



Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (Minutes of the meeting of August 6, 2025)

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<u>2025 BHAB Membership</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ryan Campbell - BOS	Meeting Cancelled	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Anaiah Kirk – BOS Alt		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Holland – BOS Alt		-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cathie Peacock		✓	E	E	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Elizabeth Marum		A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓				
Jenn Salazar		✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	A				
Maureen Woods		✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓				
Marshall Romeo		✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sherry Bradley		✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Terry Ann Garcia		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E				
Valerie Shuemaker		✓	E	✓	E	✓	E	E				

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E Virtual Attendance = V 8 MHAB Members, 1 BOS Alternate

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>
Tami Mariscal, Director – Behavioral Health Department
Lindsey Lujan, QM Deputy Director – Behavioral Health Department
Jenn Guhl, BHSA Agency Manager – Behavioral Health Department
Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Technician – Behavioral Health Department
<u>Others in Attendance</u>
A community member was in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board of Supervisors Behavioral Health Advisory Board Chair, Ryan Campbell, called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Five members were present and accounted for at the time of roll call, completing a quorum for the Board. Those present were Ryan Campbell-District 2 Supervisor, Cathie Peacock, Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, and Sherry Bradley. Jennifer Salazar, Terry Ann Garcia, and Valerie Shuemaker were not in attendance. Introductions were waived as all present at the meeting are acquainted.

3. GENERAL 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 **three 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.

There were no public comments received.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cathie Peacock moved, and Sherry Bradley seconded to approve the July 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes including Sherry's suggested edits. Motion passed unanimously.

(Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Campbell, Cathie Peacock, Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, and Sherry Bradley. Abstentions: 0 Nays: 0 Members Absent: 3 – Jenn Salazar, Terry Ann Garcia, and Valerie Shuemake)

5. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Lambert Drop-In Center

Tami Mariscal, Behavioral Health Director provided an update on the David Lambert Drop-In Center operations. Tami explained that for quite some time, especially since changes in funding due to implementation of the Behavioral Health Services Act, the department has been struggling to try to realign Lambert Center activities, resources, and services to match existing funding sources. The Behavioral Health Department has given notice to volunteers and the property owner of our intention to cease operations. As services currently provided there are important to the community, a decision was made to pursue support and funding from an outside source. Nancy's Hope will be joining forces with existing volunteers to take over management of the Lambert Drop-In Center in October of 2025. This change supports the community's needs and the department's funding restrictions. Advisory Board members discussed the change and appreciated the department's assistance in assuring the transition moves forward with the least amount of impact to the services they provide. A public comment was made expressing support of the change.

- Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Grant

Tami informed the group of the department's decision to pursue Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) grant funding to close gaps in crisis response. The department has identified the need to develop a peer respite site that can be utilized for cooling down, safety planning, upon return from inpatient hospitalization, etc. Per grant requirements, it was determined that there is no limit to how much funding can be requested, but a 10% local match for that funding is required. With approval by Annie Hockett, Director of Health and Human Services Agency, a potential site has been identified at the main Tuolumne General Hospital first floor. Behavioral Health has named the project "The Foundry – Where Strength is Forged." The department's application is due in October of this year. Results of grant awards will not be available until Spring of 2026. The department's anticipated "Go Live" date is expected to be in 2027. The department is slowly and thoughtfully navigating through the first steps of the application. A letter of support from the Behavioral Health Advisory Board in favor of the department's pursuit of this grant funding is needed.

The group discussed the potential of this important project and expressed appreciation of the hard work being done to pursue expanding appropriate behavioral health services and resources within the community.

An item will be placed on next month's agenda to finalize the Behavioral Health Advisory Board's letter of support in "The Foundry – Where Strength is Forged" proposed grant project.

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF REPORT

Jenn Guhl, BHSa Agency Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation informing the Behavioral Health Advisory Board on the department's transition from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSa) Integrated Plan for FY 26-29. Highlights detailed the shift in required program funding allocations, a much more robust and expanded community stakeholder process, and new State reporting requirement timelines. A copy of that presentation is attached to these minutes.

The group discussed the changes and potential impacts to the department and the community. Jenn shared information on a current survey already underway to meet these expanded requirements and encouraged everyone to participate and share it with others as much as possible. Surveys and flyers were shared in paper form with those in attendance. Information will also be available on the website and sent out to members for sharing.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Review, discussion and possible action on new and pending Behavioral Health Advisory Board applications for appointment and re-appointment.

A motion was made by Maureen Woods and seconded by Ryan Campbell to forward Sherry Bradley and Cathie Peacock's applications for reappointment to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of reappointment.

(Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Campbell, Cathie Peacock, Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, and Sherry Bradley. Abstentions: 0 Nays: 0 Members Absent: 3 – Jenn Salazar, Terry Ann Garcia, and Valerie Shuemaker)

A motion was made by Cathie Peacock and seconded by Ryan Campbell to forward Blake Dolman's application for appointment to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of appointment.

(Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Campbell, Cathie Peacock, Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, and Sherry Bradley. Abstentions: 0 Nays: 0 Members Absent: 3 – Jenn Salazar, Terry Ann Garcia, and Valerie Shuemaker)

A motion was made by Sherry Bradley and seconded by Cathie Peacock to forward Katrina Olvera's application for appointment to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of appointment.

(Ayes: 5 – Supervisor Campbell, Cathie Peacock, Elizabeth Marum, Maureen Woods, and Sherry Bradley. Abstentions: 0 Nays: 0 Members Absent: 3 – Jenn Salazar, Terry Ann Garcia, and Valerie Shuemaker)

The group requested that administrative support reach out to any of those with pending applications and invite them to attend upcoming Advisory Board meetings if still interested in appointment.

8. CONTINUED BUSINESS

Discussion and identification of concerns gained through recent BHSA Listening Sessions and consideration of drafting a Letter of Concern on behalf of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

The group determined that this item will be postponed until the next meeting.

9. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Cathie Peacock shared information on required AB1234 Ethics training for Behavioral Health Advisory Board members and shared her certificate of completion with Administrative Support. The group discussed this required training's availability through the California Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALBHBC) website. Members were encouraged to complete it when required and send their certificates to Pandora for filing.

Sherry Bradley reported that there was no Quality Improvement Council Meeting to report on in July. She also informed the group that she may be missing more meetings due to recurring health issues.

Elizabeth Marum informed everyone that she will not be at the upcoming September meeting. She will be in Kenya to honor her husband's passing. All expressed condolences on her loss.

Maureen Woods reminded the board of the need to schedule a guest speaker for a future meeting. Several suggestions for potential speakers were made. Maureen will work with Tami Mariscal to identify and invite the next guest speaker to a future meeting.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 4:00 pm. Detailed meeting information will be provided on the September Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Agenda.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The August 6, 2025, Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm.