



**MENDOCINO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**  
**Action Minutes – November 16, 2011**

**MENDOCINO COUNTY  
 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

**GUY GRENNY, PH.D.**  
**CHAIR**

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**VONNA KINDRED-MYERS**  
**JOE MORTZ**  
**KEN SCOFIELD**

**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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 MONDAY PRIOR TO THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF  
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**BEFORE THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT JOINT MEETING**  
**COUNTY OF MENDOCINO • STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

The Mental Health Board of Mendocino County met for their regular meeting on Nov 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Social Services Harbor Conference Room, 825 So. Franklin St., Fort Bragg

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

Chair Grenny called the meeting to order, sited the Mission Statement and welcomed the attendees to the meeting.  
 Guy Grenny took Roll Call.

**Mental Health Board members present:** Chair Presiding - Guy Grenny, Valerie Williamson, Jane Berry, Vonna Kindred Myers, John Bassler, Morris Kaplan Ken Scofield Perry "Two Feathers" Tripp and Elizabeth Crawford

Absent: Joe Mortz (leave of absence)

**Chair Grenny noted that a quorum was present.**

**Staff Present:** Tom Pinizzotto, Interim Mental Health Director, Tari Rogers, Administrative Secretary

**Mental Health Services Act Stakeholder Committee members present:** Susan Wynd Novotny, Camille Schraeder and Karin Wandrei

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

Presenter/s: Chair Grenny

- Board Action: Upon motion by Chair Grenny Member Myers moved and Member Berry seconded and carried unanimously; IT IS ORDERED that the Mental Health Board approves the October 2011 meeting minutes.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3—TREASURER REPORT – HANDOUT & SECRETARY REPORT**

The Treasure's Report are included in the packet and accepted as printed.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.4 – MENTAL HEALTH INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT - TOM PINIZZOTTO, INTERIM MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR - UPDATES – 30 MINUTES**

- Mental Health Branch name officially changed to "Behavioral Health and Recovery Services"
- Black Talon Utilization
  - 2010 cost \$76,479.00
  - 2011 cost \$23,807.00
- Respite Services

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- Hospitality House – Two Respite beds available. Clients can stay for 3 to 5 nights and become stabilized. This gives staff the opportunity to assess what care the client needs.
- Redwood Creek – Staff is working on a protocol to include inclusionary and exclusionary criteria. Clients have the option to stay 24 hours.
- Red House – We plan to make more viable for the community. This will be a place for clients to go during the day time hours for shelter, socialization and group activities.
- Outpatient Admissions and Discharges
  - System Wide, October 2011 93 admissions and 11 discharges
  - Fort Bragg October 2011 19 admissions and no discharges
  - Tari will distribute the discussed data information in hard copy to the MHB
- Success Stories
  - Jenine Miller, Program Administrator was present to give a report on one of the Mental Health client success stories.
  - Camille Schraeder, Director of Redwood Children Services (RCS) was present with Tanya, RCS Youth Advocate and Andrew, Graduate of the TAY Wellness program. Tanya and Andrew told his success story which was contributed to his initial placement in housing made available by the wellness program.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – MHSA SENIOR PEER COUNSELING PROGRAM – SUSAN BRIDGE-MOUNT**

- Senior Referrals
  - Currently looking for volunteers to become Certified Peer Counselors
  - Certification Training program lasts for 10 weeks located at the Senior Center in Ukiah and Fort Bragg
  - Currently looking for clients who would like to be involved.
- PEI Funded Program Description
  - Certified Peer Counselors provide peer counseling to clients in their homes once a week.
  - The purpose is to reduce isolation, depression, anxiety, suicides, and identify any issues they may be experiencing.
  - All clients have some type of mental health diagnosis
  - Run by Nancy Nana, Clinician in Ukiah
  - Susan Bridge-Mount is the coordinator on the coast

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6– MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT REPORT – JENNIFER KENNEDY – MHSA COORDINATOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION – 10 MINUTES**

- MHSA Components
  - Description of Plan Components – handout
    - Community Services and Supports Funding– 70% went to supporting Full Service Partnerships other recipients include; Action Network, in Gualala, Tapestry Family Services, TAY Wellness, Manzanita House drop in center in Willits, and Red House
    - PEI Funding
      - Senior Peer Counseling Program
      - Prevention Collaboration
        - Contract with Anderson Valley – prevention collaboration between schools, health clinic and family resource center.
        - Contract with Mendocino County Youth Project (MCYP)

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – MHSA STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE – DISCUSSION AND ACTION – 20 MINUTES OR AT THE CHAIRS DISCRETION**

- Annual Report Format
  - The format will be developed using statewide guidelines and stakeholder input.
  - Proposed meeting dates – handout
  - MHSA/MHB meeting Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - location TBA



- MHSAs Forums
  - Children and Family Forum held November 10, 2011

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – GUY GRENNY, MHB CHAIR – DISCUSSION AND ACTION – 10 MINUTES**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 PUBLIC COMMENT –15 MINUTES OR AT THE CHAIR’S DISCRETION**

Karin Wandrei – MCYP is looking for a licensed or intern therapist 20 hours per week for Fort Bragg.

Mary – asked for information on the MHSAs stakeholder member process.

Jennifer Kennedy – To become a member send a letter of interest to the MH Administrative Secretary.

Perry – California Network of MH Clients, Working Well Together program – collaboration with MH collecting data for the consumers of children, families and youth – handouts.

Josephine Silva – we need a connection for housing funding and Manzanita.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.10 – MHB BUSINESS – DISCUSSION & ACTION – 15 MINUTES**

- Membership
  - The Application of Interest for Morris Kaplan, for a Third District seat was reviewed and approved by the Board of Supervisors. Member Williamson noted that a quorum was not present at the 9/21/11 MHB meeting when Mr. Kaplan was approved by the MHB. Chair Grenny, Member Tripp, Member Scofield and Member Williamson were present. She further noted she did not participate in the vote. Chair Grenny advised taking note of the situation for the future and moving forward.
  - Applications of Interest for Interview - Pending
    - John Baird – Application of Interest for Consumer/Family seat, 1<sup>st</sup> District, appointment position to be decided.
    - Denise Gorny – Application of Interest for 3<sup>rd</sup> District (reviewed and approved by Supervisor Brown) appointment position to be decided (public or consumer family position).
  - Board Action: Upon motion by Member Perry, seconded by Member Berry and carried unanimously, Tari Rogers will send notice to John Baird and Denise Gorny to appear before the MHB at the next scheduled meeting for interviewing to resolve the pending status of their Applications of Interest.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.11 – COMMITTEE REPORTS- DISCUSSION AND ACTION-2 MINUTES EACH**

Standing Committees:

1. Adult Services Committee- Vacant
2. Business Services Committee – Valerie Williamson Chair: has been talking with doctors and pharmacists to see how the Partnership Health Plan (PHP) is working for them. She started by talking with Dr. Rosoff. He reported he spends about 25% of his time completing paperwork to get clients their medications. At times he spends hours on one client’s medications. She is finding that this to be true across the board. She asked the doctor’s if the process is getting better for them and has been told “No”. She will continue to follow up on the PHP process. The “special help” option previously on their voice system for Mendocino County is no longer operating. It was in operation for approximately two months.

3. Children’s Services Committee – Jane Berry, Chair: has spoken to Zoy Kazan, MH & AOD Services Deputy Director about planning the next meeting. Member Berry will be getting this information out within the next week.
4. Jail First Responder Committee – Perry Tripp, Member Tripp has a letter for Captain Pearce he will forward to Tari to place on letter head to be submitted to Captain Pearce requesting dates for January or February to perform an inspection. I would like four or five volunteers to assist with the inspection. Member Bassler and Member Myers volunteered to assist with the Jail Inspection. Member Tripp would like to hold a Jail First Responder meeting prior to Jail inspection to reactivate the committee and attain support from fellow MHB members. I propose we have a brief meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup> after the MHB meeting to go over strategies and who will be a part of this committee.
5. MHSA Committee- Vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

1. Quality Assessment /Data Committee- Vacant

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – PUBLIC COMMENT –15 MINUTES OR AT THE CHAIR’S DISCRETION**

Mary – I was hoping to hear more about Laura’s Law today. I have a friend who recently did something dangerous. He tried to get help so he could get his shots. He couldn’t find anyone to help him in this area. There are people out there who need and are requesting help. I would like to help with this.

Member Williamson commented; she is working with senate. We will try to beef up what we have available here on the coast. HIPPA has created problems for families getting help for their loved ones. We’re looking into tailoring something for the coast area.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 ADJOURN**

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF MENDOCINO COUNTY ADJOURNED AT 1:07 P.M.

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Guy Grenny, Chair

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Attest: Tari Rogers

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