



January 4, 2018
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Joel San Juan – District 1
Bill Stewart – District 1
Rebecca Hernandez, 2nd Vice Chair – District 2
Michael Matthews – District 2
Jenifer Mendel, Chairperson – District 2
Deanne George – District 3
Colin MacKinnon – District 3
Ed Weiner – District 3
Tom Behr – District 4
Jerry Hall, Member-at-Large (ADS) – District 4
John Sturm, 1st Vice Chair – District 4
Judith Yates – District 4
Richard McGaffigan, Member-at-Large (MH) – District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Eyra Leeper – District 1
Phil Deming – District 5
Dana Hamilton – District 5
K.C. Strang – District 5

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Alfredo Aguirre, Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)
Ben Parmentier, Administrative Analyst III, Behavioral Health Services
Phil Ainsworth, Administrative Analyst II, Behavioral Health Services

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) meeting was called to order by Jenifer Mendel, Chair, at 2:28 p.m. at the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California 92101, Room 302.

II. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Members of the BHAB introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – October 21, 2017 (Fall Retreat)

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Colin MacKinnon, the BHAB approved the minutes of October 21, 2017, as written.

AYES: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 2

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – December 2017

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Bill Stewart, the BHAB approved the minutes of December 2017, as written.

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IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. PRESENTATION: COLLABORATIVE COURTS

David Mullen, BHS Program Coordinator

David Mullen came before the board to discuss the San Diego Collaborative Courts system. This system is overseen by a team of judges, working with the district attorney, public defender, city attorney, sheriff or other law enforcement, probation, and treatment providers. Collaborative courts use support and law enforcement leverage to encourage recovery and reduce recidivism. The participants include lower-risk and non-violent offenders. The program is approximately 18 months in duration.

DISCUSSION:

Q: Does this court handle felonies or misdemeanors or both?

A: The cases are mostly misdemeanors. Non-violent felons could get into the program. Participants face mostly drug-related charges.

Q: Would someone that has completed the program be used as a peer assistance participant?

A: Mentoring normally occurs in the later part in the program and peers continue to come back and support each other at graduation.

Q: Relapse is part of recovery. What happens if a participant relapses and has a violation in the program?

A: Ultimately, it is up to the judge as to how a relapse will be managed.

Q: Are these court programs available to senior citizens? Is this service available to English as a Second Language (ESL) individuals?

A: The ESL population is accommodated by the court, with Spanish-speaking staff in the South Bay area, and interpreters as needed. The program would be available to seniors. However, we don't see many senior participants.

Q: Regarding court fees, what if someone is unable to pay? Would that prevent them from entering the program?

A: There are legal fees that are often waived at the completion of the program. Participants are expected to pay for part of their housing costs, but if they cannot afford the residential program, part of the fees might be taken care of by Medi-Cal.

Q: What happens to people that come out of Behavioral Health Court?

A: They graduate into an independent living situation. The courts do a great job in assessing people and connecting them to other appropriate programs.

Q: Could you provide us with a demographic breakdown of the ratio of people that enter this court and graduate from the program?

A: I will gather the information for the board and provide to Ben for distribution to the board.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: NO PLACE LIKE HOME BOARD LETTER

Kelly Salmons, Program Coordinator, Housing and Community Development Services

This item has been moved to February's meeting.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Alfredo Aguirre, Director, Behavioral Health Services

- Drug Medi-Cal: San Diego County's proposed rates and fiscal plan have been approved by the State Department of Health Care Services. The next step is to secure a contract with the state and draft a board letter which will be brought before the BHAB prior to going to the Board of Supervisors for authority to enter into the contract.

- BHS Ten-Year Roadmap: BHS has received feedback from the community and various councils. After staff finalizes the roadmap, BHS will bring it to the board at the February meeting.
- Health and Human Services Agency received the silver CAPE award. This is the first time HHSA has submitted an application and received an award in this category.
- Emergency Screening Unit for children had their grand opening in December. Services started December 28th for the 12 bed unit, and some BHAB members attended the grand opening.

VIII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Jenifer Mendel, Chair

- The Chair reminded BHAB of the Priorities for 2018, as decided upon at the Fall Retreat.
- Data Notebook: Draft is completed with input from BHS staff, BHAB members, and Older Adult Council. Please review and send any feedback to Ben by January 12th.
- CALBHB/C Southern Region Meeting and Mental Health Board Training will be held in San Diego on January 19th and 20th. Chair and BHS staff will attend, others are all invited as well.

IX. ADVOCATE REPORTING

None

X. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Update on BHAB bylaws: still pending, expect draft of revised bylaws in coming months, along with Board Letter to codify changes in administrative code.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Tom Behr, the meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1

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