Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 17, 2025
Time: 1:00PM – 2:15PM
Location: Behavioral Health Services, 3255 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108, La Vista Room
Virtual: https://sdcounty-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/81224165499?pwd=enjAMg9jG8Q9vrb5TeTFT0MtaUT4ma.1
Meeting ID: 812 2416 5499
Passcode: 155480

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Robin Sales at 1:03 p.m. Executive Committee members present: Robin Sales, Chair; Serita Polinaire, 1st Vice Chair; Judith Yates, 2nd Vice Chair; Julie Hayden, Member-at-Large; and Amanda Berry, Member-at-Large. Behavioral Health Services (BHS) staff present: Nadia Privara Brahms, Acting Director; Dania Barroso-Conde, Program Coordinator; and Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator.

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

ON MOTION of Judith Yates, seconded by Julie Hayden, the Executive Committee approved the minutes from March 20, 2025, as written.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

No non-agenda public comments.

IV. Directors Update

Nadia Privara Brahms, Acting Director of Behavioral Health Services provided the following updates:

- Facility Developments: In collaboration with the Department of General Services (DGS), planning is underway to finance, develop, and operate a licensed Board and Care facility in Hillcrest, with engagement from consultants and developers.
- Workforce Development: The Elevate Behavioral Health Workforce Fund is being leveraged to support the creation of practitioner and peer support programs. Partnerships with local academic institutions aim to integrate trained professionals into County-funded direct care programs, with the long-term goal of establishing a replicable, population-specific model.
- Budget Outlook: Core funding sources such as the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and new opportunities like BH-CONNECT remain integral to sustaining and expanding services. However, the impact of the forthcoming State budget remains uncertain.

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V. Review BHAB Planning Calendar

Members reviewed and discussed the BHAB planning calendar for May 2025 through August 2025. The following items were discussed:

May:

- Presentation Item: BHS Budget Updates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26
- Public Hearing: MHSA Annual Update FY 2025-26
- Presentation and Action Item: MHSA Annual Update FY 2025-26
- Subcommittee Report Outs
- Tentative Consent Item: BHS Procurements and Extensions Board Letter
- Tentative Consent Item: Acceptance of Prop 1 BHCIP Grant
- Discussion Item: BHS Director – Recommended Qualities and Traits

June:

- Presentation Item: Community Care Expansion – Preservation Grant Program
- Subcommittee's Report Outs
- Tentative Presentation Item: BHS Procurement and Extensions

July:

- Dark

August:

- Presentation Item: Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) School Program
- Tentative Presentation Item: Crisis Services Overview
- Tentative Roundtable Discussion: Peer Voices

VI. Behavioral Health Services Director Qualities and Traits

In preparation for a broader discussion on this topic at the May BHAB meeting, members drafted a list of qualities and traits they would like in the next BHS Director and will be sharing draft list on May 1, 2025 General BHAB Meeting.

VII. Adjournment

ON MOTION of Serita Polinaire, seconded by Amanda Berry, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

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