



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM MAY 5, 2022

BHAB 2022 SUBCOMMITTEES

Annually, BHAB members identify subcommittees that serve as an extension of BHAB, working collaboratively with members of the public and other stakeholders to collectively pursue efforts in support of the BHAB annual priorities. The proposed 2022 subcommittees are as follows:

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ) SUBCOMMITTEE

Purpose: In support of diversion programs, BHAB will coordinate with Behavioral Health Services (BHS) to establish coordination with the County and communities to stay informed, engaged, and responsive to issues that intersect criminal justice and mental health, as well as provide recommendations on these matters for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. The CJ subcommittee will be established as a BHAB ad-hoc subcommittee to sunset in December 2022.

Proposed Areas of Focus:

- Alternatives to incarceration
- BHS and Sheriff's Department comprehensive plan to address behavioral health services in the jails

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG (AOD) PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Purpose: In support of AOD prevention, BHAB will collaborate with BHS to support and inform AOD prevention strategies particularly those led by the Population Health Steering Committee. The AOD subcommittee will be established as a BHAB permanent subcommittee until otherwise directed.

Proposed Areas of Focus:

- Harm reduction strategies (i.e., expanded access to naloxone and syringe services)
- Overdose and suicide prevention

Subcommittee Structure

- Each subcommittee shall have no more than a quorum of members participating in meetings;
- will identify a subcommittee chair and/or co-chair; and
- will develop specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-based (SMART) goals.

Additional ad-hoc subcommittees may be created, as needed for a specific purpose or scope of work that is time-limited and with the approval of BHAB.

It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that the BHAB Executive Committee supports presenting the above recommendations for the BHAB 2022 Subcommittees for approval by the BHAB at the May 2022 meeting.