



August 3, 2023
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Stewart, Chair – District 1
Gaurav Mishra – District 1
Janice Luna Reynoso – District 1
Joel San Juan - District 1
Serita Polinaire, 2nd Vice Chair – District 2
Todd Boyer – District 2
Robin Sales, Member-at-Large – District 3
Stuart Gaiber – District 3
Judith Yates, 1st Vice Chair – District 4
Janessa Goldbeck – District 4
Richard McGaffigan – District 5
Carol Clemens, Member-at-Large – District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

James Merino – District 2
Shea Benton – District 4
K.C. Strang – District 5

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)
Maya Shahar, Administrative Analyst II, BHS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) was called to order by Chair Bill Stewart at 2:30PM in-person and via Zoom.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 6, 2023

ON MOTION of Joel San Juan, seconded by Stuart Gaiber, BHAB approved the minutes from July 6, 2023 minutes.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. NON- AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Karen Lotus: Karen stated she is a mother of a 22-year man with a mental health condition. Her son has been missing for weeks. She advocates for individuals with mental health conditions to receive proper care and services.

- Ellen Stone: Ellen shared that according to peers there are concerns that Clubhouses may not be fulfilling the needs of clients with regards to social support including support groups.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REAUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION OF CALIFORNIA WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

Kyle Sand, Senior Deputy County Counsel, stated that the Board of Supervisors (BoS) had previously authorized the application of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) that provided for a specific, intensive mental health treatment and evaluation period of 30 days for gravely disabled persons who need the additional duration of time in a controlled setting to stabilize. This item will go before the BoS to reauthorize the application of California WIC due to recent statutory changes which state that at the

end of the initial 30 days of intensive treatment, a second 30-day intensive treatment period may occur under certain qualifying circumstances.

V. PRESENTATION: CANNABIS SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM

Brandon Lewis, Cannabis Social Equity Manager, Office of Equity and Racial Justice presented the Cannabis Social Equity Program that is being developed with the input of an advisory group that will assist in shaping the Cannabis Social Equity Entrepreneurs Program and guide its overarching principles. Additionally, the program seeks to provide as many resources and benefits as possible to those impacted by the war on drugs.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: ACCEPTANCE OF SAMHSA EARMARK FUNDS TO ENHANCE THE MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM

Nadia Privara, Assistant Director, BHS announced a one-time funding of \$4.5 million dollars to enhance the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) program.

VII. ACTION ITEM: UPDATE ON OPIOID SETTLEMENT FRAMEWORK

Nadia Privara and Stephanie Lao, Program Coordinator, BHS presented the Update on Opioid Settlement Framework that will be presented to the BoS and includes the following recommendations:

- Opioid Settlement Framework budget plan.
- Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to report back any updates on the Opioid Settlement Framework budget plan through an annual memo.

ON MOTION of Judith Yates, seconded by Todd Boyer, BHAB approved the Update on Opioid Settlement Framework

AYES: 12 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

VIII. BHAB SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- Robin Sales from the Criminal Justice (CJ) Subcommittee shared that Judith Yates and herself will be visiting a County jail on August 9, 2023. Additionally, in July Dr. Sayone's team presented on CalAIM Justice Involved Services and fielded questions regarding offering behavioral health services to individuals 90 days before being release, on statewide efforts, and staffing shortages.
- Serita Polinaire from the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention (AOD) Subcommittee stated the committee is preparing for the National Recovery Month Celebration event on Saturday, August 26, 2023. There will be resources, food, and activities. Next meeting there will be a presentation from Anthony Avalos.
- Janice Luna-Reynoso from the Community Engagement (CE) Subcommittee stated the committee is continuously working with Katherine Briggs and UCSD on community engagement efforts. The committee is working to strengthen BHAB's engagement with the community.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEM: BHAB ANNUAL RETREAT PLANNING

The BHAB Annual retreat will be held on Saturday, October 28th, 2023, from 9:00am-1:00pm, at the Behavioral Health Services administration building in Mission Valley.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Luke Bergmann, Director, BHS invited Yael Koenig, Deputy Director, BHS to share the following updates regarding BHS children, youth, and TAY services.

- The Screening to Care program initiated at the end of the last school year. One of the biggest challenges the program has encountered is being welcomed on campuses due to competing school campus activities. With the start of a new school year there has been added focus on forging a stronger presence on school campuses.
- Youth Development Academy (YDA): This service was launched at the end of 2022. BHS worked with the Probation department to launch a new treatment program known as YDA to provide longer term therapeutic support. A current challenge in this program is the ongoing vacancy for a psychiatrist.
- Children Crisis Continuum: BHS was successful in obtaining \$8.5 million dollars in grant funding. This will allow the ease of transition of services across levels of care, including to a children's crisis residential program that will be launched in the future.
- Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) and Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP): These two new programs will be launched by BHS to serve children with Medi-Cal coverage. IOP is an intensive treatment program held after-school for 2 months and intended to serve higher level of needs. PHP is a step-down program from inpatient care, held two days a week for two weeks, and clients can go home on the weekends to be with family.
- Performance Improvement Project: The It's Up to Us LGBTQ+ resource pages were updated to include additional LGBTQ+ resources in a more user-friendly format.

XI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Bill Stewart, Chair, BHAB announced Carol Clemens, Serita Polinaire, and Gaurav Mishra have volunteered to serve on this year's nominating committee to identify the slate of BHAB Executive Officers for the upcoming year.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Michael Grattan resigned from BHAB effective August 3, 2023.
- The National Recovery Month Celebration will be held at the County Waterfront Park on Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 10:00am-1:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

XIII. Meeting Adjournment

ON MOTION of Judith Yates, seconded by Gaurav Mishra the meeting adjourned at 4:59pm.