

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING**

September 25, 2025

12:15-2:15 pm

Meeting via Zoom and in person

<b>Members present:</b>	Laura Montagna, Shawn Burger, Raphael DiCaprio, Natalie Arroyo, Danette Kellerman, Peter Stoll, Vernon Price, Virginia Bass		
<b>Members excused:</b>	Marguerite Story-Baker, Kelly Johnson, Bob Dougherty		
<b>Members absent</b>	None		
<b>Members attending remotely</b>	None		
<b>Guests present:</b>	D'Naja Toohey, Dana Holcomb, Jess Weaver, Joshua Rosewolf, Manual Medina, Philippa Watkins, Lorraine Zeller		
<b>Staff present:</b>	Emi Botzler-Rodgers, Behavioral Health Director; Jack Breazeal, Deputy Branch Director; Joe McManus, Executive Secretary; Laura Coulter, Administrative Secretary; Paul Bugnacki, Deputy Branch Director; Sonya Levy-Boyd, Senior Program Manager; Laurel Johnson, Staff Services Analyst, Jeremy Nilsen, Deputy Branch Director; Kelli Schwartz, Public Guardian, Shao- Lan Lew-Smith, Assistant Public Guardian; Sharon Wolff, Staff Services Analyst; Connie Beck, DHHS Director; Amy Scott, Case Manager; Nancy Starck, Program 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 12:18 pm by Laura Montagna.	Informational	
<b>2. Roll Call</b>	All members, staff and guests were introduced.	Informational	
<b>3. Adjustments to the Agenda</b>	None.		
<b>4. Public Comments</b>	a) Natalie Arroyo reported that she appreciates the effort to figure out how to have these meetings online after last month's zoom blast which disrupted the meeting.	Informational	
<b>5. Action Items: a) Approval of Minutes from the 7/24/25 meeting</b>	a) Minutes from the last meeting on 7/24/25 were submitted for review and approval.	Unanimously approved to be posted on the webpage.	Joe McManus
<b>5. Action Items: b) Approval of the Annual Report for 2024-25</b>	a) Laura Montagna reported she brought copies of the annual report for 2024-25. The Board members agreed that they would like to review first before voting on approval of the report. Laurel Johnson will contact the BOS about getting the report on the BOS agenda in November.	The Board voted to move the approval of the annual report to the October 23, 2025, meeting, and Laurel will contact the BOS for placeholder in November.	Joe McManus Laurel Johnson
<b>5. Action Items: Approval of Membership application for Joshua Rosewolf</b>	a) Laura Montagana reported that she and Shawn Burger have interviewed Joshua Rosewolf and are recommending the approval of his application for membership. Joshua introduced himself to the Board and reported he is advocating for Behavioral Health services.	Unanimously approved. The membership application for Joshua Rosewolf will be forwarded to the BOS for final approval.	Joe McManus

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<b>6. Presentation: Public Guardian and Conservatorships</b>	<p>a) Kelli Schwartz reported she is here today to give the Board a presentation on the Public Guardian’s Office and Conservatorships. The Public Guardian provides services to ensure the safety and well-being for individuals who cannot do so themselves. The Public Guardian is governed by the CA Probate Code and the WI code and acts on behalf of an individual if appointed by the CA Superior Court. The Court appoints the Public Guardian to act as substitute decision maker through Conservatorships. Clients may lose many of their rights as the Public Guardian makes decisions on their behalf. The PG serves different populations in the community. The PG protects, manages and maintains real and personal property for clients that have been appointed to LPS or Probate conservatorship. They provide services such as managing assets, collecting income, making a budget, manage living trusts, managing real and personal property and investigating financial abuse. There are two types of conservatorships LPS and Probate. Probate begins with a referral and is for adults who have impairments such as dementia, brain injury or declining cognitive disease. The purpose is to protect clients, ensure shelter, food, clothing and safety. LPS provides placements in locked facilities and can agree to the use of medications. LPS is also responsible for clients not locked in facility and making sure they have food, clothing and shelter. A question-and-answer period followed the presentation.</p>	Informational	
<b>7. Communications</b>	<p>a) Vernon Price reported on 10/16/25 the Hope Center will hold a meeting on tenant rights with the legal service of Northern CA. A flyer will be sent out for this. Vernon reported that AB348 was passed with no opposition. This will affect full-service partnerships and will improve quality of life for clients. Can the board send a letter of support for this?</p> <p>b) Natalie Arroyo reported today if the first day of the North Coast stand down which provides resources for veterans and also referrals to services. SB 105 the budget bill has passed, and it will provide funding for the Triage Center and Sorrel Leaf.</p> <p>c) Peter Stoll reported that schools are doing a lot of things on fee for services and Medi-Cal and partnerships. There is a partnership with Cal Poly Humboldt to provide Wellness Coaches. Also, representatives from the state are visting Humboldt County to review mental health services that are provided int the schools.</p>	Informational	

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<p><b>7. Communications</b></p>	<p>d) Dana Holcomb reported she has been working in the community for the last 15 years and is working with Raphael DiCaprio on opening a Detox Center in Eureka.</p> <p>e) Raphael DiCaprio reported there is a meeting being held in Ukiah on Rural Collaboration and Planning on 10/4/25. He also attend a meeting in Ukiah this month on SUD services. He also reported that the smoke shops are still selling Nitrous and there have been 6 clients who have suffered poisoning from this. The County has a ban on Nitrous , but the city of Eureka does not.</p> <p>f) Laura Montagna reported she has flyers, business cards a new email for the BHB.</p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p><b>8. Reports</b> <b>a) DHHS Director</b></p>	<p>a) Connie Beck reported she appreciates the work that the Public Guardian staff does. Connie reported Senator Maguire has helped to bring a lot of funding for services to the community and asked if the Board could write a letter to thank him for this.</p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p><b>8. Reports</b> <b>b) Behavioral Health Director and Deputy Directors</b></p>	<p>a) Emi Botzler-Rodgers reported she also appreciates the work Senator Maguire, and the BOS does. The BOS is very supportive of the work Behavioral Health does. Emi also reported that CalHHS is coming in a few weeks to look at Care Court. The focused audit for Adult and CBH access to care has been resolved. Jeremy Nilsen started last week as the new CBH Deputy Director.</p> <p>b) Paul Bugnacki reported the MIST program is doing well, and it is now 24/7. Collaboration with the Tribes and Law Enforcement continues. Working on SB43 implementation, which will start in January.</p> <p>c) Jack Breazeal reported the Public Guardians office is collaborating with County Counsel closly and they are meeting once a week. Jack reported he attended a meeting in Sacramento this month on transitional rent and how it will be connected to the BHSA. Funding will change due to Proposition One. This is funding for full-service partnerships and links to rent benefits.</p> <p>D) Jeremy Nilsen reported work is going on with the schools and interagency teams. Collaboration continues with CWS and CBH staff to improve services. Peer Support services are also expanding.</p>	<p>Informational</p>	

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<b>8. Reports c) SUD Committee update</b>	a) Danette Kellerman reported that the Recovery Happens event took place this month and over 600 people attended. The BHB also tabled at this event and was able to distribute information.	Informational	
<b>8. Reports d) Committees</b>	No report.		
<b>8. Reports e) Chair/Vice Chair</b>	a) Laura Montagna reported that there are 4 current vacancies on the Board. Laura reported that she attended a CIT Train the Trainer event in Arizona last week. Laura reported that Humboldt County is doing well compared to other places with the MIST and CSET programs.	Informational	
<b>9. Unfinished Business a) CARE Court</b>	a) Paul Bugnacki reported are currently 17 referrals with 2-3 care plans.	Informational	
<b>9. Unfinished Business b) Navigation Center</b>	a) Connie Beck reported no timelines yet on the start of construction. Waiting for an amendment for the timeline work.	Informational	
<b>9. Unfinished Business c) Crisis Triage Center</b>	No report		
<b>10.Future Items</b>	a) Natalie Arroyo reported there is a class in old town Eureka on Community Connection, Sharing and Community building. Laura will follow up.	Informational	
<b>11. Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm.		
<b>ACROYNMS- Updated 3/28/25</b>			
<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		

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<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>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		

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<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
<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>	EDUCATIONALLY 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 TRANSITION AGE YOUTH COLLABORATION
<b>HCBH</b>	HUMBOLDT COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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<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
<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

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<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
<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