



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM  
APRIL 2, 2026**

**PATHWAYS TO CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS IMPACTED BY  
ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Subcommittee respectfully recommends the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) to consider the following:

**1. Request Structured Feedback on Entry Points**

Encourage the County to solicit feedback from individuals and families who have used 211 and the Access & Crisis Line to better understand barriers to successful connection and placement.

**2. Request Assessment of Timeframes Across the Continuum**

Understanding these timeframes may clarify whether delays are contributing to relapse and re-entry.

Recommend review of average time intervals:

- From initial contact to first placement
- Between detox and residential
- Between residential and next-level care

**3. Examine Transition Coordination Practices**

Encourage review of current “warm handoff” practices between levels of care to assess opportunities for improved coordination during high-risk transitions.

**4. Explore Cross-System Continuity Tracking**

Recommend exploration of improved care continuity mechanisms across mental health, substance use disorder, and homelessness systems to reduce fragmentation and re-peated intake processes.

**5. Support Continued Public System Literacy Efforts**

Encourage broader distribution of the Behavioral Health & Recovery Paths tool and continued efforts to simplify system navigation for the public.

**It is THEREFORE, recommended that BHAB vote to approve the BHAB Pathways to Continuum of Care for Children, Youth, and Adults Impacted by Alcohol and Other Drugs Ad Hoc Subcommittee Recommendations.**