Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: **May 21, 2026**
Time: **1:00 – 2:20 p.m.**
Place: **Behavioral Health Services, 9444 Balboa Ave Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92123**
Virtual Option: Zoom meeting number 812 2416 5499, password 155480

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Amanda Berry at 1:01 p.m. Executive Committee members present: Amanda Berry, Chair; Minola Clark Manson, 1st Vice Chair; and Robin Sales, Member-at-Large. Behavioral Health Services (BHS) staff present: Aurora Kiviat, Assistant Director; Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator.

II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2026, and Special Executive Meeting from May 1, 2026

ON MOTION of Robin Sales, seconded by Minola Clark Manson, the Executive Committee approved the minutes from April 16,2026 and May 1, 2026, as written.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Total of one (1) in-person comment via Zoom and three (3) e-comments.

In-Person Comments via Zoom:

- Jerry Hall, with BHAB Rehab, ongoing challenges in how BHAB carries out its responsibilities and asked the Executive Board to consider reestablishing a committee to review past efforts and recommend improvements to support more effective board operations.

E-Comments:

- Karen Christel, a California Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist, noted that her outreach work has revealed significant service gaps in North County affecting vulnerable residents. She shared that she is seeking opportunities to contribute her experience and help address these needs.
- June H. Dudas noted concerns raised at the April meeting about subcommittee leadership and shared that these did not match their own observations. They encouraged the group to address the issues thoughtfully to support fair, constructive work moving forward.
- Jonathan O, founder of soberwars.com, highlighted growing addiction challenges and the need for accountable sober living environments. They urged the board to prioritize recovery housing and create a dedicated funding pathway in the 2026–2029 BHSA Integrated Plan.

IV. Chair's Update

Total of one (1) in-person comment.

In-Person Comment:

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- Robert Alm noted concerns about how the draft special meeting minutes described the Brown Act's applicability to subcommittees and workgroups, requesting that the minutes be revised to accurately reflect legal requirements.

Chair's Update
Amanda Berry, Chair, BHAB, provided the following updates:

- The Community Planning Process (CPP) Ad Hoc Subcommittee provided detailed feedback on the Integrated Plan and requests specific, thorough responses from BHS to address stakeholder input.
- June's BHAB meeting will include BHAB Drafted public comment statement regarding the Integrated Plan, to be stated to the Board of Supervisors on June 9, 2026.

V. Discussion Item: Quarterly Report

The Executive Committee discussed that BHAB's feedback on the Integrated Plan will serve as Quarter 2 Report and noted that future quarterly reports will now be routed to the Board of Supervisors through the Communications Received process, ensuring they enter the public record. The Quarter 3 Report will focus on updates from the July BHAB retreat and subcommittee updates.

VI. Discussion Item: Review BHAB Mid-Year Retreat Agenda

Total of one (1) in-person comment.

In-Person Comment:

- Robert Alm commented that the July retreat should stay focused on BHAB priorities. He suggested adjusting the draft agenda, including County Counsel to address bylaw and Brown Act questions, and using a more interactive format to support group discussion.

Discussion Item: Review BHAB Mid-Year Retreat Agenda

The Executive Committee discussed the purpose and structure of the mid-year retreat, noting that it serves as a mid-year check-in on BHAB priorities despite not being required in the bylaws. The Executive Committee reviewed potential agenda elements, emphasized creating time for substantive discussion and agreed to have a workgroup finalize the retreat agenda.

VII. Review of BHAB Planning Calendar

Total of one (1) in-person comment.

In-Person Comment:

- Robert Alm requested adding several program presentations to the calendar and asked that future agendas include sufficient time for board questions as well as clear start and end times for each item.

Review of BHAB Planning Calendar

ON MOTION of Minola Clark Manson, seconded by Robin Sales, the Executive Committee approved extending the time of the May BHAB Executive Committee Meeting to 2:20 p.m.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

Review of BHAB Planning Calendar

The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the BHAB planning calendar for June 2026 through August 2026. The following items were discussed:

<u>June</u>

- Tentative Consent Calendar Item: Proposition 36 Acceptance of Grant Funds Board Letter

- Tentative Consent Calendar Item: Lanterman-Petris Short (LPS) Designation Guidelines Board Letter Draft
- Tentative Item: Transitional Rent and BHSA Housing Supports Roundtable
- Tentative Presentation: Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Recommended Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Operational Plan
- Tentative Action Item: BHAB Quarterly Report Q2
- Healthy San Diego, Health Services Advisory Board, and Other State and Local Boards Updates
- Subcommittee Report Outs

July

- BHAB is dark
- Tentative: Mid-Year BHAB Retreat

August

- Tentative Item: Economic Development & Government Affairs (EDGA) Q&A
- Healthy San Diego, Health Services Advisory Board, and Other State and Local Boards Updates
- Subcommittee Report Outs

VIII. Announcements

None.

IX. Meeting Adjournment

ON MOTION of Amanda Berry, seconded by Minola Clark Manson, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0