

**Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

Thursday, March 13, 2025

5:00 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order**

Chair Esemann called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Roll Call**

The following members were in attendance: Chair Heather Esemann, Secretary Mary Page, Maggie Walker, Manny Cardoza, Bill Harris Jr., Supervisor Mike Ziegenmeyer, Gwen Ziegenmeyer and Wendell Peters

Excused: Supervisor Renick House and Lesley Clarkson

Absent: Jay Kaze

Also, in attendance: Rick Bingham, HHS Assistant Director/Behavioral Health Director; Jesse Hallford, Adult Services Staff Services Manager; Betsy Gowan, Branch Director, Adult Services; Tammy Andersen, Staff Analyst, Bruce Adams and, Sue Hopper, Administrative Assistant, Sutter County.

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

4. **Action Items:**

- a. **Approve January 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes** - Member Cardoza moved to approve the January 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Ziegenmeyer.

Aye votes: Esemann, Page, Harris Jr., M. Ziegenmeyer, G. Ziegenmeyer, Walker, Cardoza, G. Ziegenmeyer and Peters.

Nay votes: None

Abstentions: None

- b. **Approve February 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes** - Member Cardoza moved to approve the February 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Ziegenmeyer.

Aye votes: Esemann, Page, Harris Jr., M. Ziegenmeyer, G. Ziegenmeyer, Walker, Cardoza, G. Ziegenmeyer and Peters.

Nay votes: None

Abstentions: None

- c. **Review and Approve Application from Bruce Adams to fill the Yuba County At-Large seat** - Member Cardoza moved to approve recommending Mr. Adams to fill the Yuba County At-Large seat. The motion was seconded by Member Ziegenmeyer.

Aye votes: Esemann, Page, Harris Jr., M. Ziegenmeyer, G. Ziegenmeyer, Walker, Cardoza, G. Ziegenmeyer and Peters.

Nay votes: None

Abstentions: None

- d. **Appoint Ad Hoc Committee to develop the Annual Year-End Report for FY 2024-2025** – Ms. Esemann and Ms. Hopper will draft the Annual Year-End report and submit for review during the May 2025 meeting.

5. **Program Presentation** – Consumer Perception Survey Results – Tammy Andersen, Staff Analyst. Ms. Andersen presented on the following:

- Survey is completed annually.
- 344 surveys were returned with 246 of those fully completed for a completion rate of 71.5% - which is an increase over prior year.
- Demographics slide does not include breakdowns for all ethnic groups.
- Data is compared from 2022 – 2024. Survey categories are Access, General Satisfaction, Outcomes, Participation in Treatment, Cultural Appropriateness, Social Connectedness and Functioning. Surveys are categorized by Youth, Adult, Family and Older Adult.
- Scores for Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health were consistent with previous years scoring and most were inline with the state average.
- Volunteers are needed to assist with gathering surveys. Ms. Andersen will research and provide dates that volunteers will be needed.

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

- PEI Mini-Grants – application period has closed - seven applications were received and are currently being scored.
- All changes from MHSA to BHSA will need to be implemented by July 1, 2026.

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

- Mobile Crisis Stakeholder meeting was held this week with local agencies. Positive feedback is being received. 240 calls have been responded to. 77% of those resulted in no law enforcement involvement and 84% resulted in no emergency room visit. Looking into additional marketing options in order to get the word out about Mobile Crisis. Currently planning to use busses and bus terminals and three billboards along strategic highways.

- Prop 36 – passed by voters in November, became effective December 18, 2024. Working with District Attorneys and Public Defenders from both counties. There is no funding for this proposition. Sutter County Probation is providing assessments for Sutter County and then referring to SYBH for treatment groups. For Yuba County, SYBH conducts the assessments and Yuba County Probation is providing treatment groups.

## **8. New Business**

- a. Future Agenda Topics
  - May 2025 program presentation will be the Year-End Report
- b. Other Discussion Items:
  - If members are vacationing in July this meeting may be moved to August – will discuss in June.
  - Supervisor Ziegenmeyer, Dr. Luu and Ms. Eberhardt-Rios are working with schools and other agencies to create a program that would provide safe rides home for underage drinkers. More information will be sent out soon.

## **9. Old Business**

- a. Program Presentation Format Form Revisions
  - Last question will be changed to - what is the cost of the program and cost per person?

## **10. Other Announcements/Correspondence**

- a. Program Presentation for April 10, 2025, will be the Aegis Treatment Centers.

- 11. Adjournment** - There being no further business brought forward, Chair Esemann thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.