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Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date: February 4, 2016
Time: 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Place: 1600 Pacific Highway – Room 358
San Diego, CA 92101

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Phil Deming at 2:30p. Those present were Executive Committee members, Phil Deming, Chair, Jenifer Mendel, 1st Vice Chair, John Sturm, 2nd Vice Chair, Rebecca Hernandez, Member-at-Large and Vanessa Mapula, Member-at-Large. Behavioral Health Services staff, Holly Salazar, BHS Assistant Director of Departmental Operations, and Traci Finch, Administrative Analyst III were also present.

II. Approval of the Minutes from January 7, 2016

M/S approval of minutes Mendel/Sturm. All ayes.

III. Hearing from the Public (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

BHAB Member, Jerry Hall, presented handouts and made comments on the following:

- Suicide Prevention Workgroup – shared concerns about the final ten recommendations being routed through BHS Staff prior to being seen by Board of Supervisors (BOS). Jerry shared that he thought recommendations would go directly to the BOS who would then direct BHS Staff to procure appropriate services.
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Funds – Jerry referred to the August 2015 article in the San Diego Union-Tribune which reported a surplus of MHSA funds and encouraged the BHAB Executive Committee to hold BOS and BHS Staff accountable to spend the funds for services in order to immediately help those in the community who are most in need.
- Structure of BHAB Meetings and Topics – Jerry shared concerns that BHS Staff is directing the agenda for BHAB meetings versus BHAB Members providing input that is carried forward. Jerry's handout to the Executive Committee stated, "It appears we can be more productive by organizing what and when we address topics in our monthly meetings. Our current meeting agenda and focus appears spontaneous and topics peripheral in nature versus focusing on predictable, actionable areas."

IV. BHAB Presentations – Review of Calendar

Phil referenced the handout that outlines upcoming presentations to BHAB for the 2016 Calendar Year. He noted Traci has pre-populated the calendar with "must-have" topics and then turned it over to Executive Committee Members for discussion to plan the remaining months using prior input from BHAB Members, as well as, the recently established Priorities formalized by BHAB at the January meeting.

Discussion points included:

- How does BHAB Executive Committee stay informed on BHS Councils and other groups? Traci noted there is a webpage on the Network of Care that has all Summary Notes of BHS meetings.

John also noted the recent "Great Board" training may have a one-pager of online resources and will report back.

- Ed Weiner's prior suggestion of "Homeless Individual's/Veterans" was presented at the January 2016 meeting.
- K.C. Strang's prior suggestion of "County's Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) strategic prevention plan" will be presented at the meeting on May 5.
- The request for a Cultural Competence Plan presentation is one we should work in to help BHAB Members stay mindful of diversity of the board, diversity of workgroups and recommendations that are formed.
- It would be helpful if BHAB Members could understand the purpose of presentations given. Is it just to keep the group informed? Are they being asked for their opinion?
- How do we best use time on the agenda so topics and questions aren't feeling rushed?
- Presentations – is there a way BHAB Members can review PowerPoint presentations ahead of time and use the time on the agenda for questions and follow up? How can the group make best use of the time? Would it help if PowerPoints were emailed (provided the file size is small enough to send through)? Pros and cons were discussed; no decisions were made at this time.

Decision points included:

- Project In-Reach presentation in March
- Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force update in March
- Cultural Competence Plan presentation in April
- Patient Advocate provider update in April
- Allow additional time for questions in May for the AOD Prevention Plan presentation

V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:30pm

Reviewed by,



Traci Finch, Administrative Analyst III
Behavioral Health Advisory Board Support Staff

Approved by,



Phillip Deming, Chairperson
Behavioral Health Advisory Board