

# Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health Behavioral Health Advisory Board

Teleconference Call  
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## Minutes of the Conference Call

Thursday, January 14, 2021  
5:00 p.m.

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### 1. **Call to Order**

Chair Cluck called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. **Roll Call**

The following members were on the conference call: Chair Paul Cluck, Supervisor Gary Bradford, Supervisor Karm Bains, Supervisor Seth Fuhrer and Lupe Rose.

The following members were excused: Manny Vasquez, Margery Hubbard and Lesley Clarkson.

Also, on the call: Rick Bingham, Assistant Director of Health & Human Services and Local Behavioral Health Director; Jennifer Rafiq, Administrative Services Officer, Sutter County Health & Human Services and Sue Hopper, Executive Secretary.

### 3. **Action Items:**

- **Approve November 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Member Rose moved to approve the November 12, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Cluck and carried as follows:

Aye votes: Board Members Rose and Cluck  
Nay votes: None  
Abstentions: Supervisor Bains and Supervisor Fuhrer

### 4. **Program Update: Mid-Year Budget Review – Jennifer Rafiq, Administrative Services Officer**

Ms. Rafiq introduced herself as the Administrative Services Officer for Sutter County Health & Human Services, primarily focusing on Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health. Ms. Rafiq provided an overview of the fiscal outlook for Behavioral Health which includes the following:

Ms. Rafiq states that revenue is not decreasing this year due to COVID; however, state revenue funds will mostly likely catch up to us in two years.

As of 12/30/2020, Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health has received 58.88% of MHSA revenue. SYBH will exceed budgeted revenue this fiscal year. Revenue is based on average monthly receipts from the state Mental Health Services Act fund.

Current budgeted revenue is \$9.5M. However, estimated revenue is \$10,360,598, for a surplus of \$860,598. Excess revenue will get deposited into Fund balance at Year end. MHSA revenue accounts for about 35% of total revenue. Revenue being received at this time is from FY 18/19 and 19/20. Revenues will decrease in future years when we catch up to FY 20/21. MHSA revenue accounts for about 35% of the SYBH budget.

Expenses are on track as of right now. Spending is in line with budgeted figures. Programs are working to spend down MHSA reversion dollars. The MHSA plan is very specific as to what MHSA funds can be spent on and during what timeframe those funds can be spent. If the funds are not spent, they revert to the State. Working with the State, programs have developed plans to use these funds and are on track to spend them. Originally, reversion funds should have been spent by June 20, 2020; with COVID and the county closure, it was difficult to spend the money. The state has granted an extension of one year to spend the funds.

Bi-County Behavioral Health is primarily funded with 1991 and 2011 Realignment funds; as well as Medi-Cal reimbursement, private insurance and grants. These funds were affected immediately due to COVID. In April/May 2020 the State was going to cut these funds significantly. Instead, due to CARE ACT funds SYBH received funding from the State in the amount of \$1.2 million. Although it left a deficit of \$300,000, SYBH still had some funds so the budget will balance. The State has also increased the Medi-Cal reimbursement percentage which will also help with this deficit. Moving forward with realignment, over the next few years these funds will be significantly lower; cuts may need to be made. However, with the recent budget the Governor just proposed there is a significant budget for mental health. Ms. Rafiq is hopeful this will replenish the Realignment funds or increase them.

For FY 20/21, all other sources of funding which account for about 30% of total revenue are on track to be received per budget. Ms. Rafiq does not foresee any issues or lack of funding in these areas. As of 12/30/2020, total expenditures charged are at 52%. While spending has progressed a little more than anticipated, this is due to the additional PPE (personal protective equipment) and remote equipment costs that were incurred due to COVID-19. The Department of Health Care Services has provided instructions on how to apply for state reimbursement for these additional costs through the annual cost report submission. Smaller grants have also been applied for to help offset the additional PPE costs for the Psychiatric Health Facility.

Sutter & Yuba counties have been diligently planning and developing two supportive housing complexes for our homeless & mentally ill population. The two projects are New Haven which is in Sutter County and Cedar Lane which is in Yuba County. The progress of completion for each project is listed below:

#### New Haven Project

- Project Funding for construction was wired in April 2020;
  - \$1,547,676 -MHSA housing funds
  - \$200,000-County CDBG funds
  - \$103,080 Fee Deferral Loan
  - \$1,096,705 NPLH Award
- New Haven construction is about 75% complete. Interior drywall work is underway, HVAC installations underway. Exterior siding and stucco work underway as well.
- Construction is estimated to be completed by April 2021

#### Cedar Lane Project;

- NPLH (No Place Like Home) award was granted in the amount of \$3,373,963 on June 25, 2020
- Letter of commitment to PSH Pacific Associates was completed on June 26, 2020 for the capital loan.
- The Cedar Lane project received an award of 9% tax credits in October 2020 and is set to close on construction financing in April 2021.
- The architect is preparing final construction drawings and construction will begin in April 2021 with an estimated 12-14-month construction schedule.

In response to a question Ms. Rafiq responded that 19 Behavioral Health clients will be housed in the New Haven project. Updates will be provided periodically for the Cedar Lane project. This is the same concept as the New Haven project. Mr. Bingham reported that both housing projects will have 40 units with a little under half of them at each site designated for Behavioral Health clients. Clients will receive onsite and offsite services such as case management, wrap-around and psychiatric support. Transportation will be provided for offsite services. Construction oversight of both projects will be operated by the Regional Housing Authority. Other residents will be made up of low-income clients with supportive service housing needs not specific to Behavioral Health. Both projects are considered permanent housing.

5. **Behavioral Health Director's Report – Rick Bingham, LMFT:** Mr. Bingham reported on the following:
  - Mr. Bingham provided an overview of the structure of Health & Human Services (HHS) and explained his role as the Assistant Director of HHS and Behavioral Health Director. HHS has five branches. Behavioral Health splits into four of those branches. Mr. Bingham will report on the Behavioral Health portions of the Adult Services, Acute Psychiatric Services, Children's Services and Public Health Branches.
  - Children's: Through a grant they have implemented an augmented forensics program which helps youth that have been in either juvenile hall or Camp Singer. Upon their release additional support is provided to the individual and family in the hopes of reducing higher levels of care over time and reducing length of stays in residential treatment programs.
  - Children's: FURS (Family Urgent Response System) is a new state mandated program that is an urgent response system for children in foster care. This is a combined effort with Yuba County and may possibly include Butte County. A contracted provider will respond to needs 24-hours a day, 7-days a week.
  - Acute Psychiatric Services: PES/PHF – thus far the PHF has been able to avoid any COVID outbreaks. Only one client has tested positive and measures were enacted for the protection of the remaining clients which avoided any further spread. PHF has been operating on a largely reduced census throughout this time.
  - Adult Services: A new Deputy Branch Director will start on February 1, 2021. Position has been vacant for over a year. The selected candidate used to be the Director for Tehama County and comes with a huge amount of experience.
  - Vaccinations: Behavioral Health staff were eligible for vaccinations during the first phase, starting with inpatient staff. All staff who wanted to be vaccinated have been. Second shots of the vaccination are now beginning for outpatient staff who request to receive them.
6. **New Business:** None addressed.
7. **Old Business:** None addressed.
8. **Public Comment:**
  - Mr. Bradford addressed the BHAB and stated that he enjoyed working with the BHAB for the last four years. Mr. Fuhrer will now represent Yuba County on the BHAB.
9. **Other Announcements/Correspondence:**
  - Dana Weeks has resigned his BHAB position. Yuba County Board Clerks have posted a vacancy.
10. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business brought forward Chair Cluck thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.