

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

March 3, 2021
12:15-1:15 pm

Members	Tim Doty, Tim Ash, Alissa Norman		
Staff	Emi Botzler-Rodgers, Paul Bugnacki, Jack Breazeal, Jeremy Nilsen, Laurel Johnson, Joe McManus		
Guests	Ira Blatt, Vernon Price		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1) Review and Approve minutes from 2/3/21	a) Minutes from the 2/3/21 meeting were submitted for review and approval.	Unanimously approved.	
2) Public Comment	<p>a) Vernon Price reported he would like to follow up on the Homeless shelter issue he and two homeless members of the community spoke to the Board about a few months ago. A letter was sent to the BOS regarding the BH Board's recommendations regarding the Eureka Homeless shelter and staff behavior towards clients at the shelter. Tim Doty reminded Vernon the Board does not have any oversight over the shelter and Emi has reported the Home program is under DHHS and not Behavioral Health. Tim Doty asked if Vernon could give a short presentation at the next meeting about his concerns with the shelter and the Board asked to hear from DHHS about this. Emi stated that DHHS would not be prepared to respond to this at the Board meeting and recommended that Vernon could present, and the Board could determine at that time what falls within their scope and if there is additional things they need.</p> <p>b) Ira Blatt reported that he is concerned with the recapture of funding from the state for services provided. Emi Botzler-Rodgers reported that staff have been given training on documentation and coding and we are doing better than we have in the past. As for the reimbursements from the state this is a long and complicated process and we often wait 6-7 years before the cost settlement is finalized. The payment structure from DHCS does not work well and CBHDA and CalAIM are both advocating for change at the state level. We can get reimbursed but then audits and reviews take place. Internally we are doing well with documentation. Ira also asked if the pandemic has effected the no show rate? Paul Bugnacki reported that we have improvement on the no show rates and it is better than it has been in some time.</p> <p>c) Alissa Norman reported she would like to see an ad hoc committee started to review the HOME program and Housing. She</p>	<p>Vernon Price to give 10-15 minute presentation at the March 25th meeting on the Homeless shelter concerns.</p> <p>Alissa Norman to speak at the March meeting about starting up a HOME/Housing ad hoc committee. Tim Doty and Vernon Price said they are both interested in this.</p>	<p>Vernon Price</p> <p>Alissa Norman</p>

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2) Public Comment	said she has gotten complaints from clients. Tim Doty asked that she speak about this in the Communications section on the agenda at the March meeting and she can get the ad hoc committee started.		
3) Reports a) DHHS Director	No report.		
3) Reports b) Behavioral Health Director	a) Emi reported that the benches at the Hope Center should be in place by the end of the month. b) Emi reported that CBH is working on a family urgent response system for Foster Care youth in placements and they can call 24/7 to get support. c) Emi reported that work is being done on an MOU in collaboration with Education, Courts, CWS and Probation on AB2083. Jeremy can give the Board a presentation at the April meeting on this. d) Tim Ash asked Emi about the parity bill and where we are at and also asked about COVID and the seriously mentally ill and if they are more likely to get COVID and if vaccines for them have been prioritized.	Informational	
3) Reports c) Chair/Vice Chair	No report.		
4) Annual reports for 2018-19 and 2019-20	No report.		
5) 2020 Data Notebook due 11/30/20-Topic is Telehealth	No report.		
6) BH Board Bylaws	a) Emi Botzler-Rodgers reported she would like to get some updates to the Bylaws that would include changing the name from mental health to behavioral health and allowing DHHS staff to serve on the Board. Need discussion at the next meeting to get this started. The changes to the bylaws need to be approved by the BOS.	Tim Ash will speak about this at the March meeting.	Tim Ash.
7) Communications with the Board	a) Tim Doty reported he sent an email about his recommendations. Need to make sure County Counsel has reviewed and approved. Emi will bring to County Counsel. Tim Doty reported that we need to be able to control meetings also from "Zoom Bombing" or participants who get out of control. Emi reported that since these are public meetings we should get input from County Counsel also. Vernon Price asked how the public is supposed to communicate effectively with the Board.	Emi to discuss communications and meeting control with County Counsel. Tim Doty to discuss communications with Vernon Price.	Emi Botzler-Rodgers Tim Doty
8) Set agenda for 3/25 meeting	a) Will add presentation on the homeless shelters and add update to TAY recommendations as discussion items.		

9) Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.		
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