

NAME: **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD, SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604 and Health and Safety Code Section 11805. County Administrative Code, Article LVI, Section 881; Ordinance 10361 (NS), adopted 12/02/14 (18); Amended 9/11/18 (9).

MEMBERS APPOINTED BY: Board of Supervisors

MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION: The Advisory Board shall be limited to 21 members.

The Board of Supervisors shall designate one County Supervisor as a full voting member.

The Board of Supervisors shall appoint 20 members from the general public, consisting of 4 members per supervisorial district. All appointees shall have experience with, and knowledge of, the behavioral health system and should reflect the ethnic diversity of the County's population. The four nominations of each Supervisor shall consist of one member each from the following categories:

Person in Recovery: An individual with a mental illness and/or an addiction experience and manages his or her recovery.

Family Member: Parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of individual(s) who are receiving, had received or are in need of services for their illness and/or addiction.

Prevention Specialist: An individual who may have a major interest on all matters related to the prevention or intervention of mental health and substance use disorder. It does not require certification or licensing. The individual may be a member of the community concerned with behavioral health issues in the County (e.g. educator, law enforcement, primary care practitioner).

Treatment and Recovery Specialist: Mental Health and/or Substance abuse practitioner may include but is not limited to State licensed or certified specialists with disciplines in behavioral health as well as other experienced practitioners.

TERMS:

Members nominated by each Supervisor shall serve a term of three years, unless terminated earlier pursuant to sections C:3 or C:5 below.

No member shall serve more than three consecutive terms.

Members shall serve their terms at the pleasure of the appointing Supervisor.

If a member has three unexcused absences in a calendar year, she/he shall be subject to removal. An unexcused absence is a failure of a Member to notify BHS staff by phone or in writing of her/his absence and provide a reasonable reason for the absence. After three unexcused absences, a Member's attendance will be reviewed individually by the Advisory Board's Executive Committee and the BHS Director, with any recommendation of removal hereunder made to the Board of Supervisors by the BHS Director.

If a member fails to materially fulfill her/his duties and responsibilities set forth in Article III, she/he shall be subject to removal. The Advisory Board's Executive Committee and the BHS Director will review a Member's failure to materially fulfill his/her duties and responsibilities, with any recommendation of removal hereunder made to the Board of Supervisors by the BHS Director.

DUTIES:

1. Review the County's behavioral health contracts and grants awarded to support services and review initiatives administered through BHS;
2. Review and comment on BHS reports to the Board of Supervisors and other entities as necessary and appropriate regarding the needs and performance of County funded behavioral health programs;
3. Review and evaluate the County's behavioral health needs, related services, programs, facilities, special problems, as they arise
4. Review any County agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5650 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code;
5. Advise the BHS Director and follow communication protocol as described in HHS A E-7 policy to inform the

Board of Supervisors as to any aspect of County behavioral health programs;

6. Submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the County behavioral health system.
7. Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of the BHS Director. The Advisory Board shall be included in the selection process prior to appointment;
8. Review and comment on County's performance outcome data, as it relates to behavioral health matters, and communicate its findings to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council;
9. Asses the impact of the realignment of services from the Sate to the County on behavioral health services delivered to clients and on the local community.
10. Review and comment on the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the County's behavioral health planning process.

**MEETING DATE
AND LOCATION:**

The Board shall establish a regular meeting schedule and shall give public notice of the time and place of the meeting in compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act.

COMPENSATION:

Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation. Advisory Board members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing their duties pursuant to these Bylaws, including mileage reimbursement in accordance with Administrative Code Section 471.

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