



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Behavioral Health Board

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

4:30 PM

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Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present	Anthony Arias, Y'Anad Burrell, Logan Campbell, Ken Carlson, Roland Fernandez, Laura Griffin, Dhoryan Rizo, and Jenelle Towle
Excused	Lacharonda Taylor
Absent	Candace Andersen, Anya Gupta, Rebecca Harper, Alexander Quintero, and Max Sala

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

Three public comments were received on this item.

Towle complimented Gould's dedication and passion while on the Board and wished him well in his new studies.

Gould stated this meeting was his last meeting and shared concerns about the pacing of Board work and the long period without a functioning Mental Health Commission, while also expressing gratitude for positive experiences with fellow Board members.

Campbell announced an upcoming Recovery Walk, planned for September 26 at the Martinez Waterfront and the July 9 opening of the Oak Grove Behavioral Health Campus.

3. RECEIVE Report from the Director of Behavioral Health Services (Suzanne Tavano, PhD)

The Director of Behavioral Health Services, Dr. Suzanne Tavano, discussed progress on multiple Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) projects, including the Pleasant Hill Sherman House redevelopment and additional planned facilities in Los Medanos and Antioch. She

reported that the Oak Grove Behavioral Health Campus was fully constructed and expected to open in July, with services including urgent care, care-on-demand, peer respite, and the Behavioral Health Access Line.

Dr. Tavano participated in the groundbreaking for the forty-five-bed Mental Health Rehabilitation Center in West County, anticipated to open next summer. She also explained that construction on the San Pablo residential property would be paused due to simultaneous capital project demands. She described the impacts of AB 339 and the need for forty-five-day labor notification before contract actions, noting that all specialty mental health outpatient contracts had been extended through the end of 2026.

Dr. Tavano reported progress toward required administrative integration by January 1, 2027 and noted the state's plan for a unified behavioral health contract covering both specialty mental health and substance use services. She discussed Care Court implementation and expressed concern about rising numbers of uninsured participants, explaining that medication costs for these clients were already projected at approximately \$80,000 for the remainder of the year, with potential increases ahead.

4. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Meeting Minutes from the June 3, 2026 Behavioral Health Board meeting, with any necessary corrections

Motion: Towle

Second: Carlson

Aye: Arias, Campbell, Carlson, Fernandez, Griffin, Rizo, and Towle

Absent: Andersen, Gupta, Harper, Quintero, and Sala

Abstain: Burrell

Result: Passed

5. DISCUSS and ASSIGN Membership on the Programs and Services Committee and the Community Awareness Committee

Members were reminded that every board member was required to serve on at least one committee. Committee descriptions were intentionally broad to allow flexibility within the newly formed Behavioral Health Board. Brown Act constraints were noted in regard to forming quorums. Members expressed interest in committee placement, including interest in Programs and Services. Staff explained that a poll would be sent to identify preferred meeting dates and to follow up with absent members for their committee selections. The Board acknowledged that committee meetings could begin sooner as long as quorum limits were respected.

6. REVIEW Goals and Objectives from the Mental Health Commission and the Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board

Members discussed how the work of the previous bodies should be preserved and incorporated into the new Behavioral Health Board structure. They noted similarities and differences between past goals, including Quality of Care responsibilities, jail visits, program reviews, and contract evaluation. Staff confirmed that all historical documents from both advisory bodies would be collected and shared with the Board. Members discussed whether a dedicated Quality of Care committee or sub-group should exist, and agreed that this work must remain central within the new structure. The Board recognized the importance of giving public visibility to the historical work of both predecessor bodies.

7. DISCUSS Future Date of the Behavioral Health Board Retreat

The Board discussed setting a date for the Behavioral Health Board retreat. Members noted that previous retreats were typically six hours long and served as a working session to review prior goals and develop new ones. Leadership stated that a poll would be sent out to determine the best date, possibly on a weekend. Members agreed that having all historical documents available ahead of time was essential so that retreat time could be used for planning rather than document review. Subcommittees could meet before the retreat as long as quorum limits were respected.

Board member, Y'Anad Burrell, PhD, raised a concern about how the Board is documenting public presentations, ensuring follow-up and how the Board will return to the issues in the future work. Dr. Burrell sought clarification to understand how concerns by presenters were being tracked, noting that presenters brought serious issues and program updates, but the Board could not respond during public comment.

Adjourn

The next meeting is currently scheduled for August 5, 2026.

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