

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2025

5:00 p.m.

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, Vice Chair Manny Cardoza, Supervisor Renick House, Bruce Adams, Maggie Walker, Susan Fleming, David House and Supervisor Mike Ziegenmeyer.

Excused: Gwen Ziegenmeyer

Also, in attendance: Betsy Gowan, Branch Director, Adult Services, Jesse Hallford, Staff Services Manager, Sarah Eberhardt-Rios, HHS Director; David Nagra, Branch Director, Employment & Eligibility Services; Christa McCauley, Program Manager, Jail Medical Services; and Sue Hopper, Administrative Assistant, Sutter County.

3. **Action Items:**

- a. **Approve October 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes** – Supervisor House moved to approve the October 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Walker.

Aye votes: Esemann, Adams, Fleming, Page, R. House, D. House, Walker, M. Ziegenmeyer

Nay votes: None

Abstentions: Cardoza

4. **Program Presentation** – Federal and State Budget Impacts, Sarah Eberhardt-Rios, Director, Health and Human Services. Ms. Eberhardt-Rios reviewed the attached PowerPoint presentation. Discussion items included:

- The **federal** budget bill passed the Senate and House on July 3, 2025. The **state** budget was finalized on June 30, 2025. The current state budget **does not** yet include reductions from the federal bill. Reductions may appear during the state-level trailer bill process or May revise next year.
- Effective January 1, 2026, new applicants 19 and older without satisfactory immigration status (SIS) will be eligible to restricted scope Medi-Cal. Sutter County currently has about 3500 households with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status.
- Modifications to Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependent (ABAWD) Work Requirements (Section 10102 (7 U.S.C section 2015(o))). California’s long-standing waiver will expire on January 31, 2026. Expands age group for work requirements from 18-54 to 18-64 (*some exemptions may apply*). The county unemployment rate must be over 10% to qualify for waiver. Lack of sufficient jobs can no longer be used as a reason.

- Through its CalAIM 1115 Demonstration, California received federal approval to provide a targeted set of Medi-Cal services to youth and adults in state prisons, county jails and youth correctional facilities for up to 90 days prior to release.
 - CalAIM JI supports Justice-involved individuals by providing key services pre-release, enrolling them in Medi-Cal coverage, and connecting them with community-based providers, including community health workers and peer support specialists, that can support their reentry.
5. **BHSA Program Update** – Jesse Hallford, Staff Services Manager, Adult Services. Ms. Hallford reported on the following:
- Performance review from the Department of Health Care Services resulted in zero findings for MHSA Annual Update for FY 23/24.
 - DHCS has defined uses and released program information for FSP programs through BHSA.
6. **Behavioral Health Director’s Report** – Betsy Gowan reporting on behalf of Rick Bingham, Assistant Director of Health & Human Services and Behavioral Health Director. Ms. Gowan reported on the following:
- Mr. Bingham has met with General Services and exterior signage has been ordered for the Behavioral Health building.
 - A grant has been submitted for a 16-bed Social Rehab Facility (SRF) in Yuba County.
7. **New Business**
- a. Future Agenda Topics
 - b. Other Discussion Items
8. **Old Business**
- a. Ad Hoc Committee Update – no updates provided.
 - b. Site Visits -no updates provided.
9. **Other Announcements/Correspondence:**
- a. Letter of Support – BHCIP Bond round 2 – Ms. Esemann submitted a letter of support for the BHCIP Bond Round 2.
 - b. The CARE Court presentation scheduled for November has been rescheduled to March 2026.
 - c. CALBHB/C 2026 Meeting/Training Schedule – informational only.
10. **Adjournment** - There being no further business brought forward, Chair Esemann thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.