Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 15, 2026
Time: 1:00-3:30pm
Place: Behavioral Health Services, 3255 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108 – La Jolla Room
Virtual Option: Zoom meeting number 812 2416 5499, password 155480

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Amanda Berry at 1:03 p.m. Executive Committee members present: Minola Clark Manson, 1st Vice Chair; Julie Hayden, Member-at-Large; and Robin Sales, Member-at-Large. Behavioral Health Services (BHS) staff present: Nadia Privara Brahms, Director; Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator.

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

ON MOTION of Julie Hayden, seconded by Minola Clark Manson, the Executive Committee approved the minutes from November 20, 2025, as written.

AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 2

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Total of one (1) in-person public comment was received.

- Robert Alm, BHAB member, highlighted the responsibility placed on Counties to address homelessness. He suggested BHAB consider establishing a subcommittee to review the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act and develop recommendations for the BHAB, the BHS Director, and the Board of Supervisors regarding next steps.

IV. Ice Breaker/Introductions

The executive committee engaged in introductory activities designed to build rapport and gain insight into members' backgrounds and perspectives. This activity was intended to foster collaboration and ensure alignment between member priorities and the board's overarching strategic goals.

V. Director's Update

Nadia Privara, Director, BHS, provided the following updates:

- Recent federal communications regarding Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funding reduction presented challenges for counties and providers. Although the proposed reductions were rescinded, BHS continues to monitor federal appropriations activities for potential future impacts.

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- BHS transformation is underway and there is strategic planning underway to define future organizational structure.
- Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) implementation activities continue, including timely notifications to contracted providers regarding program transitions and identified services scheduled to sunset.
- Cross-departmental collaboration is ongoing to identify alternative funding streams and maximize allowable billing mechanisms to support service sustainability and continuity of care.

VI. Chair's Update

Amanda Berry, Chair, BHAB, provided the following Chair goals:

- Outlined leadership priorities focused on strategic agenda setting, accountability, and strengthening the advisory role of BHAB.
- Creating a strengths-based approach to member engagement and the importance of BHAB representation on partner advisory bodies, including Healthy San Diego and the Health Services Advisory Board.
- Develop an ongoing formalization communication to the Board of Supervisors, including the potential for quarterly updates aligned with the BHAB Annual Report.

VII. Review BHAB Planning Calendar

Public Comment: Total of one (1) in-person public comment was received.

- Robert Alm, BHAB member, addressed establishing timelines for full implementation of the LPS Act and develop expertise to provide informed guidance supporting County efforts to address homelessness.

Review BHAB Planning Calendar

Members reviewed and discussed the BHAB planning calendar for February 2026 through April 2026. The following items were discussed:

February:

- Action Item: BHAB Establishment of Ad Hoc Subcommittees

March:

- Tentative: Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Legal Overview
- Tentative: Youth Optimal Care Pathway (OCP) Updates
- Tentative: BHS Budget Cycle Updates

April:

- Tentative: Housing Forum
- Tentative: Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB)

VIII. Announcements

None.

IX. Adjournment

ON MOTION of Amanda Berry, seconded by Julie Hayden, the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0