



**MENDOCINO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
ACTION MINUTES – OCTOBER 20, 2010**

**MENDOCINO COUNTY  
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

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**OPEN SEATS**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT-2 SEATS
- 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT- FILLED
- 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT –2 SEATS
- 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT –1 SEAT
- 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT –FILLED

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**NEXT MEETING** (AGENDAS ARE  
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OF THE MONTH)  
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**BEFORE THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO • STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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**REGULAR MEETING**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

The Mental Health Board of Mendocino County met for a regular meeting on October 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mendocino County Public Library in Willits, Conference Room, 390 East Commercial Street, Willits

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1—OPEN SESSION CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, ROLL CALL, AGENDA CHANGES AND QUORUM NOTICE. (10:05 A.M.)**

**Present:** Elizabeth Crawford, Vonna Kindred Myers, Jane Berry, Jim Moore, Ken Scofield, Perry Tripp, Valerie Williamson, Chair Grenny presiding

**Absent:** Joe Mortz (excused), ~~John McCowen~~, Eliste Reeves

*Vice Chair Berry noted that a quorum was present.*

**Staff Present:** Stacey Cryer HHSA Director;; Diana Chambers, MCMH ASOC Deputy Director; Trayce Beards, HHSA ASOC coordinator; Karen Rizzolo, Administrative Secretary

**Also Present:** Tom Pinizzotto, MSW, Interim Mental Health Branch Director (Consultant); Nancy Callahan, Ph.D., I.D.E.A. consulting; Camille Schraeder, Executive Director, Redwood Children’s Services; Sharon Kichili, Executive Director, Tapestry Family Services; Kathleen Sherman, Clinical Director, Mendocino County Youth Project; Wynd Novotny, MHSA Client Empowerment Coordinator; Joseph Reynolds, Jesse Macmillan, Ricco Zappetelli, Kate Howe, Peer Support Specialist; Josephine Silva, Lisa Gosselin, Peer Support Specialist, Maya Stuart, Program Manager, First 5 and Raise and Shine;

*John McCowen arrived at 10:10 am*

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: DISCUSSION & ACTION**

**Presenter/s:** Chair Grenny

**Board Action:** Upon motion by Member Moore seconded by Member Tripp and carried unanimously; IT IS ORDERED that the Mental Health Board approves the July 8, 2010 MHSA/MHB meeting minutes, the September 1, 2010 Special Mental Health Board meeting minutes and the September 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Mental Health Board meeting minutes with no changes or additions.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3— TREASURER’S AND SECRETARY’S REPORT: DISCUSSION & ACTION**

**Presenter/s:** Chair Grenny

The treasurer’s report is included in the packet and accepted as printed

**AGENDA ITEM NO.4- HHSA DIRECTOR’S REPORT- STACEY CRYER, AGENCY DIRECTOR**

**Presenter/s:** Stacey Cryer, HHSA Director

Ms. Cryer’s objective today is to present to the Mental Health Board and to the community members attending today’s meeting where the Mental Health Branch stands, the things

| that have been under review and things that may be recommended to the Board of Supervisors to address the current deficit. Ms. Cryer would also like to use this opportunity to solicit Mental Health Board and Community Member input.

- CMHDA (California Mental Health Director’s Association) meeting update- Ms. Cryer and Mr. Pinizzotto attended the CMHDA meeting last week. One of the main issues of concern addressed at that meeting was the rescission of AB3632, funds for services to special education children. There are many questions and much confusion about how this will be approached. Legal opinions are being solicited by all counties both independently and collectively.
- Appointment of Tom Pinizzotto as Interim Mental Health Branch Director.

**Board Action:** Upon motion by Member Berry seconded by Member Moore and carried unanimously; IT IS ORDERED that the Mental Health Board approves support of the recommendation to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors of Tom Pinizzotto as Interim Mental Health Branch Director.

- Ms. Cryer provided an overview of the history and current challenges facing the Mental Health Branch. Preparations are being made to develop a plan for mitigating the budget challenges for presentation before the Board of Supervisors on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Ms. Cryer and Mr. Pinizzotto highlighted areas of focus and strategies that are being considered to meet the service and budget challenges. Included in those strategies will be an emphasis on Quality Assurance and Utilization Review. Some strategies are already being implemented while others are being considered upon approval of the Board of Supervisors.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5-PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sharon Kichilli, Tapestry Family Services; Camille Schraeder, Redwood Children’s Services; Lisa Goselin, Client; Josephine Silva, Public Interest, Wynd Novotny, NAMI, MHSA Client Empowerment Coordinator; Joseph Reynolds, Client, Peer Support; Ricco Zappetelli, Public Interest, Kate Howe, Peer Support Specialist; Dan Anderson, Redwood Children’s Services

*Meeting Break – 12:05 pm -12:20 pm*

*Stacey Cryer, Nancy Callahan and some members of the public left the meeting.*

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Adult Services Committee – Jim Moore
2. Business Services Committee- Valerie Williamson – *waiting to review contracts as transition plan develops*
3. Children’s Services Committee – Jane Berry – *nothing to report at this time*
4. MHSA Committee – Joe Mortz – *Joe is not present he has included documents in the packet for board member review.*
5. Jail/First Responder Committee- Perry Tripp –*working to get jail data that can be released, have requested data from Consolidated Tribal Health, working on development of a crisis resource directory without duplicating existing resources, Perry has been participating in the Juvenile Justice Commission, they are planning a tour of Juvenile Hall on December 10<sup>th</sup>, Perry suggests collaboration with the Mental Health Board or participation of some Board members. Perry has been looking into Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) concerns. No Jail First Responder Committee meeting in October.*

**Ad Hoc Committees**

1. Crisis Residential Program- Jane Berry, Joe Mortz – *Jane gave a summary of the work and discussions that have taken place at the first two meetings. They have decided to go into the communities and meet with the community members to find out what has been done and what the needs are as they relate to Crisis Residential. They plan to do a site visit to the Lighthouse in Lake County as part of their effort to gather information.*
2. Quality Assessment/Data Committee – Jim Moore – *did receive information from staff and hopes to complete this within the next week*

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

Nancy Callahan, PhD, I.D.E.A. Consulting; provided some of her professional background as well as a brief review of the Mental Health Services Act and her experience working on various plans. She solicited ideas from the public and board members in reference to the Mental Health Services Act plan components.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 ADJOURNMENT**

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF MENDOCINO COUNTY ADJOURNED AT 1:15 P.M.

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Guy Grenny, Chair

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Attest: Karen Rizzolo

**NOTICE: PUBLISHED MINUTES OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETINGS**

- Effective December 16, 2009, Mendocino County Mental Health Board minutes will be produced in “action only” format. As an alternative service, public access to recorded Mental Health Board proceedings will be available at the Mental Health Administrative office, 880 N Bush Street, Ukiah in audio format.
- Minutes are considered draft until adopted/approved by the Mental Health Board
- The Mental Health Board’s action minutes are also posted on the County of Mendocino website at: [http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hhsa/mh\\_board.htm](http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hhsa/mh_board.htm)
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*Thank you for your interest in the proceedings of the Mendocino County Mental Health Board*