

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025

5:00 p.m.

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, Mary Page, Vice Chair Manny Cardoza, Supervisor Renick House, Supervisor Mike Ziegenmeyer, Bruce Adams and Susan Fleming.

Excused: Maggie Walker and Gwen Ziegenmeyer

Absent: Bill Harris Jr.

Also, in attendance: Rick Bingham, HHS Assistant Director; Phillip Hernandez, Deputy Branch Director, Adult Services, Jesse Hallford, Staff Services Manager, Adult Services; James Moralez, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Yuba County, and Sue Hopper, Administrative Assistant, Sutter County.

3. Action Items:

- a. **Approve July 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes** – Member Cardoza moved to approve the July 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Page.

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

Nay votes: None

Abstentions: None

- b. **Review and Approve Application from David House to fill the Yuba County Consumer Member seat** - Supervisor House moved to approve the application for Mr. David House to fill the Yuba County consumer seat. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ziegenmeyer.

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

Nay votes: None

Abstentions: None

4. **Program Presentation** – Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center – James Moralez, Deputy Chief Probation Officer. Mr. Moralez reported on the following:
 - The Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Campus consists of the Tri-County Youth Development Center (YDC), the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center (MSYGC) and the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF), The Resilience Program.
 - The YDC primarily provides detention services to youth pending disposition in Juvenile Court; whereas the MSYGC is a post-dispositional program designed to address youths' maladaptive behaviors while working towards community re-entry.
 - The Resilience Program is for wards committed to SYTF and typically are ordered to a long-term commitment.
 - The population served is any youth aged 12-25 who fall under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court pursuant to Section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
 - In 2024, 79% of MSYGC youth successfully completed the program.
 - In 2023/2024 a new Juvenile Hall building was built/opened. Probation is now working with an architect to redevelop the old facility – will be applying for CalAIM and other grants for funding.
 - Discussion on staffing patterns and staffing needs a 24-hour facility incurs.
 - Families are encouraged to participate in rehabilitation efforts of all clients.
5. **BHSA Program Update** – Jesse Hallford, Staff Services Manager, Adult Services. Ms. Hallford reported on the following:
 - Recovery Happens Picnic
 - ✓ Event held September 11, 2025
 - ✓ 602 total attendees
 - ✓ 360 participants – 100 additional over last year
 - ✓ 52 provider tables were set up with 160 providers
 - Bridging Hope Walk
 - ✓ Event scheduled for September 20, 2025
 - ✓ Over 300 participants are currently registered
 - ✓ 30+ vendor tables are registered
 - With BHSA the Prevention and Early Intervention program as we know it will be gone. This funding will now revert to the State Public Health Department, and they will run statewide prevention programs. Some funding may be redirected to counties, but this has not been finalized at this time.
6. **Behavioral Health Director's Report** – Rick Bingham, Assistant Director of Health & Human Services and Behavioral Health Director. Mr. Bingham reported on the following:
 - Drug Medi-Cal/Organized Delivery System (DMC/ODS)
 - ✓ ODS allows for expanded services outside of the Drug Medi-Cal State Plan.
 - ✓ SYBH contracts with DHCS for DMC State Plan services, which includes Outpatient Drug Free, Intensive Outpatient, Residential Treatment (for perinatal only) and Narcotic Treatment programs. SYBH can bill Medi-Cal for these services and only these services. The Medi-Cal reimbursement rate is generally 50% and the other 50% would come from realignment funds. To expand and offer additional services under ODS would impact already heavily utilized realignment funds.

➤ **BHSA**

- ✓ Working on budgeting for 26/27. There will be reductions in FSP's and PEI and other cuts throughout the process. The BHSA deposit for August 2025 was less than anticipated. These changes will be highlighted during the CCP process.

Discussion on signage at Behavioral Health not being clear. Suggestion was for larger/clearer signage and signage directing visitors to the main entrance.

Discussion on establishing a complaint procedure outside of the grievance procedure. This would be for smaller complaints, such as the wrong date on the calendar for appointments.

7. New Business

- a. Create Ad Hoc Committee to complete 2025 Data Notebook – responses due by November 1, 2025
 - ✓ Ms. Esemann volunteered to complete the 2025 Data Notebook and will schedule meetings within the next few weeks working with Mr. Bingham to gather data.
- b. Future Agenda Topics
 - ✓ Discussion was held on the possibility of moving the day of the month that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board will be held on; the suggestion was to move the day to the first Thursday of each month. Ms. Hopper will send an email informing all members of this discussion and placing the item on the agenda for the October meeting.
 - ✓ Semi-Annual budget update to address BHSA changes.
- c. Other Discussion Items – none addressed.

8. Old Business

- a. Ad Hoc Committee Update
 - ✓ No updates provided
- b. Site Visits
 - ✓ Ms. Hopper will send an email to all members and work to schedule a site visit for Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health Adult Outpatient and the Psychiatric Health Facility.

9. Other Announcements/Correspondence:

- a. Recovery Happens 2025 – see report above
- b. Bridging Hope 2025 – see report above

10. **Adjournment** - There being no further business brought forward, Chair Esemann thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.