



## Behavioral Health Advisory Board

### SPECIAL MEETING

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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**Date: November 29, 2023**

**Time: 1:00 – 2:00 PM**

**Location: 3255 Camino del Rio S., San Diego, CA.**

**In-Person Only Meeting**

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### AGENDA ITEMS

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order 1:05pm.
- II. **Non-Agenda Public Comment:** None
- III. **Discussion Item: Determining BHAB 2024 Priorities**
  - Robin Sales, incoming BHAB Chair, referenced the Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission Annual Report for outlined goals and values.
  - Dania Barroso-Conde, BHAB coordinator, suggested to members to reference the December Director's Report in particular the section referring to behavioral health legislative policy and its implications.
  - Dania confirmed that BHAB will review proposals for priorities at the general meeting on December 7, 2023.
  - Members discussed restructuring the BHAB 2024 agendas to align with identified priorities and that Informational Items to be redirected to the BHAB Executive Committee meetings.

Priority areas discussed are organized based on the category under which they seem to strategically align with best.

- **Behavioral Health Policy Implications (CalAIM/SB 326 BHSA/SB 43/CARE Act)**
  - CalAIM
    - Discussed expansion of Medi-Cal for justice-involved individuals.
    - Increasing visibility and public awareness of behavioral health service optimization (e.g., crisis management and intervention), and associated challenges, in San Diego County's carceral settings.
  - SB 326 Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)
    - Discussed impacts of funding shift from Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) to housing for individuals with behavioral health conditions experiencing homelessness.
    - Focus on sustaining PEI programs and aligned efforts.
  - SB 43
    - Discussed BHAB's support of deferring implementation of SB 43 to accommodate for thorough planning and preparation.
    - Dr. Bergmann suggests that at the occurrence of SB 43 implementation, BHAB could seek a seat on an interdisciplinary advisory committee.
  - CARE Act

- Increase BHAB and public awareness of implementation and outcomes for individuals and families.

➤ **Community Engagement**

- Community Program Planning (CPP) Process
  - Ensure BHAB reviews and approves the CPP process plan and implementation.
- Strengthening BHAB through membership
  - Filling Board of Supervisor (BoS) seat
  - Filling member vacancies and uphold diversity through representative membership.
  - Increasing BHAB member participation.
  - BHAB members would like to provide information to the public on how to contact their BoS.

➤ **Criminal Justice**

- Medi-Cal coverage for justice involved individuals.
  - Expand visibility and public awareness of behavioral healthcare operations in carceral settings.
  - Discuss anticipated impacts of policy to expand Medi-Cal.
  - Increase input from members of the public on the implementation of Medi-Cal covered behavioral healthcare services in the jails by elevating the voice of family members, advocates, youth, and others with lived experience.
  - Focus on custodial practices and juvenile detention centers.
  - BHAB members to inquire of planning and practices publicly for elevated visibility.

➤ **Continuum of Care (CoC)**

- Strengthen BHAB's awareness and knowledge of behavioral health services.
  - Increase BHAB member knowledge and awareness regarding the CoC so that BHAB may ask informed questions that advise, and influence decisions made by the Behavioral Health Services (BHS) department and the Board of Supervisors (BoS).
    - Explore inviting contractors/providers to present at BHAB on their programs and services to raise awareness and inform BHAB.
    - Focus on long-term care options for homeless populations, justice-involved individuals, and older adults.

IV. Adjournment: 2:44pm