

# Alpine County Mental Health Advisory Board

May 27, 2021

## Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Jessica Bennett, Chair  
Rita Lovell, Vice Chair  
Deb Goerlich, Member  
Dale Bennett, Member  
Supervisor Irvin Jim, BOS Liaison

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Jane Sweeney



### Other Attendees/Guests:

Gail St.James, BHS Director  
Michelle Kaner, BHS Admin Asst. III  
Nani Ellis, BHS Fiscal & Administrative Supervisor  
Katie Johnston, BHS Fiscal & Technical Specialist  
Becky Thornburg, Community Member  
Teri McAlpin, BHS Fiscal & Technical Specialist (minutes)

#### 1. **Call to order regular meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:14 p.m. Immediately upon this meeting being called to order, Jessica Bennett, Chair, moved to item 4.2 of the agenda, and passed the responsibility to conduct this meeting to Rita Lovell, Vice Chair. The remainder of this meeting was conducted by Rita Lovell.

#### 2. **Oral Communication - General Public Comment**

**This portion of the meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Mental Health Board. No action can be taken on matters not listed on the agenda.**

2.1 No public comment received

#### 3. **Consent Agenda**

Matters that are routine and non-controversial and are usually approved by a single majority vote without discussion. Items can be removed from the consent agenda to be discussed and considered separately.

##### 3.1 **Request approval of Public Hearing Meeting Minutes from 4/22/2021 Meeting**

a. Revision requested to move Irvin Jim, BOS Liaison to "Members Present", as opposed to "Other Attendees"

**MOTION: D. Goerlich/SECOND Jessica Bennett to approve the 4/22/2021 public hearing meeting minutes with revision**

**AYES: Deb Goerlich, Jessica Bennett, Rita Lovell, Dale Bennett**

**NOES: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Approved as Submitted on 9/23/2021

**4. New Business:**

**4.1 Action Required:** Correction of dates noted in 4.1 and 4.2 of the meeting minutes from the MHB meeting held on 1/28/21

**MOTION: D. Bennett/SECOND D. Goerlich to approve the correction of dates noted in 4.1 and 4.2 of the meeting minutes from the MHB meeting held on 1/28/21.**

**AYES: Deb Goerlich, Jessica Bennett, Rita Lovell, Dale Bennett**

**NOES: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4.2 Information Only:** MHB Chair vacancy declared.

- a. Jessica Bennett stepped down as Chair and passed the responsibility to conduct this meeting to Rita Lovell, Vice Chair

**4.3 Discussion with Action Required:** Selection of MHB Chair

- a. This topic was tabled until the next MHB meeting to allow all current and new members who may be appointed to be present.
- b. This topic will be included on the agenda for June 24, 2021 with verbiage included regarding open nominations.

**5. Unfinished Business:**

5.1 ACBHS Director Report

- a. The FY2021-22 Annual Update to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three-Year Plan was approved by the BOS on 5/18/21. The last step is for it to be approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) before being implemented on 7/1/21.

**6. Board Member Reports:**

- 6.1 Jessica Bennett – expressed appreciation that there is renewed interest in increasing the membership of the MHB, and hopes the MHB will continue to work well with ACBHS as a team. Jessica expressed her hope that MHB will continue its involvement with NAMI at the state and national level.
- 6.2 Rita Lovell – expressed appreciation for Jessica Bennett’s term as Chair for the MHB. Rita also noted she is not interested in stepping into the Chair role and encourages other nominations from members.
- 6.3 Jane Sweeney – absent
- 6.4 Deb Goerlich – expressed thank you to Jessica Bennet for her work with MHB
- 6.5 Dale Bennett – expressed this is her first meeting as a member, and expressed thanks to Jessica Bennett for her work with the MHB
- 6.6 Irvin Jim – no comment at this time

**7. Adjournment: 12:25 pm**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 24, 2021, via Zoom.

*Minutes drafted by: Teri McAlpin  
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**Signature:** Rita Lovell, Vice Chair

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Approval Signature Date: 9-23-21