

**MINUTES – Approved
October 12, 2022**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

AUGUST 10, 2022 ♦ 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
1400 EMELINE AVE, ROOMS 206-207, SANTA CRUZ
Microsoft Teams Meeting (831) 454-2222, Conference 490 046 527#

Present: Jeffrey Arlt, Laura Chatham, Maureen McCarty, Michael Neidig
Absent: Antonio Rivas
Staff: Jane Batoon-Kurovski

- I. Roll Call. Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Jeffrey Arlt.
- II. Public Comments – none
- III. Adoption of AB361 – Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meetings
Motion/Second: Laura Chatham / Michael Neidig
Passed unanimously.
- IV. Election of Co-Chair – Michael Neidig
Motion/Second: Michael Neidig / Laura Chatham
Passed unanimously.
- V. Creation of Vision, Mission and Goals

Vision: The budget committee is well informed on funding structures at the Federal, State, County and local levels, in the pursuit of creating an excellent and cost-effective behavioral health care system for everyone in Santa Cruz County.

Approve Vision Statement.
Motion/Second: Maureen McCarty / Laura Chatham
Passed unanimously.

Mission: Acquire the knowledge and skills for making forward thinking and knowledgeable recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, Behavioral Health Director and public health stakeholders on budget related items in support of an excellent continuum of care.

Approve Mission Statement.
Motion/Second: Michael Neidig / Maureen McCarty
Passed unanimously.

Goals: 1) Hold meetings with legislators at the Federal, State, County and local levels to understand structures, processes and procedures, and expected outcomes for funding, 2) Make strong recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and others as appropriate, 3) Support any recommendations with presentations by experts.

Approve Goals.

Motion/Second: Michael Neidig / Laura Chatham

Passed unanimously.

VI. New / Future Business

- Discussion on how the committee should move forward included the following:
 - 1) each board member becomes an expert in understanding the budget at Federal, State and Local levels
 - 2) committee to spend the next few months preparing for how the MHAB will communicate with the new assembly member, new congressional representative for Watsonville and two new Board of Supervisors taking office in January. The idea is to have presentations at the October, November and December meetings so the MHAB is prepared to send letters with recommendations.
- Action items for next meeting – committee is to review the budget and go through the accounting and financial part of the roadmap for discussion topics.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.