

**Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

Thursday, January 9, 2025  
5:00 p.m.

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Esemann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Roll Call**

The following members were in attendance: Chair Heather Esemann, Supervisor Mike Ziegenmeyer, Gwen Ziegenmeyer, Vice Chair Manny Cardoza, Secretary Mary Page, Jay Kaze, Maggie Walker and Renick House.

Absent: Supervisor Don Blaser, Bill Harris Jr., Wendell Peters and Lesley Clarkson.

Also, in attendance: Rick Bingham, HHS Assistant Director/Behavioral Health Director; Jesse Hallford, Adult Services Staff Services Manager; Betsy Gowan, Branch Director, Adult Services; Jennifer Dupre, Sutter County District Attorney; Bruce Adams, Paul Cummings (ZOOM) and, Sue Hopper, Administrative Assistant, Sutter County.

**3. Public Comment:** None provided.

**4. Action Items:**

- a. **Approve December 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes** – Member Cardoza moved to approve the December 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member House.

Aye votes: Esemann, Page, M. Ziegenmeyer, G. Ziegenmeyer, Kaze, Walker, House, and Cardoza.

Nay votes: None

Abstentions: None

**5. Program Presentation – Underage Drinking Grant, Jennifer Dupre, Sutter County District Attorney. Ms. Dupre presented on the following:**

- The formal name of the grant is The Office of Traffic Safety DUI Grant
- The DA's office is required to partner with local schools and/or youth organizations to provide educational programming on underage drinking/driving and/or drugs.
- The District Attorney's office will hire a designated deputy district attorney to prosecute DUI cases. This specialized prosecution team will also partner with the statewide Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Training Program (TSRP) to train

prosecutors and investigators and collaborate with law enforcement agencies. Free resources provided by this grant will be very beneficial to the county.

- This grant requires the development and implementation of a system to track, gather and report data on DUI case filings and outcomes.
- DUI cases in Sutter County are at an all-time high. Sutter County ranked #7 out of 58 counties in California for alcohol and drug related crashes in 2021. Yuba County ranked #9.
- Discussion on creating programs for underage youth to utilize when they are impaired. Suggestion was to create a key chain with ride agency phone numbers on the back and distribute to all high schools. Another suggestion was to try and collaborate with the Bi-County Transit Service and utilize their micro-busses and maybe an app for the students to use. An educational segment for the parents was another suggestion.

6. **BHSA Program Update** – Jesse Hallford, Staff Services Manager. Ms. Hallford reported on the following:

- Suicide Prevention meeting will be held on January 23, 2025.
- PEI Mini-Grants – Round 2 is opening on February 3, 2025. Application link will be included with release. Previous applicants will be contacted to apply for this round as well. Ms. Hallford will send list of Round 1 winners.
- Consumer Art Calendar – this is an art contest for consumers that will open later this year – more information to follow.
- Willard Asylum Suitcase Exhibit – this exhibit is currently at the Sutter County Museum. Health & Human Services Director, Sarah Eberhardt-Rios, will be speaking on January 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
- The Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), Yes There Is Hope, movie will also premier at the museum (Ettl Hall) on the 30<sup>th</sup> in Punjabi and the 31<sup>st</sup> in Spanish.

7. **Behavioral Health Director's Report** – Rick Bingham, Assistant Director of Health & Human Services and Behavioral Health Director reported on the following:

- Prop 35 – this is the MCO tax – Managed Care Organization – this is not specific to specialty mental health. Federal law allows states to impose a tax on MCO's to assist with covering the states' share of Medicaid health care costs. Prop 35 makes it possible for DHCS to continue to reimburse their portion of Medi-Cal costs.

8. **New Business**

- a. Program Presentation February 13, 2025
  - Options for Change for February 2025
  - Consumer Perception Survey Results – March 2025
  - Camp Singer/Juvenile Hall – update since new opening – present sometime in the next few months – possible June 2025
  - Mobile Crisis for May 2025
  - Aegis for April 2025
  - District Attorney – update on The Office of Traffic Safety DUI Grant – possible September

- b. Site Visits – addressed above.
- c. Legislative Updates Impacting Behavioral Health – no further updates.
- d. Future Agenda Topics – none addressed.
- e. Other Discussion Items – none addressed.

**9. Old Business**

- a. Program Presentation Format Form Revisions
  - Last sentence was changed to “what is the cost of the program and does the data merit the program to continue.” This will change – bring suggestions to next meeting. Discussion postponed until February meeting.

**10. Other Announcements/Correspondence** – none addressed.

**11. Adjournment** - There being no further business brought forward, Chair Eseemann thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.