Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 17, 2025
Time: 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM
Location: Behavioral Health Services, 3255 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108, 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 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee members present: Robin Sales, Chair; Judith Yates, 2nd Vice Chair; 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 May 15, 2025

ON MOTION of Amanda Berry, seconded by Judith Yates, the Executive Committee approved the minutes from May 15, 2025, as written.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Total of three (3) E-Comments.

E-Comments:

- Anonymous, expressed their concerns about programs like Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)/Laura's Law, noting limitations in their effectiveness for individuals who may lack insight into their illness or the ability to voluntarily seek help.
- Anonymous, shared concerns with the practice of removing individuals with severe mental illness from County programs when they are unable to voluntarily participate, emphasizing that untreated symptoms may impair their ability to engage and lead to further deterioration.
- James emphasized the need for licensed housing options with wraparound services and medication management, located in safe environments that protect individuals with severe mental illness from exploitation or eviction during periods of instability or medication adjustment.

IV. Appointment to Fill BHAB Executive Committee Officer Vacancy

Following a recent vacancy on the executive committee, members discussed potential candidates for an interim officer role to serve through the November vote. Updates on candidate availability will be provided at the next executive committee meeting, and if appropriate, an interim appointment will be made, or additional nominees will be solicited.

V. Discussion: Draft Communication – Membership Recruitment

The executive committee reviewed and provided edits to a draft membership recruitment communication. Revisions will ensure clear terminology, reflect the Board's statutory role in community engagement, and reference stakeholder groups identified under Proposition 1 as potential recruitment sources.

VI. Mid-year Retreat Review

The executive committee confirmed the preferred date for the mid-year retreat, pending RSVP confirmation. Planned activities include an icebreaker activity, a mid-year assessment survey to evaluate priorities and goals for the next six months, and a debrief of results during the retreat.

VII. Review BHAB Planning Calendar

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

July:

- The BHAB and Executive Committee Meeting will be dark.
- Mid-year Retreat

August:

- Tentative Presentation Item: MCRT School Pilot Program/ Crisis Services Overview
- Consent Calendar: Update on Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Optimal Care Pathways (OCP) Board Letter
- Peer Voices Roundtable
- Subcommittee's Report Outs

September:

- Presentation Item: BHS Community Engagement Updates
- Tentative Item: BHS Housing Initiatives

VIII. Adjournment

ON MOTION of Judith Yates, seconded by Amanda Berry, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.