

Sacramento County Mental Health Board

Executive Committee Meeting

MINUTES – IN PERSON MEETING, HYBRID PARTICIPATION OPTION

Monday, May 19, 2025

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

7001-A East Parkway, Conference Room 1, Sacramento, CA 95823

Members Present: Corrine Sako (Chair), Evan Minton (Vice Chair), Patricia Wentzel (Secretary), Mallika Walsh (Member), Kesha Harris (Member) and Glenda Basina (Staff)

Agenda Item

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Introductions
- [Acknowledgement of Conduct Agreement](#)
- Announcements by MHB Executive Committee Members

Chair Sako commenced the meeting at 5:06pm, introductions were made and Conduct Agreement acknowledged.

II. Public Comments Related to Matters Not on the Posted Agenda

Chair Sako shared that Item 45 on BOS agenda tomorrow; recommendation of MHB/ADAB on formation of BH Commission to BOS. Email sent to all MHB members of this meeting and will email members with board decision.

Chair Sako announced County Counsel is unavailable to attend today.

No public comment. No member of the public present.

III. Discussion – Questions Provided by FAISMI representatives at 5/07/25 MHB General Meeting

- Chair Sako provided background and shared County Counsel's (CoCo) advise to keep in mind MHBs scope; make recommendations to BOS and BH director regarding policies/program where MH evaluations are conducted and for special needs of community on MH. Need to allow discussion time for MHB members on what we put forward to BOS. Also, looking at the time sensitive nature, if recommendation at BOS tomorrow as written, discussion on this topic may be held at the last MHB meeting and should that be the case, should it then go on the annual report? If action item at June EC for recommendations, then it would go to the July MHB board as an action item to approve. Chair Sako opened up floor to members for questions.
- Member Minton to take and add questions to EC to agendize for general board meeting to go to BOS. Thinking of a letter for BOS.
- Member Walsh asked if it's to be continued when MHB is dissolved? Chair Sako responded that BH Commission can take on work.
- Member Wentzel stated the response needs to come from UC Davis medical staff not County. How will County address recommendations? They have no control/purview over that program. Someone has to define success. Will it be Correctional Health or Behavioral Health. Mays decree is a legal question and doesn't think BH can answer those questions.

On budget, perhaps Correctional Health; but was it their proposal or was it imposed on them? Just trying to find who our board will go to for answers to the questions. On measurement, how will it be measured? On recidivism?

- Chair stated, "We can make recommendation to assign appropriate staff." For this committee this evening, the question is how much action/energy to put on this issue.
- Member Wentzel replied that the committee doesn't know if we have enough info to address the MHB. No value to bring to the board in June.
- Member Walsh commented that her response is leaning toward Member Wentzel's based on the letter from Tanya Hammock. Hesitant to have committee follow up on this broad topic.
- Member Minton asked whether not to go to the board or not to discuss? Member Walsh replied, "Can discuss was just thinking more on a broader general."
- Chair Sako shared per CoCo, if MHB decides to take on, it would be our purview, if we choose.
- Member Minton stated he can write a letter.
- Member Wentzel thinks about 200 prisoners are affected by these issues and important to write to BOS on the number of people impacted.
- Chair Sako recalled the MHB meeting in December 2024 where there was a discussion/action around the board writing a support letter and at that time it did not pass. That letter may be brought to the board at the June meeting. Can create the letter for the board.
- Member Minton feels the longer it's drawn out, the more it's going to get stalled.
- Member Wentzel shared that a part of the letter is about budget and the County is in budget process which takes 6-8 weeks.
- Per Chair Sako, if letter approved at that meeting, she could bring to the Chiefs of Staff the next day.

IV. Discussion/Action Item: Review & Approve Agenda for 6/04/25 MHB General Meeting

- Chair Sako mentioned the first hour are standing items. Need time on agenda for BH update, also letter from National Union of Health Workers; calls for recommendation for safe staffing which are important issues. Chair asked if this is something to examine or have a presentation on?
- Per Member Wentzel, it's something we can investigate but does not know if the investigation will reveal anything more than what the letter already stated. Also does not have qualifications in the areas to recommend. Can just tell the board of the important issues to be added to County contracts.
- Chair Sako commented that with the personalities of the board, some will want their perspectives heard.
- Member Wentzel understands. Leave as a discussion item and direct if we want to do a letter to BOS. Maybe put it in the July meeting.
- Member Walsh shared that she worked at Behavioral Health Hospital and can attest to some of the issues in the letter. In her opinion, it's slightly exaggerated.
- Chair Sako shared Dr. Quist's response to decline union negotiations.
- Per Member Wentzel, it's out of our purview, dictated by State standards. BOS can choose to direct BHS to put stricter requirements on contracts.
- Chair Sako commented if to take on letter, envisions for the July meeting a presentation of NUFs then roundtable discussion with BHS staff then BH commission can take on. Member Walsh commented the June agenda is packed. Do important then, the others at next meeting. Member Wentzel commented to consider making a recommendation to BH Commission if this an issue to take on, rather than MHB.
- Chair Sako commented for July meeting a letter of items to pass on for BH Commission. Member Harris asked if the meeting in July (week of July 4th holiday) can be moved to the following week. Chair Sako confirmed already planned previously and moved to 7/9.
- Member Wentzel motioned to approve the agenda with modifications as follows: Not do item

8 and hold for reconsideration at July meeting. For Item 9 include consideration of letter to be drafted by EC reps for consideration for board to send to BOS and next MHB meeting to be on 7/9. Seconded by Members Minton and Harris. Unanimously passed/approved.

V. Adjournment – Next MHB Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday June 16 5:00pm

Chair Sako adjourned the meeting at 5:50pm