



PRIORITIES OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE 2018 CALENDAR YEAR

On October 21, 2017, the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) held a Fall Retreat where BHAB Members discussed their priority issues for consideration in 2017. It was decided to have a list of the Top 3 priorities, and identify 4 alternate priorities.

The final priorities for 2018 are as follows:

Top 3 priorities (alphabetically)

Address homelessness countywide, with a focus on provision of housing.

Perform a continuum of care gap analysis that includes wait times for screenings, assessment, and treatment.

Support, facilitate and advocate for environmental Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) prevention policies and monitor the regulation and effects of medical and recreational marijuana (post Proposition 64) including the impacts of impaired driving.

Alternate priorities (alphabetically)

Advocate for expansion of Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) services.

Advocate for more collaboration with schools to provide mental health services to youth and teens.

Continue the development of BHAB, its structure, and its processes.

Involvement in strategic planning for a possible financial downturn.