will also be discussed.

Due to a meeting conflict, Valerie Shuemake left at 5:04 pm.

6. Discuss future goals for the BH Advisory Board (10 minutes) – Mary Anne Schmidt

Mary Anne shared that there are 7 duties outlined in the Advisory Board Bylaws and defined in the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 5604. This guides the Board's duties and roles. She requested that members review those duties. Mary Anne solicited feedback from members on what the proposed focus and goals should be of the Advisory Board in the future.

- Susie DeMassey would like to see more representation from consumers in the makeup of the Board. She will work with Heather to solicit interest from potential members with personal experience utilizing mental health services.
- Heather Farris would like to see the group dig into the first three duties outlined in the new drafted bylaws.
 - Review and evaluate the community's behavioral health needs, services, facilities, and special problems.
 - Review and make recommendations on any county agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5650 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code.
 - Advise the Board of Supervisors and the Behavioral Health Director as to any aspect of the local behavioral health program and review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.
- Sherry Bradley echoed Susie's ideas and Heather's suggestions. Consumer representatives are needed. She felt that outreach efforts with postcards in the lobby of the Behavioral Health Department to reach clients who may be interested in serving on the board. She encouraged

the development of an Ad-Hoc Budget Committee to determine available funding to facilitate site visits. She would like to find ways that advisory board members can do networking in the community.

- Supervisor Jaron Brandon suggested the board continue scheduling speakers to gain education from the department and the community. Behavioral Health contracts should also be a focus and reviewed at the Advisory Board level before coming to the Board of Supervisors. Jaron also would appreciate Dr. Kolby's report coming to inform the board on residential placement.

7. Discuss and suggest future agenda items. (10 minutes) – Mary Anne Schmidt
Any items that should be reviewed at the August agenda?

- Lindsey Lujan requested that the recently completed EQRO Report be added for the board's review.
- Pandora Armbruster would like to see the Data Notebook Ad Hoc Report added for August. Sherry informed that the Ad-Hoc will set a meeting with Lindsey and Pandora to get this process started.
- Heather Farris would like more information on the MHSA Annual Update approved by the BOS yesterday. Jenn Guhl shared that a link to that presentation can be sent out to the board.
- Maureen Woods requests that the board continue with community guest speakers and educational presentations from Behavioral Health Department programs.
- Jenn Guhl is scheduled in August to provide an Innovation presentation on how the Innovations process works. Sherry has requested a more detailed presentation on the approved Innovations project. Mary Anne will reach out to Jenn to gain more information on this and any other pending MHSA presentations.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The July 6th, 2022, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

The next Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2022, at 4:00 pm via videoconference through Zoom and teleconference only. Meeting information will be posted on the August 2022 Agenda.

Behavioral Health Advisory Board

County of Tuolumne

**FINDINGS OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS
OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022
PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.**

WHEREAS, all meetings of BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD and its legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and view the legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions and requirements; and

WHEREAS, a required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558(b); and

WHEREAS, a further required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body holds a meeting to determine or has determined by a majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency declaring a state of emergency exists in California due to the threat of

COVID-19, pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8625); and,

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-07-21, which formally rescinded the Stay-at-Home Order (Executive Order N-33-20), as well as the framework for a gradual, risk-based reopening of the economy (Executive Order N-60-20, issued on May 4, 2020) but did not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom also issued Executive Order N-08-21, which set expiration dates for certain paragraphs of the State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020 and other Executive Orders but did not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Findings, neither the Governor nor the state Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent Findings the state Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention for employees and places of employment. Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D) specifically recommends physical (social) distancing as one of the measures to decrease the spread of COVID-19 based on the fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors; and,

WHEREAS, the Behavioral Health Advisory Board finds that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, based on the California Department of Industrial Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D); and,

WHEREAS, as a consequence, the Behavioral Health Advisory Board does hereby find that it shall conduct its meetings by teleconferencing without compliance with Government Code section 54953 (b)(3), pursuant to Section 54953(e), and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to

the meetings as prescribed by Government Code section 54953(e)(2).

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND AND ORDERED by the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, County of Tuolumne, State of California, in regular session assembled on June 1, 2022 does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this Findings by this reference.

Section 2. State or Local Officials Have Imposed or Recommended Measures to Promote Social Distancing. The Behavioral Health Advisory Board hereby proclaims that state officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social (physical) distancing based on the California Department of Industrial Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D).

Section 3. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Behavioral Health Advisory Board is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of these Findings including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 4. Effective Date. These Findings shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) June 3, 2022, or (ii) such time the Behavioral Health Advisory Board adopts a subsequent Findings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which its legislative bodies may continue to teleconference without compliance with Section 54953(b)(3).

ADOPTED this 1st day of June, 2022 by the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board, by the following vote:

YES: 9 – Jaron Brandon, Cynthia Halman, Mary Anne Schmidt, Heather Farris, Jenn Salazar, Marjorie Langdon, Maureen Woods, Sherry Bradley, and Susie DeMassey.

NO: 0

ABSENT: 6 – Valerie Shuemade, Constance Bone, Elizabeth Marum, Emily Valentine, Jennifer Pastorini, and Penny Ablin

ABSTAIN: 0