

NAME: **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD, SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604 and Health and Safety Code Section 11805. County Administrative Code, Article LVI, Section 881; Ordinance 10361 (NS), adopted 12/02/14 (18).

**MEMBERS
APPOINTED BY:**

Board of Supervisors

**MEMBERSHIP
COMPOSITION:**

The Advisory Board shall be limited to 21 members.

The Board of Supervisors shall appoint 20 members from the general public, consisting of 4 members per supervisorial district and the Board of Supervisors will designate a Supervisor for the 21st seat. The supervisorial appointees from each district shall consist of one member each from the following categories: a Person in Recovery; a Family Member; a Prevention Specialist; and a Treatment and Recovery Specialist, as described below:

Person in Recovery: Recovery refers to the ways in which an individual with a mental illness and/or an addiction experiences and manages his or her recovery.

Family Member: Parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of individual(s) who are receiving, had received or are in need of services for their illness.

Prevention Specialist: An individual who may have a major interest on all matters related to the prevention and early intervention of mental health and substance use disorder. It does not require certification or licensing. The individual may be a member of the community concerned with Behavioral Health issues in the County (e.g. educator, law enforcement, primary care practitioner).

Treatment and Recovery Specialist: Mental Health and/or Substance abuse practitioner may include but is not limited to State licensed or certified specialists with disciplines in behavioral health as well as other experienced practitioners.

TERMS:

Members nominated by each Supervisor shall serve a term of three years, with no member serving more than three consecutive terms.

The terms shall expire on the date of expiration of the term of the nominating member of the Board of Supervisors or at such time as said member of the Board of Supervisors ceases to hold office, whichever first occurs. The reelection of a member of the Board of Supervisors for a succeeding term shall not automatically extend the term of any Advisory Board member.

Members shall serve their terms at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors and any member may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors, without cause.

DUTIES:

Review the County's Behavioral Health contracts and grants awarded to support services and initiatives administered through the Behavioral Health Services Division;

Review and approve reports to the Board of Supervisors and other entities as necessary and appropriate regarding the needs and performance of County funded behavioral health programs;

Review and evaluate the County's behavioral health needs, services, facilities, and special issues as they arise;

Review any County agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5650 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code;

Advise the Behavioral Health Services Division Director and follow communication protocol as described in HHS A E-7 policy to inform the Board of Supervisors as to any aspect of County behavioral health programs;

Submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the County behavioral health system;

Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of the Behavioral Health Services Division Director. The Advisory Board shall be included in the Director's selection process prior to the vote of the Board of Supervisors;

Review and comment on County's performance outcome data, as it relates to behavioral health matters, and communicate its findings to the California Mental Health Planning Council;

Assess the impact of the realignment of services from the State to the County on behavioral health services delivered to clients and on the local community.

**MEETING DATE
AND LOCATION:**

The Board shall establish a regular meeting schedule and shall give public notice of the time and place of the meeting in compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act.

COMPENSATION:

Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation. Advisory Board members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing their duties under this article, including mileage reimbursement in accordance with Administrative Code Section 471.

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