



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES (BHRS) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (BHB) June 25, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:30 p.m. and was called to order by Kathy Rupe, Chair. Peter Dean led the board members and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kym Barber, Peter Dean, Daljit Grewal, Annie Henrich, Loren Mannard, Kathy Rupe, Margie Johnson, Jack Waldorf, Supervisor Terry Withrow

STAFF PRESENT

Cynthia Bocage, Keri Magee, Olivia Jimenez

GUESTS PRESENT

Brian MacLaren, Jessica Parman, Garrett Kolbert, Maria Marquez, John Black, Elva Ochoa

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Black, representing the Central Valley, primarily Stanislaus County, thanked the audience for welcoming him and his friend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Daljit Grewal made a motion to approve the Behavioral Health Board minutes of May 28, 2026, and Annie Henrich seconded the motion.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) REPORT

Supervisor Terry Withrow reported, the BOS held a workshop, focused on county priorities and department updates. Discussions included expanding a Receivership program to address abandoned, nuisance properties by rehabilitating and selling them for housing, improving neighborhoods while recovering costs. An estimated 170 neglected properties and 80–90 vacant lots as potential candidates for the program.

The BOS also approved establishing a Stanislaus County interagency task force to strengthen enforcement on illegal food vendors, citing health concerns and alleged links to organized crime and labor exploitation.

Presentation: Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT)

Lieutenant Maria Marquez and Sergeant Larry Cupit from the Sheriff's Department presented an overview of its state-funded, 18-bed Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) program. The program provides mental health treatment and competency restoration services for inmates found Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) helping reduce lengthy wait times for placement in state hospitals. The JBCT is a 90-day treatment program that uses a therapeutic approach, individualized treatment plans, and coordinated discharge planning. At the end of the 90-day period, the treatment team evaluates each participant's competency. Individuals who are determined to be

competent return to court to resume the legal process. Stanislaus County has become a model for other counties seeking to implement similar programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Kathy Rupe reported that the committee finalized the agenda for the June 25, 2026, board meeting. Ruben Imperial will contact the County Office of Education regarding Local Education Agency (LEA) staff recommendations for Board membership. Cynthia Bocage is working to secure a venue in Patterson to host the Behavioral Health Board meeting in July or August. Ruben Imperial also provided updates on Assembly Bill 46 impacts on diversion eligibility and reported eight Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) determinations in April, the second lowest monthly total reported. The committee also discussed a request for DBHC data and quality measures review.

Administrative Fiscal Management Committee

None Reported.

DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Keri Magee, BHRS Chief Operations Officer, reported the following highlights:

- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training is taking place this week, with 22 law enforcement officers expected to graduate. Conducted in partnership with the Sheriff's Office, Modesto Police Department, and other local law enforcement agencies. The 40-hour program provides training on mental illness, substance use disorders, de-escalation techniques and behavioral health resources. The CIT program helps strengthen law enforcement's response to behavioral health crises in the community.
- The Board of Supervisors approved the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Integrated Plan on June 16, 2026. [See: Board Agenda Item 8.1](#). The final plan has been submitted to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).
- The Board of Supervisors approved the El Capitan Project on June 23, 2026. A renovation project in partnership with the City of Modesto and Behavioral Health Supportive Services in the amount of \$500,000. Once completed, the project will provide 48 permanent supportive housing units, including 24 for veterans and 24 for individuals with behavioral health needs. [See: Board Agenda Item 5.B.3](#)
- The proposed budget was approved this week as a rollover budget with no significant changes beyond those previously discussed under the BHSA. Staff will continue refining the budget in preparation for the adopted budget, which will be presented in September and is expected to include updates as part of the next budget cycle.

CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting will be July 23, 2026, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., at 1130 12th St. Modesto.

Respectfully Submitted by O. Jimenez, Confidential Assistant III