Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 21, 2025
Time: 1:00-2:15pm
Place: Behavioral Health Services, 3255 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108 – Del Mar Room
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 p.m. Executive Committee members present: Robin Sales, Chair; Amanda Berry, Member-at-Large; Julie Hayden, Member-at-Large; and a virtual attendance for Judith Yates, 2nd Vice Chair. Behavioral Health Services (BHS) staff present: Nadia Privara Brahms, Acting Director; Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator.

II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2025

ON MOTION of Amanda Berry, seconded by Julie Hayden, the Executive Committee approved the minutes from June 17, 2025, as written.
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Stuart Gaiber, BHAB Member and citizen of San Diego County remarked on the mission of the BHAB, specifically, to make actionable recommendations to elected officials, staff and others.

IV. Action Item: Appointment of the 1st Vice Chair

This appointment would be for the remainder of the year as the new slate of officers is set for January 2026.

ON MOTION of Julie Hayden, seconded by Amanda Berry, the Executive Committee approved the appointment of Janice Luna Reynoso as the 1st Vice Chair for the remainder of the calendar year.
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

V. Discussion: Facilitation of Subcommittees

Members discussed the importance of having attendees and guest speakers express themselves, in particular, those with lived experience as it can lead to constructive dialogue and identify issues or gaps in services. Executive committee members agreed Chairs for each subcommittee will ensure to facilitate the lead and ask for follow-up as needed.

VI. Community Engagement Update

Updates were provided by Kat Briggs, BHS Chief for Community Engagement. Highlights include:

- General Updates:
  - Addition of Community Health Workers to BHS.
  - Completion of Summer 2025 health education/promotion pilot projects.
  - *Upcoming Engagement Activities* webpage established, focusing on Community Planning Process (CPP) activities and including information on planned and past engagement activities.
  - Updates completed for *Behavioral Health Services Act* and *Connect with BHS* webpages.
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Update:
  - Draft Three-Year Plan on Annual Update submitted to HHSA Executive Office for internal review ahead of summer presentations.
  - BHS host engagement activities through November 2025.
  - BHAB feedback through October 31, 2025.
  - Public Comment period tentatively scheduled April 1, 2026 through May 1, 2026.

Members requesting informational and or listening session per district. Ad hoc subcommittee would be recommended to discuss further.

VII. Review BHAB Planning Calendar

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

September

- Presentation: BHS Community Engagement Updates
- Action Item: Chair Appointments to the Nominating Committee
- Update Item: Tijuana Riber Valley Sewage Emergency, Assessment of Chemical Exposure (ACE) Results Update
- Informational Discussion Item: Peer Voices Roundtable from August 2025.

October

- Presentation: MCRT School Pilot Program and Crisis Services Overview
- Tentative Item: Presentation: BHS Budget Cycle Update, BHS Fiscal
- BHAB Annual Fall Retreat
- Informational Item: Presenting the 2025 Slate of Officers
- Action Item: 2025 Data Notebook

November

- Action Item: Vote on the Slate of 2026 BHAB Officers
- Tentative Item: Presentation on Procurement and Extensions
- Tentative Item: Presentation: BHS Justice Involved/Reentry

VIII. BHAB Fall Retreat

Members reviewed schedules and proposed the following dates for the fall Retreat:

- Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 3:00-7:00pm
- Saturday, November 1, 2025, 9:00am-1:00pm

IX. Adjournment

ON MOTION of Julie Hayden, seconded by Amanda Berry, the meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.