



# County of El Dorado

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## Minutes

### Behavioral Health Commission

*Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner - Term Expiration  
01/01/2023*

*Dr. Richard Lynn, Vice-Chair SLT - Term Expiration 12/03/2021  
Wendy Thomas, Board of Supervisors Representative - Term  
Expiration 01/01/2022*

*Kathryn Hamilton, Secretary - Term Expiration 10/11/2024  
Norma Santiago, Commissioner - Term Expiration 10/26/2024  
Debra Thornburgh, Commissioner - Term Expiration 01/01/2022  
Vacant (10), Commissioner*

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Wednesday, October 20, 2021

5:00 PM

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

- Health and Human Service Agency, 3057 Briw Rd. Sierra Room, Placerville
- Mental Health Office, 1900 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe
- Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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#### VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETING

5:06 PM ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Stephen Clavere, Debra Thornburgh, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

**Absent:** 2 - Norma Santiago and Norma Santiago

#### 5:00 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTIONS

**Staff Present:**

Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Ren Strong, Meredith Zanardi, Moriah Weldy, and Paula Frantz

**Public Attendees:**

Barry Harwell, Chris Stedeford, Anna Gleason, Debbie Reischel-Cree

**Present:** 5 - Stephen Clavere, Debra Thornburgh, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

**Absent:** 2 - Norma Santiago and Norma Santiago

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Lynn noted that today's meeting must adjourn at 6:00 P.M. and due to time constraints, Agenda Item(s) 7 and 8 will be continued off calendar.

Supervisor Thomas clarified that the time restriction was due to the use of a shared Zoom account and scheduling that was outside the control of the Commission.

Nicole E.N. explained that this will be prevented at future meetings by the using a dedicated Zoom account.

Supervisor Thomas made a motion to adopt the Agenda; Commissioner Holman provided a second.

Yes: 5 - Stephen Clavere, Debra Thornburgh, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

Absent: 2 - Norma Santiago and Norma Santiago

Abstained: 1 - Henry Sandigo

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [21-1683](#) Review/Approval of the July 21, 2021 Behavioral Health Commission Minutes (5 minutes)

Attachments: [DRAFT MINUTES 7-21-21](#)

Commissioner Comment: None.

Commissioner Lynn made a motion to approve to adopt the Minutes; Supervisor Thomas provided a second.

Public Comment: None.

Yes: 5 - Stephen Clavere, Henry Sandigo, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

Absent: 2 - Norma Santiago and Norma Santiago

Abstained: 1 - Debra Thornburgh

2. [21-1684](#) Discussion/Approval of procedural requirements to continue holding virtual Behavioral Health Commission meetings versus returning to in-person meetings (15 minutes)

Commissioner Comment: Commissioners and staff discussed AB361 allowances to continue virtual or hybrid-meeting format. Commissioner Lynn would like to leave the option open for a hybrid format.

Public Comment: Barry Harwell from Sierra Child and Family Services brought to attention that since starting virtual meetings, there has been very little public participation. It is his hope that the hybrid-meeting format does not last too long.

No further public comment.

**Further Commissioner Comment: Commissioner Sandigo, commissioner Clavere and Supervisor Thomas agree with public comment.**

**Commissioner Lynn made a motion to maintain the hybrid-meeting format for the November 17, 2021 meeting; Supervisor Thomas provided a second.**

**Yes:** 6 - Stephen Clavere, Henry Sandigo, Debra Thornburgh, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

**Absent:** 2 - Norma Santiago and Norma Santiago

#### 5:16 PM ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Stephen Clavere, Norma Santiago, Norma Santiago, Debra Thornburgh, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

**3. 21-1685** Discussion/Approval of electing the current Acting Chair, Commissioner Lynn, to the position of Behavioral Health Commission Chair until the calendar year 2022 officer elections are completed (5 minutes)

**Commissioner Comment: None.**

**Public Comment: None.**

**Supervisor Thomas made a motion to appoint Commissioner Lynn to the seat of Chair until the calendar year 2022 elections are complete; Commissioner Santiago provided a second.**

**Yes:** 8 - Stephen Clavere, Henry Sandigo, Norma Santiago, Norma Santiago, Debra Thornburgh, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

**4. 21-1686** Commissioner Lynn requests that the Behavioral Health Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Norma Santiago be re-appointed as a full member of the Behavioral Health Commission (5 minutes)

**Commissioner Comment: None.**

**Public Comment: None.**

**Commissioner Santiago made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Santiago as a full member of the Behavioral Health Commission; Commissioner Holman provided a second.**

**Yes:** 8 - Stephen Clavere, Henry Sandigo, Norma Santiago, Norma Santiago, Debra Thornburgh, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

**5. 21-1687** Commissioner Lynn requests that the Behavioral Health Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Dr. Richard Lynn be re-appointed as a full member of the Behavioral Health Commission (5 minutes)

**Commissioner Comment:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Commissioner Santiago made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Lynn as a full member of the Behavioral Health Commission; Supervisor Thomas provided a second.**

**Yes:** 8 - Stephen Clavere, Henry Sandigo, Norma Santiago, Norma Santiago, Debra Thornburgh, Karis Holman, Richard Lynn and Wendy Thomas

6. [21-1688](#) Discussion/approval of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Program Planning Process (CPPP) for the FY 22/23 Annual Update (15 minutes)

**Meredith Zanardi, MHSA Coordinator presented an overview of the of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Program Planning Process (CPPP).**

**Commissioner Comment:** Commissioner Clavere discussed that it is his interpretation that the Behavioral Health Division and MHSA staff is duplicating the planning process from last year. He is concerned that only 189 stakeholders participated in the previous year planning process. Commissioner Clavere is not comfortable with providing Commission approval of the CPPP as presented.

**Public Comment:** Barry Harwell from Sierra Child and Family Services would like to see data on unspent funds before the CPPP begins.

No further public comment.

**Further Commissioner Comment:** Commission requests that MHSA provide a written plan that details the outreach strategy that will be used before voting.

7. [21-1690](#) Presentation of the impacts of the Caldor Fire on Behavioral Health by Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Behavioral Health Director (15 minutes)

**Attachments:** [EDC BH response to Caldor Fire Emergency August 2021](#)

To be continued off calendar.

8. [21-1692](#) Review/Discussion/Questions of the Behavioral Health Director's Report (10 minutes)

**Attachments:** [9-2021 Data Behavioral Health Division Update - Division Update - 8-2021 DATA](#)

To be continued off calendar.

## COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Clavere provided positive feedback about Behavioral Health Division staff Angelina Larrigan and Justine Collinsworth for their help and services provided to Caldor Fire evacuees at Red Cross site at Cameron Park.

Commissioner Clavere asked if the Behavioral Health Division will be moving forward with the Data Notebook.

Staff responded that Behavioral Health is not moving forward with the Data Notebook at this time.

No further commissioner comments.

**DETERMINE NEXT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Behavioral Health Commission is scheduled for November 17, 2021, 5:00 PM.

**ADJOURNED: 6:00 PM**