

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Thursday, July 10, 2025

5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Chair Esemann called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Roll Call

The following members were in attendance: Chair Heather Esemann, Mary Page, Vice Chair Manny Cardoza, Maggie Walker, Bruce Adams and Susan Fleming.

Excused: Supervisor Renick House, Supervisor Mike Ziegenmeyer and Bill Harris Jr.

Absent: Gwen Ziegenmeyer

Also, in attendance: Rick Bingham, HHS Assistant Director; Betsy Gowan, Branch Director, Adult Services, Jesse Hallford, Staff Services Manager, Adult Services; Steven Leahy (via ZOOM), HHS Assistant Director of Admin/Finance; Amanda Martin, Administrative Services Officer, SYBH, and Sue Hopper, Administrative Assistant, Sutter County.

3. Action Items:

- a. **Approve June 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes** – Member Cardoza moved to approve the June 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming.

Aye votes: Esemann, Adams, Cardoza, Adams, Fleming, Page, and Walker.

Nay votes: None

Abstentions: None

4. Program Presentation – SYBH 24/25 Budget Update – Rick Bingham, HHS Assistant Director/Behavioral Health Director; Steven Leahy, HHS Assistant Director/Admin/Finance, and Amanda Martin, SYBH Administrative Services Officer. The SYBH team reported on the following:

- Correction – this is the 25/26 Budget Update not 24/25 as stated on the agenda.
- Provided brief overview of the California Mental Health Act created in 1967 and the 1968 Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act.
- Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health (SYBH) is under Sutter County Health and Human Services. Sutter and Yuba counties have a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) whereby Yuba County mental health funds from the state are sent to Sutter County to operate a joint mental health plan for both counties.
- SYBH provides mental health and substance abuse treatment as well as prevention, outreach and engagement.

- Patients Served (FY 2024-25): 4,565
 - 51.4% Sutter beneficiaries (2.4% of total pop of 99,633)
 - 48.6% Yuba beneficiaries (2.7% of total pop of 81,575)
- Total FY 25/26 Budget: \$65,975,493
- Funding is provided from various sources such as the 1991 & 2011 Realignment Acts, Mental Health Services Act, Behavioral Health Services Act, Medi-Cal Reimbursement, grants and allocations and fees and other sources.
- SYBH has two operating budgets for their activities. Traditional MH & AOD services are accounted for in Fund 0007, budget unit 4102. MHSA services are accounted for in Fund 0008, budget unit 4104.
- Payment reform was implemented by the State on July 1, 2023. This implementation fundamentally changes SYBH from a cost-based, Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) reimbursement cost report process, to a rate-based reimbursement with no cost settlement process.
- Proposition 1, passed in March 2024, aims to modernize California's Behavioral Health system. Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), replacing the 2004 Mental Health Services Act, and authorizes a \$6.38 billion bond for infrastructure and housing.
- Funding Allocation with Prop 1 mandates:
 - 30% Housing support for individuals with serious mental illness or SUD
 - 35% Full Services Partnerships (FSPs) providing intensive, individualized services.
 - 35% Behavioral Health Services and Supports

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

- Bridging Hope – 80 participants have registered as of noon July 10, 2025. The event will be held on September 20, 2025.
- Recovery Happens – This event will be held on September 11, 2025, at Bryant Field in Marysville.
- PEI Mini-Grants – Round three has closed. Two applicants were awarded – one other pending.
- Consumer Perception Survey – Approximately 250 scheduled appointments for the week. No data available yet for final numbers of surveys completed.

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

- Realignment – approximately two-thirds of realignment costs each year are related to placements and do not qualify for the Medi-Cal match. Funding is allocated to pooled hospital contracts, LPS placements, PHF contracted facilities, State Hospital placements and the Managed Care Offset. Highlighting this topic due to new legislation coming in January 2026, SB 43. With SB 43, SYBH is anticipating that conservatorships will increase which will impact this funding.

7. **New Business**

a. Future Agenda Topics

- Program Presentations:
 - Mobile Crisis for January 2026
 - CARE Court for November 2025
 - Juvenile Hall Update – September 2025

- MHSA Annual Update – remove from calendar for October 2025.
- LPS/FSP presentation for October 2025
- Job Development/Employment presentation (BHSA/BH-CONNECT) – early spring 2026

b. Other Discussion Items

- BHSA and the BH-CONNECT Medi-Cal waiver will require Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Supported employment into FSP programs by July 2026. SYBH currently collaborates with Sutter County One Stop and The Department of Rehabilitation and has the Culinary Academy program to assist individuals with employment skills and placement.

8. **Old Business**

a. Ad Hoc Committee Update

- Update to be provided at the next meeting.
- Suggestion was to consider having a committee to write a report on program funding impacts from transitioning from MHSA to BHSA.

b. Site Visits

- Ms. Hopper will work to reschedule the site visit for Adult Outpatient and the Psychiatric Health Facility.

9. **Other Announcements/Correspondence:**

- None addressed.

10. **Adjournment** - There being no further business brought forward, Chair Esemann thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.