



County of El Dorado

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Minutes

Behavioral Health Commission

Norma Santiago, Chair- Term Expiration 10/26/2024
Dr. Richard Lynn, Vice Chair - Term Expiration 11/16/2024
Wendy Thomas, Board of Supervisors Representative, Vice Chair - Term Expiration 01/01/2024
Lauryn Sumimoto, Secretary - Term Expiration 04/12/2025
Debra Thornburgh, Commissioner - Term Expiration 12/07/2024
Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner - Term Expiration 01/01/2026
Kathryn Hamilton, Commissioner - Term Expiration 08/11/2024
John Taylor, Commissioner - Term Expiration 1/1/2026
James Abram, Commissioner - Term Expiration 8/15/2026
Vacant (7), Commissioner

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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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5:00 P.M. CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Division Staff Present: Jim Diel, Chris Kernes, Meredith Zanardi, Don Duval, Ayla Miller.

Public Present: Debra Reischel-Cree, Bryn Barton, Kim Hughes, Courtney Tomblin, Jess Schnetz-O'Brien, Michelle Harwell, Barry Harwell, Matt Smith.

Public Remote: None.

No Public Comment

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF 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 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.

Commissioner Comments related to the Agenda and Consent Calendar:

Commissioner Clavere requested to pull Consent Calendar Item 1., File ID 23-1556 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Abram to Adopt the Agenda and Approve Consent Calendar Item 2., File ID 23-1557.

Public Comments related to the Consent Calendar:

No Public Comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR:**1. 23-1556**

Commission Chair recommends the Behavioral Health Commission to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2023, regular meeting of the Behavioral Health Commission.

Attachments: [2023-07-19 Draft BHC Minutes](#)

Commissioner Discussion:

Commissioner Clavere requested additional details from Public Comments for Item 8. File ID 23-1404 be added prior to the Approval of the July Minutes.

County staff will provide additional information as requested, prior to the Approval of the July Minutes. Commissioners are advised that full Commission meeting recordings are publicly posted and available online.

Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda:

No Public Comment.

2. 23-1557

In accordance with AB 2449 (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.

Approve and Continue

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. **23-1584** Introduction of James "Jim" Diel, the Health and Human Services Agency, Chief Assistant Director (5 minutes)

Jim Diel introduced himself to the Commission as the Chief Assistant Director for El Dorado County's Integrated Health and Human Services Agency.

4. **23-1558** Commission Chair recommend the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to complete the 2023 Data Notebook (5 minutes)

A motion was made by Commission Chair Santiago to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to complete the 2023 Data Notebook; which will consist of Commission Chair Santiago and Commissioner Abram. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

5. **23-1559** Presentation(s) by Sierra Child and Family Services and Summitview Child and Family Services on the Student Wellness Center Project (30 minutes)

Attachments: [Student Wellness Center Presentation - Sierra Child and Family Services](#)
[Student Wellness Center Presentation - Summitview Child and Family Services](#)

Student Wellness Center Presentations provided by:

Barry Harwell, Sierra Child and Family Services

Anna Gleason and Jess O'Brien, Summitview Child and Family Services

Public Comment:

Pam Bartlett, Senior Director of Student Success for the High School District, states these agencies are critical partners in student prevention and intervention. Boards are very supportive of the Wellness Centers. Expressed gratitude for agency partnerships and support from the Commission.

Matt Smith, Director of Mental Health and Wellness for the County Office of Education, emphasized the value of the work being done in partnership with these agencies, and importance of ensuring funding is in place for operation, improvement and expansion.

6. 23-1560

Update on Children's Specialty Mental Health Services contracts in reference to July 19, 2023 discussion (File ID: 23-1404) (10 minutes)

Commissioner Thomas reported productive conversations resulted from the meeting with providers. Updated contract drafts were sent to the providers, and were approved by the Board of Supervisors yesterday.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Hamilton asked if there is still discrepancy between a company which does not reside in this county, compared to companies that do reside in this county.

Commissioner Thomas reported it was addressed and there is not a discrepancy.

Commission Chair Santiago expressed gratitude to Commissioner Thomas for her efforts in these discussions.

Public Comments:

Debra Reischel-Cree asked if 100% of the providers contracts were approved.

Commissioner Thomas confirmed all were approved.

Barry Harwell expressed gratitude for level of transparency in last couple weeks. Feels incredible strides have been made and wants to thank everybody for that.

7. 23-1561

Division to present consumer testimonial or lived experience (5 minutes)

Client success story shared by Chris Kernes, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health.

8. 23-1562 Review/Discussion/Questions of the Behavioral Health Director's Report (10 minutes)

Attachments: [Behavioral Health Division Update - 06-2023 Data](#)
[Behavioral Health Division Update - 07-2023 Data](#)

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Abram would like to see CIT data added into crisis assessment reports.

Commissioner Clavere noted low PHF occupancy and questioned denial from not being medically cleared due to certain medications.

Commissioner Clavere requested an explanation for the contract with Advocates for Human Potential, working with the Crisis Care Mobile Unit project.

Meredith Zanardi, MHSA Program Coordinator - explains they are working in a consultant capacity as a pass through, helping with administrative work for the funding.

Commissioner Clavere requested the number of people we have hired in relation to offering licensing reimbursement fees, as an attempt to address our vacancy rate.

Meredith Zanardi responds that numbers for amount of staff or at least a funding amount that has been put towards that project initiative could be provided by the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Clavere requests an explanation for why hiring a Suicide Prevention Coordinator was listed as non-responsive.

Meredith Zanardi responds we did include the bid for an entity to provide that in our multi-scope request for qualifications in the spring. There was one respondent, and after meeting with them they were not able to provide the full scope -mostly population and age-based. So we did have it listed as non-qualified or non-responded service category allowing us more opportunity to consider all options.

Public Comments:

Bryn Barton emphasizes importance of capturing and reporting CIT data.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Clavere asked if there is penalty to an officer who writes a 5150 that is ultimately denied by a hearing officer.

Chris Kernes replied no.

NEXT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE: September 20, 2023

ADJOURNED AT 7:17 P.M.

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