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

**RE-ENTRY SUPPORT FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH AND ADULT AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. **Increase Behavioral Health Services (BHS) funding for staffing Enhanced Case Management (ECM)**
    - More staff are needed so caseloads stay manageable.
    - Helps reduce repeat offenses and a revolving-door system.
    - Many agencies (courts, hospitals, peers, law enforcement, EMS, probation, etc.) rely on this support.
    - Partner with peer-led groups staffed by Certified Peer Support Specialists (CPSS).

2. **Map the entire criminal-legal and behavioral health systems.**
    - Including Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) related agencies, departments, programs, and resources.
    - Show how all groups collaborate (liaisons, data sharing, etc.).
    - Publish online so everyone can use it.

3. **Create a unique identification system for all San Diego County justice-involved individuals receiving behavioral health services.**
    - Helps track services and outcomes over time.
    - Allows for faster, more effective interventions.
    - Supports building programs based on real needs.
    - Enables a “look-back” to spot earlier opportunities for help.

4. **Develop a countywide language guide**
    - Encourage respectful, person-centered terms (e.g., “incarcerated individual” instead of “inmate”).
    - Use in all county communications and among all partners.

5. **Ensure everyone leaving jail is connected to services early.**
    - Support people released same-day, pretrial, or after serving time.

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- Connect them months before release when possible.
- Provide housing links, treatment warm handoffs, and prescriptions.
- Fund an analysis of the Intercept model through ATI with full stakeholder cooperation.

6. **Integrate juvenile and adult ATI programs.**
    - Make sure programs and data systems work together.
    - Prevent “siloed” planning between youth and adult services.
    - Reduce the school-to-jail pipeline by offering early help.

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**It is THEREFORE, recommended that BHAB vote to approve the BHAB Re-entry Support for Justice-Involved Youth and Adult Ad Hoc Subcommittee Recommendations.**