Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)
2025 Mid-Year Retreat
Pre-assessment Summary*

**Note: Summary reflects 9 responses out of 17 total members.*

Key Accomplishments

- Deeper board discussion & informed voting
- Educated on BHS programs & services
- Two subcommittees launched
- Input on BHS Director hiring process

Opportunities for Improvement

- Invite feedback from providers and contractors
- Collaborate with other County advisory boards
- Strengthen community-based organizations partnerships
- Increase involvement of Board staff for Board activity awareness

Public Engagement

- Attend community events & meetings
- Visit program sites & speak with staff
- Include more roundtable discussions
- Improve the BHAB webpage on BHAB Meeting information
- Participate in engagement activities to share lived experiences

Areas of Interest

- Selection of new BHS Director
- Expand supportive housing
- Senate Bill (SB-43)
- Youth Optimal Care Pathways (OCP)
- Address access & service gaps
- Delayed access to care
- Leveraging the Full Potential of BHAB Member Skills
- Lack of a robust community needs assessment
- Workforce development
- ADA compliance

Challenges

- Need for lived-experience voices
- Rapid state-level policy changes
- Funding uncertainty
- Lack of ADA accommodations

Familiarity with BHAB's WIC Code Duties

	Not At All	Slightly	Somewhat	Moderately	Extremely
WIC Duty 1	0	3	1	3	2
WIC Duty 2	0	1	2	3	3
WIC Duty 3	0	0	2	4	3
WIC Duty 4	1	2	1	3	2
WIC Duty 5	2	2	0	1	4
WIC Duty 6	2	2	1	2	1
WIC Duty 7	1	4	0	2	3
Total	6	14	7	18	18

WIC Code Duties

1. Review any county agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5650. The local behavioral health board may make recommendations to the governing body regarding concerns identified within these agreements.

2. Advise the governing body and the local behavioral health director as to any aspect of the local behavioral health program.

3. Review and evaluate the community's public behavioral health needs, services, facilities, and special problems in any facility within the county or jurisdiction where mental health or substance use disorder evaluations or services are being provided, including, but not limited to, schools, emergency departments, and psychiatric facilities.

4. The board shall assess the impact of the realignment of services from the state to the county, on services delivered to clients and on the local community.

5. Submit an annual report to the governing body on the needs and performance of the county's behavioral health system.

6. Review and comment on the county's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council.

7. Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.

8. Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a local director of behavioral health services. The board shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the governing body.

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