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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD ACTION ITEM - AUGUST 2, 2018

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE TO THE BYLAWS BOARD LETER

The Board of Supervisors established the County of San Diego Behavioral Health Advisory Board(BHAB) in 2014, by merging the County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board with the County Mental Health Board. In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy A-74, Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees, the Board of Supervisors has the authority to establish and oversee special citizen boards to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues of policy and to serve as links to the community.

Today's action seeks Board of Supervisors approval to amend the County of San Diego Behavioral Health Advisory Board Bylaws which govern internal operations. In the years since BHAB has been established, needed minor updates to the bylaws were identified. In 2017, a workgroup of BHAB members was tasked with conducting a full review of the bylaws and recommending changes. After their recommendations were discussed with County Counsel and Behavioral Health Services staff, the amended bylaws proposed changes in the following categories: BHAB functioning; membership and executive board; and statutory and clarifying changes. The revised bylaws will ensure the document conforms with current California Welfare and Institutions Code and will guide the most efficient and productive operation of BHAB.

It is THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board support the request for updating the bylaws of your Board.