



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND RADY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SAN DIEGO MARCH 5, 2020

In response to community need, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has taken several actions to enhance, expand, and innovate the array of behavioral health programs and services in the region – broadly referred to as the Behavioral Health Continuum of Care. These actions have brought together justice partners, hospitals, community health centers, community-based providers, and other stakeholders to create system-wide changes to ensure people have access to behavioral health services to meet their immediate needs and support their long-term recovery.

This item provides an update on efforts to establish a behavioral health hub in North Central San Diego County which, when operational, will provide critical services to children and youth through a partnership between the County of San Diego (County) and Rady Children's Hospital - San Diego (Rady). In addition, this action requests that the Board authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Rady setting forth general terms for as-yet-to-be negotiated agreements between the two entities to develop the hub on County-owned property, to develop a parking structure for joint use, and to make the necessary environmental findings.

These actions complement the ongoing work across systems to provide optimal behavioral health resources that are regionally distributed and coordinated, thereby supporting the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision for a region where all residents have the opportunity to build better health, live safely, and thrive.

It is THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that your board support the authorizations and approvals necessary to support this action.