



## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD ACTION ITEM NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

### **2020 PRIORITIES OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) gathered at the October 19<sup>th</sup> retreat and engaged in a robust dialogue to discuss the merits of suggested priorities for the upcoming year. After the discussion, the priorities were synthesized as follows:

#### **Continuum of Care**

Collaborate with County departments, service providers and Live Well San Diego partners to improve care coordination and strengthen the continuum of care across the spectrum of behavioral health by identifying challenges and gaps that hinder client access to services. Ensure that continuum of care planning includes workforce development, and promotes services which are culturally responsive and take into account the specific needs of local communities and populations of the behavioral health community such as those in the justice system and individuals living with homelessness.

#### **Building a Better BHAB**

Continue the development of BHAB, its structure, processes, and reporting systems by developing an appropriate, meaningful role for BHAB engagement in the system of care planning and service delivery. Focus on increasing BHAB member knowledge of the outcomes, budget, and funding for behavioral health services. Participate in strategy and planning processes, and analyze behavioral health data. Undertake visioning for behavioral health, expand BHAB communication with BHS staff, and BHAB engagement in community meetings and forums.

**ACTION: Vote to adopt the 2020 priorities of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.**