Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: **March 20, 2025**
Time: **1:00 PM – 2:15 PM**
Place: **Behavioral Health Services Headquarters – 3255 Camino Del Rio S, San Diego, CA 92108**
Virtual Option: Zoom meeting number 812 2416 5499, password 155480

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Robin Sales at 1:00 PM. Executive Committee members present: Robin Sales, Chair; Julie Hayden, Member-at-Large; Serita Polinaire, 1st Vice Chair; Amanda Berry, Member-at-Large; Judith Yates, 2nd Vice Chair. Behavioral Health Services (BHS) staff present: Luke Bergmann, Director; Dania Barroso-Conde, Program Coordinator; and Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator.

II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2025

ON MOTION of Amanda Berry, seconded by Julie Hayden, the Executive Committee approved the minutes of February 20, 2025, as written:

AYES: |4| NAYS: |0| ABSTENTIONS: |1|

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

No non-agenda public comments.

IV. Brown Act Requirements and Meeting Practices

Under the Brown Act, the public has the right to comment on any agenda items. Remarks on agendized items should be relevant to agenda. To help manage time and keep discussions focused, BHAB Chair may need to gently remind the public to stay on topic when necessary. As a reminder, public comment must take place before BHAB begins deliberation on an item or right before BHAB members go into the discussion of the item.

V. CARE Act Update

Luke Bergmann, BHS Director provided the following CARE Act update:

- The CARE Act program has always emphasized that participation is entirely voluntary. However, it's important to note that some cases within the CARE program could potentially be elevated depending on individual circumstances.

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- Procedurally, the CARE Act prioritizes individuals considered to be at higher risk, placing them at the top of the referral list. While the CARE Act isn't driven by traditional payment incentives commonly seen in broader healthcare systems, it does appear to be producing some positive outcomes. The incentive structure is less about financial gain and more about effectiveness in connecting individuals to needed care.

VI. Review BHAB Planning Calendar

The BHAB Executive Officers reviewed and discussed the BHAB planning calendar for April 2025 through June 2025. The following points were recommended:

April:

- **Update Item:** Community Based Organization (CBO) Technical Assistance
- **Subcommittees Report Outs**
- **Presentation Item:** BHS Behavioral Health Transformation Consulting Support by BCG

May:

- **Presentation Item:** BHS Budget Updates for FY 25-26
- **Public Hearing:** MHSA
- **Presentation and Action Item:** MHSA Annual Update
- **Subcommittees Report Outs**
- **Tentative Consent Item:** BHS Procurements and Extensions
- **Tentative Consent Item:** Acceptance of Prop 1 BHCIP Grant Funds

June:

- **Presentation:** Community Care Expansion – Preservation Grant Program
- **Subcommittees Report Outs**

VII. Meeting Adjournment

Motioned by Serita Polinaire, second by Julie Hayden, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.