Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 20, 2026
Time: 1:00 – 2:26 p.m.
Place: Behavioral Health Services, 3255 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108
Virtual Option: Zoom meeting number 812 2416 5499, password 155480

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Amanda Berry at 1:00 p.m. Executive Committee members present: Amanda Berry, Chair; Minola Clark Manson, 1st Vice Chair; Dr. Julie Hayden, Member-at-Large; and Robin Sales, Member-at-Large. Behavioral Health Services (BHS) staff present: Aurora Kiviat, Assistant Director; Liberty Donnelly, Assistant Director; Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 30, 2026

ON MOTION of Minola Clark Manson, seconded by Amanda Berry, the Executive Committee approved the minutes from June 30, 2026, as written.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Total of one (1) in-person comment via Zoom and two (2) e-comments.

In-Person Comment:

- Robert Alm, BHAB member, noted a mismatch between the legal definition of "gravely disabled" and the County's training manual, commenting that this has led to inconsistent assessments and affect the provision of Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) services. They noted that this discrepancy could have implications for compliance with the County's performance contract. He asked for an improvement of clarity in the training materials and strengthen alignment with the LPS requirements.

E-Comments:

- Kmarie, member of the community, expressed her loved one will be discharge and is concerned about the proposed placement options. She requested clarification regarding county oversight of these facilities and would like to follow-up to discuss alternative options.
- Jerry Hall, member of the community, commented on the limited BHAB involvement in the planning and procurement of contracts despite routinely endorsing major contracts. They requested greater transparency, earlier engagement in these processes, and proposed forming an ad hoc committee to review BHAB responsibilities and improve stakeholder engagement.

IV. Chair's Update

Total of one (1) in-person comment and one (1) in-person comment via Zoom.

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In-Person Comment:

- Robert Alm, BHAB member, referenced state statutes describing responsibilities of behavioral health boards and noted difficulty accessing certain facilities and staff relevant to those duties. They commented on requirements for reviewing County agreements related to the performance contract and noted that a recent agreement was included on the agenda without preceding review by the board. They requested guidance on how the board should carry out its oversight responsibilities in alignment with state law and local bylaws.

In-Person Comment via Zoom:

- Linda Mimms, community member, described comments made at a prior meeting involving the LPS subcommittee and noted that no intervention occurred during that discussion. They asked the committee to improve its understanding of serious mental illnesses and the role of involuntary treatment. They stated that the LPS Act has not kept pace with modern science and recovery models, resulting in inadequate care for those in need.

Chair's Update

Amanda Berry, Chair, BHAB, provided the following updates:

- Review of BHAB member email along with related public comments in regard to the following:
    - BHS Staff support in coordination of speakers for Subcommittees
    - Requests and transparency on BHAB Members accessing to BHS facilities that offer BH services.
    - Availability of training materials that support LPS oversight
    - The Committee highlighted the value of centralized communication, and structured processes to ensure appropriate handling of inquiries and protection of sensitive environments.
- BHAB Engagement Feedback
    - Members offered broad suggestions for strengthening BHAB's involvement in behavioral health planning and the County's contracting process such as:
        - Early involvement
        - Contributing to procurement pieces and/or extensions of a BHS contract.
    - Members emphasized the need for clearer communication and a more proactive advisory role, while recognizing existing legal and procurement requirements.

V. Action Item: Appointment for 2nd Vice Chair Vacancy

Total of one (1) in-person comment.

In-Person Comment:

- Robert Alm, BHAB Member, volunteered for Executive Committee service, citing strong attendance, policy knowledge, and personal experience with the mental health system. They shared that they are committed to asking difficult questions and supporting clear, productive agendas with time for member discussion.

Action Item: Appointment for 2nd Vice Chair Vacancy

ON MOTION of Amanda Berry, seconded by Minola Clark Manson, the Executive Committee appoints Janice Reynoso as the 2nd Vice Chair.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 0

VI. Behavioral Health Optimal Care Collaboratives Update

Daniel Romero, Agency Program and Operations Manager, BHS, provided the following updates:

- There are four new collaboratives that will form this coming fiscal year, all of which are informed by prior stakeholder feedback and BHSA state guidance:

- **Access, Navigation, and Care Pathways**
  - Making it easier to find, access, and move through the right care as needs change
- **Family Wellbeing and School Partnerships**
  - Strengthening how families, schools, and behavioral health partners work together to support children and youth
- **Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention**
  - Improving coordination between behavioral health, housing, and other supports that help people stay stably housed
- **Recovery, Diversion, and Community Integration**
  - Strengthening recovery, community connection, and pathways that help people avoid unnecessary justice or institutional involvement

VII. Review of BHAB Planning Calendar

ON MOTION of Minola Clark Manson, seconded by Dr. Julie Hayden, the Executive Committee approved extending the time of the August BHAB Executive Committee Meeting to 2:25 p.m.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

Review of BHAB Planning Calendar

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

<u>September</u>

- Tentative Presentation Item: Crisis Response Overview
- Tentative Action Item: BHAB Article VI Bylaws Subcommittee
- Healthy San Diego, Health Services Advisory Board, and Other State and Local Boards Updates
- Subcommittee Report Outs

<u>October</u>

- Tentative Presentation Item: Housing Supports Roundtable
- Tentative Action Item: BHS Procurements and Contract Extensions Board Letter
- Tentative Informational Item: Presenting the 2027 Slate of Officers
- Tentative Action Item: 2026 Data Notebook
- Tentative Information Item: Budget Cycle Updates
- Healthy San Diego, Health Services Advisory Board, and Other State and Local Boards Updates
- Subcommittee Report Outs

<u>November</u>

- Tentative Presentation Item: Community-Based Organizations (CBO) Technical Training
- Tentative Action Item: BHAB Annual Report
- Tentative Item: 2026 BHAB Fall Retreat
- Action Item: Vote on the Slate of 2027 BHAB Officers
- Tentative Presentation Item: BHS Justice-Involved/Reentry Programs
- Healthy San Diego, Health Services Advisory Board, and Other State and Local Boards Updates
- Subcommittee Report Outs

VIII. Meeting Adjournment

ON MOTION of Minola Clark Manson, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.