



**MADERA COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

**AGENDA**

**APRIL 19, 2023  
11:30AM – 1:00PM**

**IN-PERSON MEETING AND VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87102682445?pwd=WS9Zekc0dGZUNGZpTjk0UXRJYWVRZz09>

Meeting ID: 871 0268 2445

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The meeting documents are available in hard copy at Madera County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) at 209 East Seventh Street, Madera, CA 93638 and electronically at the BHS Website

<https://www.maderacounty.com/government/behavioral-health-services>

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Bertha Avila District 1	Sadek Alammari District 1	Maria Simmons District 2	Wendy Hicks District 2	Steven Mortimer Chair, District 3
Eric Oxelson District 3	Donald Horal Vice-Chair District 3	Joe Torres District 4	Lori Prentice District 4	Loraine Goodwin District 4
Dawn Garcia District 5	Ginger Prentice District 5	Jennifer Mullikin District 5	Leticia Gonzalez County Supervisor	

**CALL TO ORDER**

**A. ROLL CALL**

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action Item: Approval of the Minutes of March 15, 2023, Meeting.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action Item: Approval of the Agenda for April 19, 2023, Meeting.

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**E. MADERA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED AGENDA ITEMS**

**3/21/2023 BOS APPROVED ITEMS**

1. Westcare Crisis Care Mobile Unit FY 22-23

#### 4/4/2023 BOS APPROVED ITEMS

1. Department of State Hospitals
2. Davis Guest Home FY 23-24
3. April is Alcohol Awareness Month Proclamation

#### 4/11/2023 BOS APPROVED ITEMS

1. Canyon Manor FY 23-24
2. Central Star Amendment FY 21-24
3. Fresno County Hispanic Commission (Nuestra Casa) FY 22-23

#### F. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Public may address the Board on any matter pertaining to Madera County Department of Behavioral Health Services that is not on the agenda; however, the Board is prohibited by law from taking any substantive action on matters discussed that are not on the agenda. Each person is limited to 3 minutes.

#### G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chairperson and/or Committees may report about various matters involving Madera County Behavioral Health Services. There will be no Board discussion except to ask questions or refer matters to staff. No action will be taken unless listed in a previous agenda.

#### 1. CHAIRPERSON/COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (Each report is limited to 10 minutes)

##### a. Standing Committees

- 1.) Executive Committee (Chair, Vice-Chair & AOD Committee Chair)
- 2.) AOD Committee (Don Horal, Loraine Goodwin)
- 3.) Membership Nominating Committee (Steve Mortimer, Dawn Swinton, Connie Moreno-Peraza)

**Action Item:** Obtain nominations for Chair and Vice Chair Officers for 2023-2024 Term

##### b. Ad Hoc Committees

- 1.) Strategic Planning
- 2.) Outreach (Ms. Loraine Goodwin)

#### 2. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

##### a. Discuss exemptions for in person meeting attendance per CalBHBC correspondence on 2/14/23:

##### 1.) **“Just Cause”** means any of the following:

- A childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely.
- A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in-person.
- A need related to a physical or mental disability.
- Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another

state or local agency.

- 2.) **“Emergency Circumstances”**-A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.

**Action Item:** Approve exemptions for in-person meeting attendance per CalBHBC correspondence 2/14/2023.

- H. DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Connie Moreno-Peraza, LCSW, Director, Madera County Department of Behavioral Health Services (MCDBHS).

I.

1. Presentation of FY23-FY26 Mental Health Services Act Plan and Recommended Funding Priorities by Stateholder Groups.

**Public Hearing:** Per MHSA Regulations W&IC 5848(b), under Title 9 CCRF Sections 3300, today is a Public Hearing for additional community input on the MHSA 3-Year Plan.

**Action Item:** To approve new MHSA 3-Year Plan and Identified Funding Priorities pending Governor Newsom FY23-24 Final Budget.

2. Presentation of Bridge Housing Request for Application Project Description

The Behavioral Health Services Director will report to the Board about various matters involving Madera County Behavioral Health Services. There will be no Board discussion except to ask questions or refer matters to staff, and no action will be taken unless listed on a previous agenda.

- J. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

- K. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be May 17, 2023, 11:30am-1:00pm, in-person Room 202 and/or virtual, via zoom.

**BOARD MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT GOING TO ATTEND A MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT MELISSA TORRES, AT 673-3508, EXT. 1225, BY NOON ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

#### PACKET ATTACHMENTS

Behavioral Health Advisory Board March 15, 2023, Minutes

Behavioral Health Advisory Board April 19, 2023, Agenda

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Attendance

#### MEMBER ATTACHMENTS

Madera County Board of Supervisors Department of Behavioral Health Services  
Agenda Items 3/21/23-4/11/2023

ARTICLES/DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

April 2023 HOPE House Calendar

CONTACT INFORMATION

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**MADERA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 15, 2023  
IN-PERSON/ZOOM  
MEETING  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Attendee Name	Title	Call to Order time
Steven Mortimer	Behavioral Health Advisory Board Chairperson	11:33 A.M.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Bertha Avila	Board Member District 1	Absent
Sadek Alammari	Board Member District 1	Absent
Maria Simmons	Board Member District 2	Present
Wendy Hicks	Board Member District 2	Absent
Steven Mortimer	Board Chairperson District 3	Present
Eric Oxelson	Board Member District 3	Present
Donald Horal	Board Member Vice Chairperson District 3	Present
Joe Torres	Board Member District 4	Present
Lori Prentice	Board Member District 4	Absent
Loraine Goodwin	Board Member District 4	Absent
Dawn Swinton Garcia	Board Member District 5	Absent
Ginger Prentice	Board Member District 5	Present
Jennifer Mullikin	Board Member District 5	Present
Supervisor Leticia Gonzalez	Board Member, Board of Supervisors Representative, District 4	Present

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Consideration of approval of minutes for February 15, 2023.

BHAB MEMBER	DATE	YES	NO	Abstain
Bertha Avila	Absent			
Sadek Alammari	Absent			
Maria Simmons	3-15-23	X		
Wendy Hicks	Absent			
Steven Mortimer	3-15-23	X		
Eric Oxelson	3-15-23	X		
Donald Horal	3-15-23	2X		
Joe Torres	3-15-23	1X		
Lori Prentice	Absent			
Loraine Goodwin	Absent			
Dawn Swinton Garcia	Absent			
Ginger Prentice	3-15-23	X		
Jennifer Mullikin	3-15-23	X		
Supervisor Leticia Gonzalez	3-15-23	X		

<b>Motion Passes:</b>	8/14	<b>Motion Fails:</b>	
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**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Consideration of approval of the agenda for March 15, 2023, meeting.

BHAB MEMBER	DATE	YES	NO	Abstain
Bertha Avila	Absent			
Sadek Alammari	Absent			
Maria Simmons	3-15-23	X		
Wendy Hicks	Absent			
Steven Mortimer	3-15-23	X		
Eric Oxelson	3-15-23	X		
Donald Horal	3-15-23	1X		
Joe Torres	3-15-23	2X		
Lori Prentice	Absent			
Lorraine Goodwin	Absent			
Dawn Swinton Garcia	Absent			
Ginger Prentice	3-15-23	X		
Jennifer Mullikin	3-15-23	X		
Supervisor Leticia Gonzalez	3-15-23	X		
<b>Motion Passes:</b>	8/14	<b>Motion Fails:</b>		

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Mortimer announced that CALBHB/C will be having a Quarterly Meeting on April 21, 2023 and a Training on April 22, 2023 in Sacramento. He asked if any member of the Board would be interested in attending and stated expenses for lodging would be covered.

**E. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Merced Behavioral Center Amendment FY22-23
2. MHSOAC Amendment
3. Grand Canyon University Field Education

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –Speakers have up to 3 minutes to present an item.**

No comments were made at this time.

**G. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. CHAIRPERSON/COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (Each report is limited to 10 minutes)
  - a. Standing Committees
    1. Executive Committee (Chair, Vice-Chair & AOD Committee Chair)  
No report was provided by this committee.
    2. AOD Committee (Don Horal, Lorraine Goodwin)  
No report was provided by this committee.
    3. Membership / Nominating Committee (Steve Mortimer)  
Mr. Mortimer announced we still have vacancies to fill.  
Director Connie Moreno-Peraza stated Christine Doss is interested and application would be sent to her.

- b. Ad Hoc Committee
  - 1. Strategic Planning
  - 2. Outreach (Lorraine Goodwin)

No reports were provided by these two Ad Hoc committees.

2. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Mr. Torres & Supervisor Gonzalez volunteered to be part of the Nominating Committee. Elections will be held in June.
- b. Board agreed on meeting next month on April 20 from 10am-12pm for the Strategic Planning Session in the Government Center.

**H. PRESENTATION**-Edward Crossman, LMFT, Clinical Director, Westcare Inc and MaryAnn Knoy, Vice President, Administration, Westcare Inc. Power Point presentation is attached.



WCCA Report  
PowerPoint - EC pre

**I. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**- Connie Moreno-Peraza, LCSW, Director, Department of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS). See report attached.



BHAB BHS Director  
Report 3-15-23.docx

**J. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

- 1. Follow up on headsets for translating during meeting,
- 2. BHS Division Manager Bethany Shakespeare to do a C.A.R.E.S. Team update at the March 15, 2023 meeting.

**K. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING DATE/ADJORNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm by Chairperson, Steven Mortimer.

The next meeting will take place on May 17, 2023, 11:30 am- 1:00 pm, at 209 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Madera, CA 93638, Room 202 and via zoom.