**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
**THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 3**

**SUBJECT: ADOPT THE REVISED LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT DESIGNATION GUIDELINES AND PROCESSES FOR FACILITIES WITHIN SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR TO UPDATE AND ADOPT FUTURE REVISIONS TO THE GUIDELINES (DISTRICT: ALL)**

## OVERVIEW

The Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act establishes a procedure for the involuntary detention for evaluation and treatment of persons who, as a result of a mental disorder, constitute a danger to themselves or others, or are gravely disabled. The LPS Act also requires that persons detained be placed in facilities designated for LPS involuntary detention by a county's Board of Supervisors.

In the San Diego region, LPS-designated facilities abide by the County of San Diego's (County) LPS Designation Guidelines and Processes for Facilities (LPS Designation Guidelines), which serve as the operational framework for evaluating, designating, contracting with, and monitoring LPS facilities based on State regulations. LPS Designation Guidelines was first adopted by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) in 2013 and since then, the Board has approved various updates to revise processes to increase efficiency and reduce administrative complexity while ensuring adherence to the LPS Act. Most recently, the Board approved updates to the Guidelines on April 8, 2025 (16).

Following the enactment of Senate Bill 1238 in 2024, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued LPS Facility Designation Interim Regulations. These regulations supersede the historical regulatory process that required the Board, or the delegated Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Director, approval of county designation of facilities authorized to provide treatment under the LPS Act. The new regulations centralize designated facility approval authority within DHCS and require BHS to revise the LPS Designation Guidelines to ensure compliance with the updated regulatory framework.

Today's item requests the Board adopt revisions to the LPS Designation Guidelines (Attachment A), which updates language to align with new LPS Facility Designation Interim Regulations. In addition, today's item requests the Board authorize the BHS Director to update and adopt future Guideline revisions as needed to remain consistent with any subsequent DHCS regulatory changes.

## RECOMMENDATION(S)
## CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Adopt the revised Lanterman-Petris-Short Designation Guidelines and Processes for Facilities within San Diego County (LPS Designation Guidelines).

2. Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health Services to revise, and adopt on behalf of the County of San Diego, the LPS Designation Guidelines as needed to meet any programmatic needs or to conform to current or future statutory or regulatory requirements.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**
The recommended actions support the County of San Diego's (County) commitment to advancing equity in behavioral health services by ensuring that individuals experiencing a mental health crisis receive consistent, high-quality evaluation and treatment regardless of race, income, age, or geography. Revisions to the LPS Designation Guidelines and Processes for Facilities within San Diego County strengthen requirements related to documentation and monitoring and enhance data collection to better identify inequities in involuntary hold patterns, facility access, and crisis outcomes. These improvements support transparency and help reduce disparities in service availability across regions of the County, particularly in communities with historically limited access to behavioral health services.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**
Today's item supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just an equitable access to County services and Sustainability Goal # 4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. These goals will be advanced by ensuring LPS designation processes are equitable and prioritize treatment quality and accountability. Ensuring access to quality behavioral health care, particularly for historically disadvantaged communities, is paramount to advancing the overall well-being of every person in the community.

**FISCAL IMPACT**
There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**
N/A

**ACTION:**
ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**Signed**
**by** Andrew Potter