

Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board (BHB)
Substance Use Disorder (SUD)/ Dual Recovery (DR) Committee Minutes
May 8, 2025
2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Present at meeting:			
Danette Kellerman	Humboldt Conflict Counsel	Robert Daugherty	BHB Member
Melissa Nelson	Aegis Treatment Centers	Tara Huff	SoHum Health
Michelle Thomas	DHHS-BH	Kathy Loveless	SoHum Health
Nelia Green-Goodwin	Humboldt County DHHS- Social Services	Alex Olivera	DHHS- BH
Raphael DiCaprio	St. Joseph Hospital, Redwood Memorial Hospital	Oliver Gonzalez	DHHS- BH
Marguerite Story-Baker	BHB, community member		
Deanna Bay	Humboldt County SUD Administrator		

I. Call to Order	2:35pm	ACTION	PERSON/ DATE
II. Introductions	Introductions were made.		
III. Approval of Agenda	Agenda was approved.		
IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Deanna made a motion to approve April's minutes. Raphael seconded.		

<p>V. Action Items</p>	<p>No update on TAY/ ATP flyer</p> <p>Humboldt Bay Fire’s resource card</p> <p>Engagement meeting with this group for the Behavioral Health Services Act.</p> <p>Share the provider list that this committee created</p>	<p>ATP and TAY to collaborate on youth services</p> <p>No update</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>	<p>David and Deanna</p> <p>Committee members</p> <p>Danette, Michelle, Oliver</p> <p>Danette, Michelle</p>
<p>VI. Announcements</p>	<p>Committee discussed agenda topics differing from the Behavioral Health Board’s meeting topics to avoid duplicative efforts.</p> <p>Committee brought up the NO₂ initiative for Humboldt County. Dr. DeVido, Medical Director for Partnership HealthPlan of California’s Wellness and Recovery Program is providing a presentation on Nitrous Oxide misuse.</p>	<p>Share meeting invite to committee</p>	<p>Deanna, Michelle</p>
<p>VII. Discussion: Program Presentations</p> <p>A. SoHum Health-Garberville Presentation</p> <p>B. Engagement meeting for Behavioral Health Services Act</p>	<p>A. Speakers: Kathy Loveless and Tara Huff</p> <p>Kathy and Tara spoke about the substance use disorder services available at SoHum Health. The program is still in creation. SoHum Health is a part of the Jerold Phelps Community Hospital. Their SUD program is still working towards being credentialed with more insurance providers. They also provide non-specialty mental health services (lower acuity of care needs). The program is modeled after the CA Bridge program. They have started a medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program. Clients may choose to be a part of the MAT study. Clients may also choose to opt-out of the MAT study and still receive MAT services. Committee members had time to ask questions about collaboration regarding CA Bridge program and MAT referrals in Southern Humboldt.</p>		

	<p>B. Speaker: Oliver Gonzalez</p> <p>Oliver addressed the committee about changes the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), now known as the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). The BHSA now has additional service requirements and an increased percentage of funds to state administration, which decreases the available funds to provide the mandated services. Oliver described the categories of services, the changes to the categories of services, and the additional services now required, such as medication-assisted treatment services by full-service partnerships. Oliver requested feedback from this committee, as 'early and often' stakeholder engagement will best support how the BHSA program can meet the community's needs.</p>		
VIII. Adjournment	3:30pm		
IX. Next Meeting date:	Next meeting is June 12 th , 2025 2:30-3:30 PM via Audio/ Video Conference		

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