

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING**

February 26, 2026

12:15-2:15 pm

Meeting via Zoom and in person

<b>Members present:</b>	Laura Montagna, Danette Kellerman, Vernon Price, Marguerite Story-Baker, Bob Dougherty, Peter Stoll, Joshua Rosewolf, Shawn Burger, Natalie Arroyo, Kelly Johnson, Raphael DiCaprio		
<b>Members excused:</b>	None		
<b>Members absent</b>	Virginia Bass		
<b>Members attending remotely</b>	Jess Weaver		
<b>Guests present:</b>	Manual Medina, Saul Lopez, Chandel Mathews, Andi Germaey		
<b>Staff present:</b>	Emi Botzler-Rodger, Behavioral Health Director; Joe McManus, Executive Secretary; Laura Coulter, Administrative Secretary; Paul Bugnacki, Deputy Branch Director; Jeremy Nilsen, Deputy Branch Director; Nancy Starck, Program Manager; Sharon Wolf, Staff Services Analyst; Christine Messinger, Program Manager; Amy Scott, Case Manager		
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION/FOLLOW UP</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 12:17 pm	Informational	
<b>2. Intentions</b>	None		
<b>3. Roll Call</b>	All members, staff and guests were introduced.	Informational	
<b>4. Adjustments to the Agenda</b>	None		
<b>5. Public Comments</b>	None.		
<b>6. Action Items:</b> <b>a) Approval of Minutes from the 1/22/26 meeting</b>	a) Minutes from the last meeting on 1/22/26 were submitted for review and approval.	Unanimously approved. To be posted on the webpage.	Joe McManus
<b>7. Presentation: Crisis Services</b>	a) Paul Bugnacki reported he is going to give the Board a presentation on the Crisis Services provided by Behavioral Health. Crisis Calls come in from the 800 number and the local number 24/7. The calls are received by SDS, ACCESS, Front Office staff and CSU. There are certified clinics in Willow Creek, McKinleyville, Fortuna and Southern Humboldt. There are MRT teams for Children's and Adults with Peer Coaches, Case Managers and Clinicians that go to the hospitals. MIST responds to the entire community wherever calls come from. MRT provides care in the least restrictive environment possible and works with the emergency departments. MRT and MIST had a total of 1353 total contacts last year. Sub-Acute care facilities include CSU, Hyperion, TRTFS, Lighthouse, Waterfront, Crestwood and Aegis Treatment Center. CSU had a total of 193 admits last year. Acute care facilities include SV, Out of County acute care facilities and Crestwood.	Informational	

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<p><b>7. Presentation: Crisis Services</b></p>	<p>b) There are Restpadd Facilities in Redding and Red Bluff that are also used for acute placements. There are also contracts with the state hospitals for placements. SV had a total of 275 admits in 2025. Jeremy Nilsen reported that youth that need care need to go out of county and this can add stress to the youth and their families. There is work being done on the Sorreal Leaf youth facility and it is scheduled to open in October 2026, and this will help and provide more options for youth placements locally.</p> <p>c) The new SV facility will have treatment for youth on SV and the CSU and will provide 4 beds. Also, on the horizon are the Mad River Crisis Triage Center, Sorreal Leaf Children’s Crisis Residential program and the continued expansion of the LPS Act. Paul reported that Waterfront and Crossroads facilities will also be holding beds for dual diagnosis admits. Paul also reported that EPD took 1700 calls last year for services. A question-and-answer period followed the presentation.</p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p><b>8. Communications</b></p>	<p>a) Vernon Price reported he will be starting an ad hoc committee for legislation and will be working with Raphael DiCaprio, Sharon Wolf and Nancy Starck. Vernon also had questions for staff on ECMs working with people in the community.</p> <p>b) Kelly Johnson reported she has a flyer to be sent out for the Yurok MMIP Awareness Day in May.</p> <p>c) Marguerite Story-Baker reported she took the CALBHBC training for Board members. One of the items discussed was reporting on programs to the BOS and how do we do more of this other than annual report. She also reported she visited the Hyperion and Windsong facilities and was impressed by them.</p> <p>d) Bob Dougherty reported that there will be a Veterans Café held in Crescent City where Veterans can come and talk and receive services. There is also a cornhole event put on by Nations Finest that will raise money for Veterans.</p> <p>e) Raphael DiCaprio reported he is going to be attending a monthly SUD provider meeting and it’s a great opportunity to network with other providers. Also, will be meeting to discuss tabling plans for this year. He also reported that local smoke shops are still selling nitrous oxide.</p> <p>f) Dannette Kellerman reported that next month they will have the first meeting for the Recovery Happens event for this year.</p>	<p>Informational</p>	

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<p><b>8. Communications</b></p>	<p>f) Dannette reported that a Grief Group has been started and will be meeting at Bear River on the first and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:00 pm. On March 14<sup>th</sup> Loleta Elementary school will be holding a fundraiser. The SUD committee did not meet this month as the meeting day fell on a holiday. She also reported she is interested in starting educational groups for the community.</p> <p>g) Peter Stoll reported that Humboldt is the one of the first counties to provide ECMS for interacting. The goal is to have face to face contact with Wellness Coaches and to expand services to Foster Care youth. Working on trainings for suicide prevention with Cal Poly.</p> <p>h) Natalie Arroyo reported that there will be a Peer Support proclamation at the BOS in May. She reached out to the Lost Coast Outpost and North Coast Journal to see if they can provide a calendar for teen and youth events submitted by community members. The Lost Coast Outpost was able to provide this.</p> <p>i) Laura Montagna reported the next CALBHBC training for Board members is on 3/17 and 3/18. These are helpful as other counties share information. The city of Eureka is sponsoring a May is Mental Health Month event on 5/9/26 from 11:00-1:00 sponsored by the mayor. The BHB retreat is scheduled for Saturday 3/14 at the Wharfinger building from 9:00-12:00.</p> <p>j) Jess Weaver reported that the TAY open house is on 3/20 from 2:00-4:00 this is for the community members and providers. There will be a history of TAY and HCTAYC. Jess will send flyer to Joe to send out to the Board.</p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p><b>9. Reports</b> <b>a) DHHS Director</b></p>	<p>a) Emi Botzler-Rodgers reported for Connie Beck that the Architects for the Navigation center is continuing to meet.</p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p><b>9. Reports</b> <b>b) Behavioral Health Director</b></p>	<p>a) Emi Botzler-Rodgers reported the budget season has started with a meeting last week and she is working with Fiscal staff on the budget. The contract with Stepping Stones for equity work will be renewed as the equity work at DHHS continues. There are lunch meetings scheduled.</p>	<p>Informational</p>	

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<b>9. Reports b) Behavioral Health Director</b>	<p>b) Emi reported that transition from MHSA to BHSA continues and this will take a lot of work. The draft plan is due to the state next month and there is an MHSA audit in March also.</p> <p>c) DHCS is changing how the Mobile Crisis Benefit works and this could be impactful, looking for more funding.</p>	Informational	
<b>9. Reports c) Behavioral Health Deputy Directors</b>	<p>a) Jeremy Nilsen reported work continues on three clinical EBPs and they are working with contract providers to see if they can provide training. The high-fidelity wraparound services for youth is also being planned.</p> <p>b) Working on hiring more staff and there are recruitments for vacant positions. A group is looking at short-term residential treatment services for youth. Sorreal Leaf is expected to open in October.</p>	Informational	
<b>9. Reports c) Behavioral Health Deputy Directors</b>	<p>a) Paul Bugnacki reported there is a virtual site visit by the state for the diversion program. Paul is working with Deanna Bay from SUD on Prop 36 work on treatment in the justice system. They are creating a project to focus work with the DA, Public Defender and Behavioral Health.</p> <p>b) A group from the state was talking to Paul and Captain Christen from EPD about the MIST program about what works for them. QI is being impacted by all the changes coming from the state and it takes a lot of work and planning for QI staff. There are changes for Cal Aim, EBPs and reporting on the managed care plans.</p> <p>c) Prop 36 is like the mental health court and certain charges can be dropped on clients that qualify for the program.</p>	Informational	
<b>9. Reports c) SUD Committee update</b>	No meeting this month.		
<b>9. Reports d) Chair/Vice Chair</b>	<p>a) Laura Montagana reported that the membership committee has two applicants to interview.</p> <p>b) Need to start up the other two mandated sub committees for Children/Youth and Older Adults. Will discuss more at the retreat next month.</p> <p>c) Will discuss how to monitor the Zoom Chat at the next Executive Committee meeting.</p>	Informational	
<b>10. Unfinished Business a) CARE Court</b>	a) Kelly Johnson reported that there was a good article in the Lost Coast Outpost about Care Court and the success it is having.	Informational	
<b>10. Unfinished Business b) Navigation Center</b>	No report.		

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<b>10. Unfinished Business c) Crisis Triage Center</b>	No report.		
<b>11.Future Items</b>	No report.		
<b>12. Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.		
<b>ACROYNMS-</b> Updated 2/20/26			
<b>ACA</b>	AFFORDABLE CARE ACT		
<b>ACES</b>	ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES		
<b>AFHHA</b>	AFFORDABLE HOMELESS HOUSING ALTERNATIVES		
<b>ADHD</b>	ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER		
<b>ADCS</b>	ALCOHOL DRUG CARE SERVICES		
<b>AHP</b>	ARCATA HOUSE PARTNERSHIP		
<b>AIDET</b>	ACKNOWLEDGE INTRODUCE DURATION EXPLANATION THANK YOU		
<b>APD</b>	ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT		
<b>ART</b>	AGRESION REPLACEMENT THERAPY		
<b>ATP</b>	ADOLESCENT TREATMENT PROGRAM		
<b>AOT</b>	ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT (LAURA'S LAW)		
<b>ASAP</b>	ALLIES FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION		
<b>ASIST</b>	APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING		
<b>ASOC</b>	ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE		
<b>BHBH</b>	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BRIDGE HOUSING		
<b>BHSA</b>	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT		

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<b>BOS</b>	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS		
<b>CAEQRO</b>	CALIFORNIA EXTERNAL QUALITY REVIEW ORGANIZATION		
<b>CALBHBC</b>	CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL BEHVIORAL HEALTH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS		
<b>CALFHA</b>	CA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY		
<b>CANS</b>	CHILD AND ADOLESCENT NEEDS (TRAINING)		
<b>CARF</b>	COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF REHABILITATION FACILITES		
<b>CCRC</b>	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS RESOURCE CENTER		
<b>CFMG</b>	CALIFORNIA FORENSIC MEDICAL GROUP		
<b>CMHACY</b>	CA MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH		
<b>CBHDA</b>	CALIFORNIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRETORS ASSOCIATION		
<b>CBH</b>	CHILDREN’S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH		
<b>CMS</b>	CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES		
<b>CCP</b>	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP		
<b>CCRC</b>	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS RESOURCE CENTER		
<b>CCRP</b>	CA CENTER FOR RURAL POLICY		
<b>CCT</b>	COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT		
<b>CIT</b>	CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING		
<b>CIBH</b>	CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH		
<b>CR</b>	COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS		
<b>CRC</b>	CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS COMMITTEE		
<b>CRT</b>	CRISIS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT		
<b>CSET</b>	COMMUNITY SAFETY ENGAGEMENT TEAM		
<b>CSU</b>	CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT		
<b>CWS</b>	CHILD WELFARE SERVICES		

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<b>C&amp;FS</b>	CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
<b>DHHS</b>	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
<b>DHCS</b>	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
<b>DMC</b>	DRUG MEDI-CAL
<b>DRP</b>	DUAL RECOVERY PROGRAM
<b>EBP</b>	EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES
<b>ERMHS</b>	EDUCATIONALY RELATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
<b>ETD</b>	EMPLOYMENT TRAINING DEPARTMENT
<b>EPD</b>	EUREKA POLICE DEPARTMENT
<b>FFT</b>	FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY
<b>FURS</b>	FAMILY URGENT RESPONSE SYSTEM
<b>HART</b>	HUMBOLDT ALCOHOL RECOVERY TREATMENT
<b>HBHDC</b>	HUMBOLDT BAY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
<b>HCPR</b>	HUMBOLDT COUNTY PROGRAMS FOR RECOVERY
<b>HCGJ</b>	HUMBOLDT COUNTY GRAND JURY
<b>HCTAYC</b>	HUMBOLDT COUNTY TRANSTION AGE YOUTH COLLABORATION
<b>HCBH</b>	HUMBOLDT COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
<b>HEPI</b>	HUMBOLDT EARLY PSYCHOSIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM
<b>HHHC</b>	HUMBOLDT HOUSING AND HOMELESS COALITION
<b>HOME</b>	HOMELESS OUTREACH & MOBILE ENGAGEMENT
<b>HRC</b>	HUMBOLDT RECOVERY CENTER
<b>HVN</b>	HEARING VOICES NETWORK
<b>IEP</b>	INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN (FOR YOUTH WHO MEET EMOTIONAL DISTIRBANCE CRITERA)
<b>ISP</b>	INDIVIDUAL PLACMENT AND SUPPORT
<b>IST</b>	INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL
<b>ITFC</b>	INTENSIVE THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE
<b>IY</b>	INCREDIBLE YEARS

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<b>IHSS</b>	IN HOME SUPPORT SERVICES
<b>IOA</b>	INSTITUTE ON AGING
<b>IDDT</b>	INTEGRATED DUAL DIAGNOSIS TREATMENT
<b>IST</b>	INCOMPENTENT TO STAND TRIAL
<b>LECAH</b>	LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEFS OF HUMBOLDT
<b>LGHH</b>	LET'S GET HEALTHY HUMBOLDT
<b>LBHB</b>	LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
<b>LGBTQ</b>	LESBIAN GAY BI TRANSGENDER QUEER
<b>MAT</b>	MEDICALLY ASSITED TREATMENT
<b>MEV</b>	MOBILE ENGAGEMENT VEHICLE
<b>MTC</b>	MODIFIED THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY
<b>MTFC</b>	MULTI –DIMENSIONAL TREATMENT FOSTER CARE
<b>MHSA</b>	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT
<b>MHSAOAC</b>	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION
<b>MIST</b>	MOBILE INTERVENTION AND SERVICES TEAM
<b>MRT</b>	MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM
<b>NAMI</b>	NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS
<b>NFP</b>	NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP
<b>OLLI</b>	OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE
<b>OSHPD</b>	OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
<b>OTP</b>	OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM
<b>PBIS</b>	POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS
<b>PEI</b>	PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION
<b>PIT</b>	POINT IN TIME COUNT
<b>PCIT</b>	PARENT CHILD INTERACTIVE THERAPY
<b>PIP</b>	PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
<b>PBIS</b>	POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION SERVICES
<b>PRA</b>	PATIENT'S RIGHTS ADVOCATE
<b>QPR</b>	QUESTION PERSUADE REFER

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<b>RF</b>	REGIONAL FACILITY
<b>RFQ</b>	REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
<b>ROSE</b>	RURAL OUTREACH SERVICES ENTERPRISE
<b>RUPRI</b>	RURAL POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE
<b>SAPT</b>	SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
<b>SUD</b>	SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS
<b>SAMHSA</b>	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
<b>SDS</b>	SAME DAY SERVICES
<b>SOC</b>	SYSTEM OF CARE
<b>SV</b>	SEMPERVIRENS
<b>TBH</b>	TRADITIONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
<b>TIP</b>	TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE PROCESS
<b>TAY</b>	TRANSITION AGE YOUTH
<b>TFCBT</b>	TRAUMA FOCUSED COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY
<b>UCAF</b>	UNITED ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
<b>WRAP</b>	WELLNESS RECOVERY ACTION PLAN