

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 5:30 pm

Meeting Attendees: (If member is present box is checked)

Jennifer Churchill (1st Vice Chair)	×	Melinda Avey (Chair)	×	Judith Mummert	×
Barbara Oleachea		Chris Baker	\boxtimes	Angela Taylor	×
Ryan Raftery		Paul Tanner		Gail Brosnan	\boxtimes
Javon Williams	⊠	Sarah Weber		Jermel Taylor	
Sameer Sood		Jenny Stoneburner	×	Severine Ziegler	⊠
Rachel Davidson	×				

Topic	Minutes	
Welcome/Roll Call	Chair, Melinda Avey, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.	
Approval of Minutes and Agenda	A motion was made and seconded to approve this evening's agenda. Motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 8, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried.	
Presentation: 2024 ADAB Annual Report	Melinda Avey presented the 2024 ADAB Annual Report for review. This will be added to a future meeting agenda for approval to submit to the Board of Supervisors.	
Public Comment	No Public Comment.	
Presentation: ADAB Behavioral Health Commission Proposal	Melinda Avey, ADAB Chair, presented and outlined the ADAB Behavioral Health Commission Proposal. ADAB member comments covered several areas with key points being: Concern was expressed about members appointed to the new board having to publicly disclose their lived experience.	



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	 Concern was expressed that with the creation of a new board, with all new board members, all board member terms would begin and end at the same time. Appreciation was expressed to Melinda for creating both ADAB proposals. Concerns were expressed about the transition period of the creation of the new board and the possibility that SUD issues could get lost in the shuffle. It was suggested to keep both boards running until the new board has been given time to get structured and built. Concern was expressed over the formality of the Mental Health Board compared to the ADAB and wondering if the new board will allow for the more open dialog that the ADAB has allowed. Concerns were expressed about what the County's vision of the Behavioral Health Commission would be. Parity for both mental health and substance use was expressed. Dr. Quist explained that a recommendation for the new board would be submitted to the Board of Supervisors who will have the final approval. Proposals from both the ADAB and the Mental Health Board will be considered in making the recommendation. The recommendation will be submitted in April or May 2025. Dr. Quist stated that transparency will be a main goal during this transition period.
Public Comment on Presentation	 Change is difficult and we will have losses and gains. The lived experience qualification for members appointed to the new board may have an impact on the board's position or voting on some issues.
Action Item: Vote for approval of ADAB Behavioral Health Commission Proposal	Jennifer Churchill made a motion to approve the ADAB proposal for the new board as submitted with no changes, and Jermel Taylor seconded the motion.



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	The motion was unanimously approved by all ADAB members present.	
Public Comment	No Public Comment.	
Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Report Ryan Quist, Director	 Dr. Ryan Quist, Behavioral Health Director, provided the following report: February is Black History Month. Rosa Parks day was celebrated on February 5, 2025. The last week of February is National Eating Disorder Week. A new Safe Stay campus has opened, and 20 beds are funded by Behavioral Health Bridge Housing. Two other new Safe Stay Bridge Housing locations are projected to open. More updates on opening dates to come next month. Care Court has 18 formal petitions. WellSpace Health opened a new clinic call the THRIVE (Transformative, Healing, Renewing, Inclusive, Voice, Empowerment)_ Outpatient Program on January 13, 2025. The clinic focuses on mental health care for adults with moderate to severe mental health challenges who are involved in the justice system. The program aims to break the cycle of repeated incarceration or hospitalization, helping individuals build healthier, stable lives in their communities. 	
Public Comment	No Public Comment.	
Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Services (SUPT) Report Lori Miller, Division Manager	 Pamela Hawkins, SUPT Health Program Manager provided the following report: SUPT providers will have access to \$1.5 million of Behavioral Health Bridge Housing funds. A kick-off event will be held this Friday, February 21, 2025, 9:00 am-11:30 am, to educate providers on the use of funding and qualifications. A perinatal letter of interest was issued, in January 2025. Due to the number of responses, SUPT will be issuing an RFP for perinatal services. 	



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	 Additional residential treatment providers have been added or will be soon added to the SUPT Continuum of Care. Paradise Oaks, a youth residential treatment program, has been approved by the Department of Health Care Services and will begin services shortly. SUPT staff are providing screenings at nine of the 11 CORE sites in Sacramento County. In January, there were 19 screenings and 52 engagements completed. Narcan is also being distributed at these sites as well.
Public Comment	No Public Comment.
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn approved at 7:12 pm.