



# County of El Dorado

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## Minutes - Draft

### Behavioral Health Commission

*James Abram, Chair - Term Expiration 8/15/2026*  
*Norma Santiago, Vice Chair- Term Expiration 10/26/2024*  
*John Taylor, Vice Chair - Term Expiration 1/1/2026*  
*Kathryn Hamilton, Secretary - Term Expiration 08/11/2024*  
*Wendy Thomas, Board of Supervisors Representative - Term Expiration 01/01/2025*  
*Dr. Richard Lynn, Commissioner - Term Expiration 11/16/2024*  
*Lauryn Sumimoto, Commissioner - Term Expiration 04/12/2025*  
*Debra Thornburgh, Commissioner - Term Expiration 12/07/2024*  
*Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner - Term Expiration 01/01/2026*  
*Vacant (2), Commissioner*

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Wednesday, May 15, 2024

5:00 PM

Meeting Locations (in person and connected via tele/video-conferencing):

- 330 Fair Lane, Bldg. A, Placerville, CA
- Mental Health Office, 1900 Lake Tahoe Blvd., Suite 103, South Lake Tahoe, CA

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#### CALL TO ORDER AT 5:00 PM AND ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Hamilton, Thornburgh, Lynn, Sumimoto, Taylor, Thomas, Clavere and Abram

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Santiago

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.**

**Yes:** 8 - Hamilton, Thornburgh, Lynn, Sumimoto, Taylor, Thomas, Clavere and Abram

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Santiago

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Commission may make any necessary additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda including moving items to or from the Consent Calendar and adopt the agenda and the Consent Calendar with one single vote. A Commission member may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate Commission action. At the appropriate time as called by the Commission Chair, members of the public may make a comment on matters on the Consent Calendar prior to Commission action.

*"There was no public comment".*

- 1. **24-0928** Review and Approve April 17,2024 Minutes

**Approved**

- 2. **24-0929** In accordance with AB 2249 (2022) Commission Chair accepts any commissioner request to participate remotely according to Just Cause or Emergency Circumstances allowances pursuant to Title 5 Government Code, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 9, 54953(f)(2) and take action on any requests made.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**OPEN FORUM**

*No comments.*

Open Forum is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on subject matter that is not on their meeting agenda and within their jurisdiction. Public comments during Open Forum are limited to three minutes per person. The Commission Chair may limit public comment during Open Forum.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 3. 24-0930** Presentation by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) El Dorado on May is Mental Health Awareness Month (15 minutes)
- Diane Rabinowitz, President of NAMI for El Dorado County: Presented on NAMI's upcoming activities, new social media platforms and the new Clubhouse opening.*
- Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner: Is pleased with the email blast and the information it provides and wanted to know if NAMI will be presenting the same information, to the Board of Supervisors?*
- Jon Bennis, Executive Director of NAMI: Would like to possibly present to the Board of Supervisors in August or September, to give an update on where they are with the Clubhouse.*
- James Abram, Commission Chair: Will send Commissioner Hamilton's information to NAMI for the email blast.*
- "There was no public comment".*
- Presented**
- 4. 24-0931** Discussion of inpatient placements including El Dorado County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) use by other counties and El County clients placements out of county, including youth. (20 minutes)
- James Abram, Commission Chair: This is a follow-up from last months agenda item on the 5150 process.*
- Chris Kernes, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health: Presented the number of clients in the EDC psychiatric facility and out of county clients admitted to the EDC facility from January to December 2023. Also EDC youth clients who were referred out and placed outside of the county because we do not have a youth facility in EDC. We currently have agreements with Alpine, Calaveras, Mariposa, Nevada, Placer, Shasta, Siskiyou, Trinity and Amador counties, for their beneficiaries to use our path.*
- "There was no public comment".*
- Presented**
- 5. 24-0932** Presentation by Division Staff: Consumer testimonial or lived experience (5 minutes)
- Presented**
- 6. 24-0933** Review/Discussion/Questions of Behavioral Health Director's Report (10 minutes)
- "There was no public comment".*
- Received and Filed**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

*John Taylor, Commission Vice Chair: Has a couple housekeeping items. Fix the duplication of step 3 on the Protocols for Public Comment and change where it says Board, to read Commission. In the Directors Report, page 2, the "e" is still missing out of Mental Health Aid(e)s.*

*James Abram, Commission Chair: This is Commissioner Lauryn Sumimoto's last Commission meeting before graduating and going off to college. She has done a great job and he is looking forward to new membership from the Youth Commission.*

*Wendy Thomas, Commission Board of Supervisors Representative: Has much respect for Lauryn on her dedication to the Youth Commission and their focus on Mental Health. She has been an asset to EDC during her time here.*

**NEXT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE: June 19, 2024**

**ADJOURNED AT 6:22 P.M.**

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