

**Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Advisory Board  
(Minutes of the meeting of August 3, 2016)**



<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	
Terry Easley	Janet Johnson	Scott Garrison
Sherri Brennan	Christine Daly	Tabatha Hooter
Bill Tracy		Megan Mills
John Leamy		Rebecca Tefertiller
Loretta Pagni	<b><u>Others Present</u></b>	Carly Lillis
Linda Postma	Rita Austin	Marilyn Strong
	Pandora Armbruster	Chris Schmidt
	Susan Benguerel	Robbie Graham

8 Members  
(5=quorum)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson, Terry Easley called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Six members were present to complete a quorum for the eight members Board.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were made by Board members. Non-members included: Rita Austin LCSW, Director-BH; Chris Schmidt, Deputy County Council; Scott Garrison, Tabatha Hooter, Marilyn Strong, and Robbie Graham, Community members; and Susan Benguerel, Megan Mills, Rebecca Tefertiller, and Carly Lillis, Behavioral Health employees, and Pandora Armbruster, Administrative Assistant-BH, taking minutes.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The June 2016 and July 2016 Advisory Board meetings were cancelled due to a lack of quorum. The Minutes from the May 4, 2016 Advisory Board meeting were reviewed for approval. Terry Easley motioned to approve the Minutes for the May 4, 2016 meeting as presented. Linda Postma seconded the motion. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 The May 4, 2016, Advisory Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

**V. SUPERVISOR’S REPORT – Sherri Brennan**

On Tuesday, August 2, 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved some labor contracts and COLA adjustments for County staff. The Board of Supervisors made a commitment to ensure that County staff is adequately compensated and employee morale improved. Rita Austin thanked the Board of Supervisors and appreciated their efforts to make changes that have positively affected all staff. Rita stated, “The Board of Supervisors operated very proactively to be responsive and attentive to public service in order to create a healthy community and a healthy workforce.” Rita also stated that the Board of Supervisors did not vote on a wage increase for themselves, even though a recent survey identified them as significantly under compensated. She wanted to acknowledge and compliment the Board of Supervisors on their financial sacrifice to benefit Tuolumne County as a whole.

Sherri stated that the Board of Supervisors is currently watching SB 1273 – MHSA Crisis Stabilization Act. This is legislation that has been sponsored by Orange County Senator John Moorlach which would allow greater flexibility over use of Mental Health Services Act funds. This legislation has received some wide bipartisan support and generated some concerns. This has resulted in much conversation surrounding programs such as “No Place Like Home.” Sherri stated that the Board would continue to monitor the progress of this Bill.

Rita Austin was a speaker at NACO, a very large organization which represents counties from all over the nation. Sherri thanked her for her role in representing our county and representing us at a state level as a leader in the Behavioral Health field.

#### **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.

Concerns were raised regarding ventilation in the bathrooms in the Enrichment Center. It was noted that ventilation may be an issue in the showers. Protocols will be followed to evaluate the situation.

The progress of implementing telepsych services was discussed. Much concern was raised over continuity of care upon Dr. Glover’s retirement. BH has issued a RFP and received 7 applicants. They are awaiting approval of this service from the Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Glover is retiring soon and discussion surrounded his important work in this community. Loretta Pagni brought in artwork for Dr. Glover that was to be signed by all attendees of the meeting and delivered to him upon his retirement.

#### **VII. BUSINESS**

##### **A. Two new member applications**

Pending the location of any new applications, a motion was made by Terry Easley to forward them to the Board of Supervisors for review. Linda Postma seconds the motion. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion passes.

### **B. Bylaws review**

Terry Easley introduced Chris Schmidt, Deputy County Council, to the MH Advisory Board to discuss his recommendations regarding the draft Advisory Board Bylaws.

Mr. Schmidt recommends the following changes be incorporated into the updated bylaws:

- Change document format to that which he provided
- Maintaining quorums in order to be effective as a Board and able to take action
- Staggering Board member terms in order to maintain continuity
- New Board members application process – applications/appointments
- Secretary position should normally be a member of the Board and maintains Board records

After discussion, Loretta Pagni made a motion that the draft Bylaws including the suggested changes be brought back to the full board at next months' meeting for final consideration in order to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Bill Tracy seconded the Motion. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion passes unanimously.

Copies of Rosenberg's Rules of Order were distributed and discussed. It is recommended that members update their binders. Binders for new members will be updated to reflect this change.

### **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

- A. By-Laws review
- B. New Member Applications

<b>VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
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- A. Executive Committee: No Report
- B. Contract Committee : No Report
- C. Performance Outcome Committee: No Report
- D. Combined Advisory Board and MHSA Committee: No Report

<b>IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b>
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Rita reported that she was recently sponsored by Centene Corporation, our SOAR program sponsor, to speak about Healthy Communities at the NACO conference. Her

speech at this conference was about the ability of our small community to be resilient, relationship filled, responsive and recovery oriented, and was very well received.

Rita spoke more about SB 1273 and the “No Place Like Home,” program stating that BH has been proactive in funding and planning housing for the homeless clients.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>X. ADJOURNMENT</b></p>
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Bill Tracy motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Loretta Pagni seconded the motion. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.