



COLUSA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Meeting was held on

May 13th, 2025

At Colusa County Department of Behavioral Health
Room 102
162 E. Carson St., Colusa, CA 95932
and via Zoom

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:07pm
2. Establish Quorum
 - a. Board Members in attendance: Jesse Marquez, Walter Osbourn, Rob Wilson
 - b. Board Members not in attendance: Alfred Sellers Jr
 - c. ***Quorum established***
3. Meeting Participants:
 - a. Behavioral Health staff in attendance: Tony Hobson, Bessie Rojas, Heather Bullis-Cruz, Jeannie Armstrong, Mayra Puga
 - b. Others in attendance: Manuel Flete Medina, CalBHB
4. Public Comment:
 - a. None.
5. Old Business:
 - a. None.
6. New Business:
 - a. Public Hearing – MHSA Annual Update FY25-26
 - i. Mrs. Armstrong discussed the plan, the comments received during the 30 Day Review (4/12/2025-5/12/2025), and the actions the department took to address the comments/suggestions/requests.



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- ii. Explained how the majority of the programs sun setting out of the MHSA plan are changing to different funding sources, while only one program is actually ending.
- iii. One new program, Integrated Care, was added to our Annual Update to be funded through Workforce, Training, and Education (WET).
- iv. Dr. Hobson commented that the program name of West Side Campus sounds like it is related to a school or Colusa County Office of Education. Perhaps, a name change to Westside Wellness Center would be better. This program name sounds like it can be for any health or wellness service, which would create less stigma for individuals attending for behavioral health appointment.
 - 1. Resulting Action from the County: CCDBH has changed the program name from West Side Campus to Westside Wellness Center.
- v. No other comments, questions, or concerns were received during the Public Hearing.

7. Action Items:

- a. April minutes to be approved.
 - i. Mr. Wilson motioned to approve minutes. Mr. Marquez seconded the motion. All members in attendance were in favor.
- b. MHSA Annual Update FY25-26 to be approved.
 - i. Mr. Osbourn motioned to approve. Mr. Marquez seconded the motion. All present members were in favor.

8. MHSA Update:

- a. Ms. Puga reported on outreach events that have occurred, or are planned, for this month; Migrant Housing Fair, Public Health World Tobacco Day, and PATH/Probation Resource Fair.
- b. Safe Haven Report: Ms. Puga reported there continues to be high attendance at Safe Haven, averaging 25 people per day. There is a Recovery Rocks event planned for the end of the month in celebration of May is Mental Health Awareness month.
- c. Bright Vista Report: Bright Vista still remains closed as we are short staffed. We have one Peer Support Specialists hired for Bright Vista and interview for the second position later this week.



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9. Director's Report:

- a. Dr. Hobson reported that on May 6th the Board of Supervisors proclaimed that May is Mental Health Awareness month. The proclamation focused on individuals in the correctional facility, who have a higher rate of mental health and substance use disorders than compared to non-criminal justice involved individuals. At the BOS meeting, a Behavioral Health delivered a presentation on our jail services. Our PATH program has supported behavioral health services being offered in the jail, and with additional services we are reaching a full continuum of services. Services offered to incarcerated individuals include Assessment, Therapy, Rehab, Case Management, Medication Management, Medication Assisted Treatment, and Crisis. From April 2023 – March 2024, 100 individuals in jail were provided behavioral health services, with 43% recidivism. From April 2024 – March 2025, 210 individual in jail were provided behavioral health services, with 20% recidivism. In one year with the support of the PATH team, Behavioral Health almost tripled the amount of services provided (378 to 1,110 services).
- b. "Prop 36 passed this year repealing some of Prop 47, now allowing courts to mandate treatment", stated Dr. Hobson. The court would like to see an Intensive Outpatient Program for SUD treatment. Behavioral Health launched this on May 1st and we've begun seeing clients for IOP. Prop 36 did not come with funding, yet Prop 47, Cohort 5 funding is a grant that we are looking into. The grant states that an entire continuum of care must be available, where both mental health and substance use disorder intakes occur. This grant is due on 6/23/2025. The BOS will need to approve this grant if we are awarded.

10. Program Integrity:

- a. Mrs. Bullis-Cruz shared her data for the month of April regarding Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) intakes. This data includes the timeliness of appointments, the number of "Shows", "Cancellations", and "No Shows", and the count of clients who needed an interpreter. "April had a decrease in mental health intakes, but was still in the typical range of 25-35 intakes/month", mentioned Mrs. Bullis-Cruz. We are reaching parity for our Hispanic population. Our No Shows/Cancellations were at zero. "SUD intakes are holding steady". Our wait days decreased, and we also had zero no shows/cancellations for SUD intakes.



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11. Quality Assurance:

- a. Mrs. Rojas shared her data that included the month of April and March for comparison purposes. Mrs. Rojas reported there was a slight decrease in services, which may be due to the Easter holiday/Schools' spring breaks. There was an increase in Mobile Crisis services. Mrs. Rojas mentioned that she may be able to obtain the SUD/dual diagnosis data in the near future.

12. PRA Report:

- a. No report.

13. Chairperson's Report:

- a. No report.

14. Board of Supervisor Report:

- a. No report.

15. Adjournment – This meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm

Next meeting scheduled for: June 10th, 2025

Minutes completed by: Jeannie Armstrong