



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: March 2, 2021

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) established the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) in 2014, by merging the County of San Diego (County) Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board with the County Mental Health Board. At that time, bylaws were adopted to govern their internal operations in accordance with Board Policy A-74, Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees, which oversees special citizen boards that advise the Board and County staff on issues of policy and serve as links to the community.

Today's action seeks Board approval to amend the BHAB bylaws to align with language in Assembly Bill (AB) 1352, which further defined the roles of County mental health boards in 2019.

The amended bylaws, as detailed in Attachments A and A-1, propose changes to:

- Ensure efficient BHAB operations by clarifying ambiguous language relating to terms of members serving on BHAB's Executive Committee;
- Align with changes to membership criteria and composition requirements for BHAB, pursuant to AB 1352; and
- Conform with additional requirements in alignment with current California Welfare and Institutions Code, as modified by AB 1352.

If approved, today's action would approve the amended bylaws of BHAB and would support the countywide *Live Well San Diego* vision by enhancing community involvement in the planning and provision of behavioral health services, supporting a region that is healthy, safe, and thriving.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Adopt the amended bylaws entitled THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

At their meeting on February 4, 2021 the Behavioral Health Advisory Board voted to

BACKGROUND

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) established the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) in 2014, by merging the County of San Diego (County) Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board with the County Mental Health Board. At that time, bylaws were adopted in accordance with Board Policy A-74, Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees, which oversees special citizen boards which advise the Board and County staff on issues of policy and serve as links to the community.

Today's action requests the Board approve amendments to the BHAB bylaws, which govern their internal operations. This action is the result of a 2019 Assembly Bill (AB) 1352, which further defined the roles of County mental health boards. After the bill was signed into law, BHAB's *Building a Better BHAB Workgroup* was tasked with leading the revision effort and held meetings with members and staff to determine the appropriate changes to produce a final draft of the revised bylaws, which was reviewed at the 2020 BHAB Retreat in October.

The amended bylaws, as detailed in Attachments A and A-1, propose changes to:

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Finally, the bylaw revisions reflect the updated duties of BHAB, in alignment with their state requirements and existing interaction with County staff, as well as other minor clarifications to language without material impacts.

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LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's proposed action support the Building Better Health Initiative of the County of San Diego's 2021-2026 Strategic Plan as well as the countywide *Live Well San Diego* vision by providing expertise on behavioral health service delivery in San Diego County, with the goal of improving the health and lives those with behavioral health conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

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HELEN N. ROBBINS-MEYER
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A: County of San Diego Behavioral Health Advisory Board Bylaws (Clean Copy)

Attachment A-1: County of San Diego Behavioral Health Advisory Board Bylaws (Informational Copy)

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REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED

Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

September 11, 2018 (9) Revising the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Bylaws; October 28, 2014 (7), San Diego County Behavioral Health Advisory Board formed and bylaws adopted; October 18, 2005 (6), By-Laws amended consistent with Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5604.5; August 3, 2004 (5), By-Laws Amended; Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5604.2(a)(1) through (8); Board Policy A-74, A-74(e) through (f); November 1, 1994 (11); administrative Code, Article LVI, San Diego County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, consisting of 881—881.12, added by Ord. No 8193 (N.S.), effective February 11, 1993 and Resolution No. 93-74 adopted March 9, 1993 (8).

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

A-74 Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions, and Committees

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):

N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Health and Human Services Agency

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): N/A

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