

# Behavioral Health Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2025, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

<b>Chair:</b>	Patricia Sullivan
<b>Minutes:</b>	Michelle Blakel, Senior Office Assistant

## ---- Agenda Topics ----

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. by Chair Patricia Sullivan.

### 2. Roll Call/Introductions

The Napa County Behavioral Health Board (BHB) met in regular session on February 11, 2026, with the following members present: Chair Patricia Sullivan, Member Supervisor Liz Alessio, Members, Greg Clark, Liz Marks, Sandra Oliva, Kristine Haataja, Walter Nygaard and Jasper Lowell.

Members Shauna Tackett, Amy Montanez, Elizabeth Marks, and Rob Palmer were excused.

Napa County Behavioral Health Services Staff present: Jennifer Yasumoto Director of Health and Human Services for Napa County, Cassandra Eslami, Deputy Director of Health and Human Services-Behavioral Health, Chelsea Stoner Assistant Deputy Director, James Thompson Supervisor Mental Health CO II-LICENSE, Erica Basulto, Supervising Senior Office Assistant, and Michelle Blake, Senior Office Assistant.

### 3. Public Comment

None.

### 4. Board Member Comment or Announcements

- Jasper Lowell provided a summary of his liaison meeting with the Napa County Juvenile Justice Committee. Copies of his meeting notes were distributed to all board members.

### 5. Approval of Minutes and Consent Items

A motion was made for the approval of the Minutes from January 14, 2026, by Member Kristine Haataja and was seconded by Jasper Lowell with no abstentions.

\*See list of members under item 2 Roll Call/Introductions

### 6. Old Business

None.

### 7. New Business

1. **Presentation:** Jennifer Yasumoto (HHSA Director) & Joe Hallett (HHSA Assistant Director) present the HHSA Be Well Mobile Clinic Tour at Walmart 4:00pm

- The board met in the Walmart parking lot for a tour of the HHSA Be Well Mobile Clinic.

2. **Presentation:** Casey Rockwood (HHS Management Analyst), on Be Well Mobile Services

- Presenter Casey Rockwood introduced himself to the board.
- Casey helps manage the Be Well Mobile Services program.

3. **Presentation:** Chelsea Stoner, (Assistant Deputy Director – BH) and James Thompson, (Behavioral Health Supervisor, Mobile Response Team) present on Mobile Response Team Services at 650 Imperial Way, Silver Lupine Room

- Chelsae and JT continued the presentation on Be Well van services in the Silver Lupine Conference room.
- JT pointed out some important information regarding the budget.
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4. **Site Visit Locations & Assignments**

- Chair Patricia Sullivan stated that she will set up a sign-up sheet for the site visits.
- The board will visit Serenity Homes, Stanford and Sierra Youth Group, Mentis Campus, and the Progress Supported Living Program.

5. **Explanation of Form 700**

- Member Kristine Haataja presented the Form 700 and provided a brief overview of the form. She noted that it can be lengthy, time-consuming, and difficult to complete, especially for those who have not filled it out before. Kristine will seek additional information to gain a better understanding of the form.
- Kristine also noted that most members will likely only need to complete the “Nothing to Declare” section; however, this will depend on each individual’s circumstances.
- Board members who have questions about completing the Form 700 are encouraged to contact Kristine or visit the County Clerk’s Office for assistance with completing and understanding the form.

6. **Nomination of Vice-Chair:**

- Patricia Sullivan announced that Jeff Dickinson has retired, and that she would like to nominate Member Gregory Clark for the Vice Chair position. Member Kristine Haataja made a motion to approve the decision. Member Sandra Oliva seconded the motion. All other board members were in favor, and none were opposed.

7. **Behavioral Health Director’s Report:**

- Cassandra Eslami announced that Behavioral Health just finished the Drug Medical Organized Delivery System Waiver and Substance use law audit last week and Behavioral Health is working on some deliverable practices today associated with some outstanding activities. They want more information, so Behavioral Health is also getting ready for an external quality review organization with the health services advisory group on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Behavioral Health is on target for the expansion of the crisis stabilization unit for those youth beds in July or early August.
- Behavioral health is opening a new treatment center.
- Cassandra Eslami announced that Joseph Hallett will fill in as Director after Cassandra’s last day on 2/27/26.

8. **Committee & Workgroup Updates – Hand in Reports**

- Patricia Sullivan encouraged board members to complete and submit written reports when attending liaison meetings. She also shared the report template with board members to assist with this process.
- Patricia Sullivan announced that only 31 out of 50 counties completed the 2025 Data Notebook regarding Behavioral Health Wellness Centers; therefore, there was no report available at this time.
- Member Kristine Haataja said she may have saw the report just got published a couple days ago so Patricia said that she will follow up and check.
- Next year's report is going to be on behavioral health services for foster youth.
- It was reported that the 2025 Data Notebook, as well as the upcoming 2026 Data Notebook, will include information not only from the county but also from other organizations. In the previous Data Notebook, the county partnered with an organization that conducted in-depth interviews at peer respite centers and completed site visits. That information was incorporated along with county reports on wellness centers within their jurisdiction. For the 2026 Data Notebook, the county will be partnering with the Alliance for Children and Youth, which will conduct a parallel study.
- Kristine Haataja attended the SUD System of Care Quarterly Meeting on behalf of Rob Palmer and reported that several topics were discussed. She highlighted one topic in particular—Traditional Healing Practices. The Department of Human Services now recognizes that traditional healing practices, such as those used by Native American communities, can positively impact mental health and well-being. These services are now covered by Medi-Cal when provided by certain entities, including Indian health care practitioners, tribal health centers, and urban Indian organizations. While Napa County does not currently have these centers, nearby counties such as Sonoma, Oakland, San Francisco, and Sacramento have Native American health centers that offer these services.
- The Board discussed the possibility of offering Zoom capabilities for future meetings. However, implementing this would require updates to the agenda format and meeting notices. The Board agreed to further review the necessary steps and ensure that all forms and agenda items provide the appropriate notice before moving forward.
- The Board will further discuss and establish a goal at the next Executive Committee meeting. Possible topics for discussion include determining when virtual meetings could begin and considering how Zoom access could improve meeting attendance for individuals with disabilities.

## 9. CALBH/BC

- None.

## 8. Announcements & Informational Items

- Proposed Speaker Schedule for 2025 - 2026
  - March 11: SUD's - Napa County HHSA – Behavioral Health Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Recovery Inclusion Support & Engagement (RISE)
- Napa County Behavioral Health Board Meeting web page & link: includes EC & BHB meeting Agenda's, Minutes, Description of Board Purpose, Qualifications & Application  
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[Napa County: Boards](#)
- Next Behavioral Health Board Meeting March 11, 2026 4:00-6:00pm
- Next Executive Committee Meeting: February 26, 2026 Special Conference Room 4:30-5:30pm

## 9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Walter Nygaard and was seconded by Member Sandra Oliva. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 pm.