

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

Thursday, April 10, 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, Secretary Mary Page, Maggie Walker, Bill Harris Jr., Supervisor Renick House, Supervisor Mike Ziegenmeyer, Gwen Ziegenmeyer and Bruce Adams.

Excused: Vice Chair Manny Cardoza and Jay Kaze

Also, in attendance: Betsy Gowan, Branch Director, Adult Services, Jesse Hallford, Adult Services Staff Services Manager; Manuel Medina, CALBH/C (via zoom), and Sue Hopper, Administrative Assistant, Sutter County.

Ms. Esemann announced that Ms. Clarkson and Mr. Peters have resigned their positions on the board. Yuba County will post vacancies for these two positions.

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

4. **Action Items:**

- a. **Approve March 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes** - Member M. Ziegenmeyer moved to approve the March 13, 2025, meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Walker.

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

Nay votes: None

Abstentions: None

- b. **Appoint an Election Coordinator for the Election of Officer for FY 2025-26** – Supervisor Ziegenmeyer volunteered to act as the Election Coordinator for the election of officers for FY 25/26. Member Walker moved to approve Supervisor Ziegenmeyer as the Election Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Supervisor House.

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

Nay votes: None

Abstentions: None

Any member wanting to be considered for one of the officer positions should email Supervisor Ziegenmeyer with their request. Voting will take place during the June 2025 meeting.

5. **Program Presentation** – Aegis Treatment Centers – Edgar Lopez, SOR Patient Navigator. Mr. Lopez was unable to attend this meeting, no program presentation was provided.

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

- PEI Mini-Grants – \$36,000 was awarded to five of seven applicants. Approximately \$21,000 remains. Round three will open sometime in May 2025. Request was made for list of recipients. Ms. Hallford will follow up on this.
- Consumer Art Project – contest closes on April 11, 2025. 16 entries have been received for the 18-month calendar. Submission deadline will most likely be extended for another week.
- PEI Team Activities:
  - May is Mental Health Awareness Month
  - Mental Health First Aid training this weekend and a few weekends during May
  - Mental Health Resource and Health Fairs are scheduled over the next several weekends.
  - SYBH hosting a Behavioral Health Bash on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Module three draft for BHSA is now out for review. This module will provide requirements for program changes going forward.

7. **Behavioral Health Director's Report** – Betsy Gowan, Branch Director, Adult Services, presenting on behalf of Mr. Bingham. Ms. Gowan reported on the following:

- Budget Update – Federal administration has cut any funding that was COVID related effective March 24, 2025. This will affect a Mental Health Block grant, and a Substance Use Block grant. This will result in a couple hundred-thousand-dollar reduction in funds but does not affect any employee positions.
- Mobile Crisis – DHCS is researching whether CRRSA funds will be impacted due to the federal administration cuts. This would result in a substantial impact to Mobile Crisis funding.
- County budgets have been submitted for review/approval to the Board of Supervisors. Fund balances were used this year to close Behavioral Health budgets.
- iCARE – funding for this project will end on June 30, 2025, this will end a part of the Tele-Care contract. Clients of iCARE will be referred to Mobile Crisis if it is a mental health issue and to HEART team if it is a homeless issue.
- Underage drinking and drug arrests for Sutter County - in 2023 there were 14 and in 2024 there were 12.

**8. New Business**

- a. Future Agenda Topics
  - Site visits – review list and bring interests to next meeting.
  - The Office of Traffic Safety DUI Grant update – Supervisor Ziegenmeyer
- b. Other Discussion Items:
  - Training for California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards/Commissions will be held April 18 & 19, 2025.
  - Site visits – BHAB is mandated to conduct site visits. Suggestion was for new members to tour the PHF.
  - July BHAB Attendance – let Ms. Hopper know if you will not be in attendance – meeting could be rescheduled for August 14, 2025.

**9. Old Business**

- a. None addressed.

**10. Other Announcements/Correspondence**

- a. Recovery Happens – informational only.

**11. Adjournment** - There being no further business brought forward, Chair Esemann thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.