BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM
APRIL 2, 2026

PATHWAYS TO CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS IMPACTED BY ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Subcommittee respectfully recommends the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) to consider the following:

1. **Request Structured Feedback on Entry Points**
   Encourage the County to solicit feedback from individuals and families who have used 211 and the Access & Crisis Line to better understand barriers to successful connection and placement.

2. **Request Assessment of Timeframes Across the Continuum**
   Understanding these timeframes may clarify whether delays are contributing to relapse and re-entry.
   Recommend review of average time intervals:
   - From initial contact to first placement
   - Between detox and residential
   - Between residential and next-level care

3. **Examine Transition Coordination Practices**
   Encourage review of current "warm handoff" practices between levels of care to assess opportunities for improved coordination during high-risk transitions.

4. **Explore Cross-System Continuity Tracking**
   Recommend exploration of improved care continuity mechanisms across mental health, substance use disorder, and homelessness systems to reduce fragmentation and repeated intake processes.

5. **Support Continued Public System Literacy Efforts**
   Encourage broader distribution of the Behavioral Health & Recovery Paths tool and continued efforts to simplify system navigation for the public.

It is THEREFORE, recommended that BHAB vote to approve the BHAB Pathways to Continuum of Care for Children, Youth, and Adults Impacted by Alcohol and Other Drugs Ad Hoc Subcommittee Recommendations.

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