



Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Temporary Zoom Meeting due to Public Health orders

Date: August 18, 2022

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom meeting

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Bill Stewart at 2:00 p.m. Executive Committee members present: Bill Stewart, Chair; John Sturm, 1st Vice Chair; Che Hernandez, Member-at-Large; Judith Yates, Member-at-Large; and Phil Deming, Member-at-Large. Behavioral Health Services (BHS) staff present: Dr. Luke Bergmann, BHS Director; and Dania Barroso-Conde, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator.

II. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2022

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Phil Deming, the Executive Committee approved the minutes of July 21, as written.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. Hearing from the Public (limited to 2 minutes per speaker)

- Jerry Hall commented on his concerns regarding the annual BHS budget planning and encouraged BHAB members to look into the matter.
- Robin Sales made a request to have Executive Committee minutes shared on the BHAB website. Additionally, Ms. Sales commented on her disappointment regarding the lack of member engagement and encouraged more participation during monthly meetings.

IV. BHAB Presentations Calendar

The meeting calendar for September through November was reviewed with the following recommendations:

- Move the BHAB Annual Report to the agenda for the BHAB Annual Retreat in October.
- Omit from the Planning Calendar standing agenda items.
- Move Chair Fletcher Updates on the agenda to after the non-agenda public comments.

V. Building a Better BHAB

August 2022 BHAB Meeting Process Improvements

- Voting on Action Items
 - To expediate the voting process, the Executive Officers decided that for future BHAB meetings, members who are absent will not be called upon for a vote. Before finalizing the vote, staff will ask if any members were missed, and call names as needed. Additionally, going forward, when calling for a vote, only member names will be read and not their associated seat or supervisorial district.
 - A discussion was held regarding the number of minutes allotted for public speakers at the BHAB general meeting. It was decided the time permitted for public comments, would be determined at each meeting dependent of the number of speaker requests received. Three minutes will be allowed when there are three or fewer public comments; two minutes will be allowed when there are four or more public comment requests.

- Old Business Items
 - This item is on the BHAB general meeting agenda to address only prior agenda items or outstanding requests for information by BHAB members requiring additional follow-up. Staff will check prior minutes and verify if members are required to submit a request to raise old business items, or if this was simply agreed to as a recommendation.

VI. Discussion: Community Engagement Subcommittee

- Robin Sales made a public comment, with a recommendation that the Community Engagement group be reinstated and made permanent.
- Jerry Hall made a public comment expressing concerns with community participation and engagement. Mr. Hall provided encouragement to have the Community Engagement Subcommittee re-established, to increase participation with matters such as Community Program Planning (CPP) Process.
- Katherine (Kat) Briggs was present to share information with respect to community engagement opportunities at the County in particular within Health and Human Services Agency (HHS).
- Executive Officers made a request to have Kat Briggs meet with a few BHAB members to discuss further community engagement opportunities that could be of focus to a Community Engagement Subcommittee.

VII. Nominating Committee Process

- August – Chair requests volunteers for the Nominating Committee
- September – BHAB confirms Nominating Committee
- October – Slate of nominees for officer positions presented at BHAB meeting
- November – BHAB votes on slate and individual nominees
- December – Newly elected officers are seated

VIII. BHAB Retreat Planning

Member input has shown support to hold retreat on Saturday, October 22, 2022, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, location TBD based on determination if meeting will be virtual or in-person.

IX. Director's Update

Dr. Luke Bergmann shared his thoughts regarding the Alvarado Hospital Board Letter, which at the August general meeting BHAB voted to not support its recommendations due to financial details that were not available at the time of the meeting. Dr. Bergmann encouraged BHAB to consider the other facets of program and service provision in the community beyond financial details, when those may not be available to share with BHAB due to timing of negotiations or other circumstances.

X. Announcements

No announcements

XI. Adjournment

ON MOTION of Phil Deming, seconded by Judith Yates, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

Reviewed by,
Dania Barroso-Conde,
Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator

Approved by,
Bill Stewart, Chairperson
Behavioral Health Advisory Board