BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM
DECEMBER 4, 2025

BHAB 2026 Priorities

Annually, BHAB members identify priority areas of focus with an emphasis on enhancing BHAB's value to the community. The priorities listed below have been determined through discussions among members at several BHAB meetings including the annual fall retreat held on November 1, 2025.

I. CONTINUUM OF CARE

- BHAB will support efforts to increase a culture of transparency where sharing strengths and challenges is encouraged by service providers and people across the continuum of care and their impact on the system and the people it is designed to serve.

II. ENHANCING COMMUNICATION & COMMUNITY VOICE

- BHAB will strengthen clear, consistent, two-way communication by creating accessible, sustainable communication mechanisms, informed by community-based organizations, contracted partners, and other stakeholders' input, to elevate insights, concerns, and lived experience directly with BHAB, including around challenges navigating the behavioral health system.
- BHAB will focus on improving the flow of timely and accurate information back to the community about initiatives, services, policies, navigation supports, and engagement opportunities to build trust, transparency, and meaningful community influence on system priorities.

It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that BHAB supports the approvals and authorizations of the BHAB 2026 Priorities.