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); Ordinance 10760 (NS), adopted 11/16/2021 (6).

MEMBERS APPOINTED BY: Board of Supervisors

MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION:

(a) The Advisory Board shall be limited to twenty-one (21) members.

(b) The Board of Supervisors shall appoint twenty (20) members from the general public, consisting of four (4) members per supervisorial district and the Board of Supervisors will designate a Supervisor for the 21st seat. The supervisorial appointees from each district shall consist of one member each from the following categories:

(1) Mental Health Consumer: an individual who is a consumer of mental health treatment services

(2) Family Member: parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers of mental health services.

(3) Substance Use Recovery: an individual in recovery from a substance use disorder and who has been a consumer of services related to their disorder.

(4) Community Member: an individual with experience and knowledge of the behavioral health system and needs in the County, such as an individual who regularly engages with individuals living with mental illness in the course of daily operations, such as representatives of local schools, hospitals, health care providers, law enforcement, or community and nonprofit organizations that work with these populations.

(c) Members should have experience and knowledge of the behavioral health system and should reflect the diversity and demographics of the county as a whole, and the diversity of the client population, to the extent feasible

(d) The Advisory Board may recommend persons for appointment.
EXCLUSIONS:

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), no member of the Advisory Board or the member’s spouse shall be a full-time or part-time employee of BHS, an employee of the California Department of Health Care Services, or an employee of, or a paid member of the governing body of a BHS contract agency.

(b) A consumer of mental health services who has obtained employment with an employer described in paragraph (a) and who holds a position in which the consumer does not have any ATTACHMENT A interest, influence, or authority over any financial or contractual matter concerning the employer may be appointed to the Advisory Board. The member shall abstain from voting on any financial or contractual issue concerning the member’s employer that may come before the Advisory Board.

(c) No member of the Advisory Board shall be an employee, officer, or serve in an official advisory capacity on either a compensated or non-compensated basis to a program that seeks or possesses a license pursuant to Chapter 9 of the California Health and Safety Code (commencing with Section 11836).

(d) Members of the Advisory Board shall abstain from voting on any issue in which the member has a financial interest as defined in Section 87103 of the California Government Code.

TERMS:

(a) Members nominated by each Supervisor shall serve a term of three years, unless terminated earlier pursuant to Sections C:3, C:4 or C:5 below.

(b) No member shall serve more than three consecutive terms.

(c) Members shall serve their terms at the pleasure of the appointing County Supervisor.

(d) 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.
(e) 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 her/his duties and responsibilities, with any recommendation of removal hereunder made to the Board of Supervisors by the BHS Director.

DUTIES:

(a) Review the County’s Behavioral Health contracts and grants awarded support services and initiatives administered through the Behavioral Health Services Division including those entered into pursuant to Section 5650 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5650.

(b) Review and comment on reports to the Board of Supervisors and other entities as necessary and appropriate regarding the needs and performance of County funded behavioral health programs.

(c) Review and evaluate the community’s public mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems in any facility within the county where mental health evaluations or services are being provided, including, but not limited to, schools, emergency departments, and psychiatric facilities.

(d) Advise the Board of Supervisors and the Director of BHS as to any aspect of the local mental health and substance use programs. The Advisory Board may request assistance from the local patients’ rights advocates when reviewing and advising on mental health evaluations or services provided in public facilities with limited access.

(e) Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process. Involvement shall include individuals with lived experience of mental illness or substance use disorders and their families, community members, advocacy organizations, and mental health professionals. It shall also include other professionals that interact with individuals living with mental illness or substance use disorders on a daily basis, such as education, emergency services, employment, health care, housing, law enforcement, local business owners, social services, seniors, transportation, and veterans.

(f) Submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the County behavioral health system.

(g) Review and make recommendations on applicants for the
appointment of the Behavioral Health Services Director. The Advisory Board shall be included in the Director's selection process prior to appointment.

h) 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.

(i) Assess the impact of the realignment of services from the State to the County on behavioral health services delivered to clients and on the local community.

(j) Review the County’s plans and outcomes for developing the three-year program and expenditure plan and updates as required by Welfare and Institutions Code section 5848.

(k) Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5848(b): (1) conduct a public hearing on the Mental Health Services Act draft three-year program and expenditure plan and annual updates at the close of the 30-day comment period required by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5848(a); (2) review the County's adopted plan or update; and (3) if approved by a majority vote of the Advisory Board, make substantive recommendations to BHS for revisions to the plan or update.

(l) Any other duty assigned by the Board of Supervisors or required by State law.

**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:**

(1) Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation.

(2) Members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing their duties pursuant to these Bylaws, including mileage reimbursement, in accordance with County Administrative Code Section 471.

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