BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (BHS) PROCUREMENTS AND EXTENSIONS BOARD LETTER DRAFT

The County of San Diego (County) Behavioral Health Services provides a comprehensive array of mental health and substance use services to people of all ages. These services are delivered through County-operated programs and contracts with community service providers and coordinated services are supported through review of electronic health record data and data archives. These services support some of the region's most vulnerable populations, including individuals who are experiencing homelessness, individuals with justice involvement, and children and youth with complex behavioral health conditions.

If approved, these actions would authorize competitive and single source procurements. Additionally, it would allow the County to authorize an agreement with the Regents of the University of California for a Community Psychiatry Residency Program and extend an existing behavioral health services contract. These actions support the continuation of critical work to advance the behavioral health continuum of care throughout San Diego County. In doing so, these actions advance the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by upholding practices that align with community priorities and improving transparency and trust while maintaining strong fiscal management.

It is THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that BHAB supports the approval and authorization of the BHS Procurements and Extensions Board Letter Draft.