



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 9/24/2027
John Taylor, Vice Chair - Term Expiration 1/1/2026
Dr. Stephen Clavere, Secretary - Term Expiration 1/01/2026
Greg Ferrero, Board of Supervisors Representative - Term Expiration 01/01/2026
Amelia Leo-Frazee - Term Expiration 9/24/2027
Sophia Sumimoto - Term Expiration 9/24/2027
Debra Thornburgh, Commissioner - Term Expiration 12/03/2027
Deanna Santana, Commissioner - Term Expiration 5/13/2028
Vacant (1), Commissioner

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

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

5:00 PM CALLED TO ORDER

Present: 8 - Abram, Santiago, Taylor, Clavere, Ferrero, Leo-Frazee, Sumimoto and Santana

Absent: 1 - Thornburgh

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Approved

Yes: 7 - Abram, Taylor, Clavere, Ferrero, Leo-Frazee, Sumimoto and Santana

Absent: 1 - Thornburgh

Abstained: 1 - Santiago

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **25-0976** Commission Chair recommends the Behavioral Health Commission to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2025 regular meeting of the Behavioral Health Commission.
Approved
2. **25-0977** 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.
No Formal Action

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**OPEN FORUM****DISCUSSION ITEMS****3. 25-0978**

Commission Chair to read the proclamation the County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors adopted on May 13, 2025 [File ID 25-0297] naming May as "Mental Health Awareness Month."

Proclamation read by James Abram, Commission Chair.

Commissioner Discussion:

James Abram, Commission Chair. States the Board of Supervisors acknowledged "May is Mental Health Awareness Month", and expresses gratitude for the [behavioral health] services the County provides.

Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commission Secretary: Asks who is responsible for writing the Proclamation.

Meredith Zanardi, MHSA Program Coordinator: Answers it is a team effort from [staff], who provide input on updating information every year.

Norma Santiago, Commission Vice Chair: Echoes appreciation, particularly to the [County Behavioral Health] Department.

Public Comment:

(None)

Further Commissioner Discussion:

(None)

No Formal Action

4. 25-0979

Presentation by Justine Collinsworth on Mobile Crisis. Commission to receive/review/discuss and take action as appropriate.

Commissioner Comment:

John Taylor, Commission Vice Chair: Compliments report.

Greg Ferrero, Commission Board of Supervisors Representative: States [our County] is very fortunate to have this program. Asks how many teams there are and what makes up a team.

Justine Collinsworth, Manager of Mental Health Programs: Answers there are teams on both the West Slope and South Lake Tahoe; outlines variations of team composition based on location and times of operation.

Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commission Secretary: Asks what percent of the clinicians are "Mental Health Rehab Specialists".

Justine Collinsworth, Manager of Mental Health Programs: Answers there are a couple "Mental Health Rehab Specialist" level staff, with one full-time clinician from our department, as well as an unknown number of vendor employed staff. Offers to return with specific numbers if desired.

Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commission Secretary: Asks what kind of data will be collected -specifically if call-response time will be documented and reported to the Commission.

Justine Collinsworth, Manager of Mental Health Programs: Outlines types of data to be collected, confirms response time information is likely something which will be reportable and will provide more details when available.

Norma Santiago, Commission Vice Chair: Asks about program budget. Asks about relationship to PERT team. Asks how the crisis line fits into this process after hours. Asks how success will be measured.

Jim Diel, Chief Assistant Director of Health and Human Services: Speaks to budget inquiry.

Justine Collinsworth, Manager of Mental Health Programs: Explains anticipated dynamics with PERT team, crisis line and measurements of success.

Public Comment:

(None)

Further Commissioner Discussion:

(None)

Presented

5. 25-0980**Review/Discussion/Questions of Behavioral Health Director's Report.
(10 minutes)**

James Abram, Commission Chair: Expresses gratitude to Jim Diel for accomplishments since starting with the County. Gives congratulations for the SOAR grant accomplishment.

Norma: Thank you very much and congratulations [on the grant], look forward to it's implementation.

Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commission Secretary: Asks what the staffing company is called. Asks for explanation of PHF occupancy rate change.

Jim Diel, Chief Assistant Director of Health and Human Services: Answers staffing company is "Amergis". Offers potential explanation of occupancy data, stating he would need to do a deeper dive for more specific information.

Public Comment:

(None)

Further Commissioner Discussion:

(None)

No Formal Action

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

James Abram, Commission Chair: Welcomes new commissioner, Deanna Santana. Bids farewell and gratitude to commissioners Amelia and Sophia, wishing them well.

NEXT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE: June 18, 2025.

6:07 PM ADJOURNED