



August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes

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Temporary Zoom Meeting due to Public Health orders

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joel San Juan - District 1  
Bill Stewart, Chair – District 1  
Janice Luna Reynoso – District 1  
Todd Boyer – District 2  
Jim Taylor – District 2  
Robin Sales – District 3  
Michael Grattan – District 3  
John Sturm – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair - District 4  
Judith Yates, Member-at-Large– District 4  
Amina Sheik Mohamed – District 4  
Phil Deming, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – District 5  
Richard McGaffigan – District 5  
Nathan Fletcher, Board of Supervisors Chair

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Che Hernandez, Member-at-Large - District 1  
James Merino – District 2  
Serita Polinaire – District 2  
Shannon Jaccard – District 2  
Carol Clemens – District 5  
K.C. Strang – District 5

**STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services  
Dania Barroso-Conde, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator, Behavioral Health Services

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND ROLL CALL**

ON MOTION of Joel San Juan, seconded by John Sturm, BHAB approved the minutes from June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.  
AYES: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 2

ON MOTION of Joel San Juan, seconded by Robin Sales, BHAB approved the minutes from July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.  
AYES: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 3

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Tom Packard** provided public comment regarding the Stakeholder Engagement Committee. Mr. Packard expressed his concerns with the possible removal of this committee and made a recommendation to make this and the Criminal Justice Subcommittees permanent.

**Robin Sales** provided public comment regarding the Criminal Justice Subcommittee and issued a recommendation to consider making this into a permanent committee now rather than in January. Additionally, Ms. Sales expressed her support in reinstating the Community Engagement Subcommittee, as it was helpful in encouraging community members to become more involved and encourages BHAB to consider bringing the group back.

**Steve Dilley** provided public comment on the Veterans Art Project and discussed two recent articles written regarding their Comic Con panel. Additionally, Mr. Dilley shared information on an article created for Americans for the Arts that addresses art making with military populations as a means for wellness.

**Shelley Rezaei**, from Lightfully Behavioral Health, introduced herself to the group and provided information regarding the program and the services offered to all levels of care.

**Maria Mingolo** from Oceanside Museum of Art provided background on the many programs which they collaborate with such as the Veterans Art Project. Ms. Mingolo invited BHAB to attend their upcoming art exhibition titled Pop Smoke, which will run August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, through January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Janice Luna Reynoso** provided public comment regarding best practices taking place in the County regarding land acknowledgement of indigenous people. Ms. Luna Reynoso encouraged BHAB to take part in this practice as part of the Diversity and Inclusion initiative. Additionally, she made a recommendation to reinstate the Stakeholder Engagement Committee, and briefly mentioned the progress and benefits of the group.

**Jerry Hall** provided public comment regarding his support to reinstate the Community Engagement Subcommittee. Additionally, Mr. Hall spoke on Community Program Planning (CPP) Process and the recent trainings indicating the community may have been more involved with more advance notice of the training dates.

**Julia Darling** provided public comment pertaining to the Community Engagement Subcommittee and recommended the group be reinstated. Ms. Darling expressed concerns with the discontinuation of the group, and lack of information presented pertaining to this decision.

**IV. ACTION ITEM: CONTINUANCE OF TELECONFERENCING**

BHAB reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency along with state and local officials recommended measures to promote social distancing. Given these considerations BHAB voted to authorize the continuance of teleconferencing meetings pursuant to government code section 54953 (E).

ON MOTION of Judith Yates, seconded by Joel San Juan, BHAB approved the continuance of teleconferencing meeting option for BHAB.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**V. BHAB OLD BUSINESS**

**Janice Luna Reynoso** requested clarification regarding the recent decision to sunset the Stakeholder Engagement Subcommittee, and what may be done to reinstate the group, so it is once again active. Chair

Bill Stewart indicated the group was initially created with a set time limitation, as all others in the past have been. Staff Dania Barroso-Conde informed there was a process and several discussions, including emailed surveys which led to the final action item approved by the membership where the two subcommittees were formed with the option to create the Stakeholder Engagement Subcommittee to be formed as needed. Ms. Luna-Reynoso indicated there is interest to reinstate the group as an ad-hoc committee, and requested a motion be made to move forward with this action. Ms. Barroso-Conde indicated for the motion to move forward the Chair would need to give permission for the motion to be made. Chair Bill Stewart advised at this time; he would not grant permission for such pending further discussion on the process to reinstate the committee.

**VI. CHAIR FLETCHER UPDATES**

Due to time constraints item was not discussed.

**VII. ACTION ITEM: ALVARADO HOSPITAL AGREEMENTS AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS**

Luke Bergmann provided BHAB members with details pertaining to the request for authorization to enter negotiations with Alvarado Hospital for Medi-Cal Managed Care Inpatient Acute Psychiatric Services and Crisis Stabilization Services and establish appropriations for facility improvements at Alvarado Hospital Center. This action would establish appropriations for one-time facility improvements to Alvarado hospital. Dr. Bergmann also advised the service agreement with Alvarado psychiatric inpatient acute beds and hospital-based Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) recliners will be for an initial term of up to five years, with five 5-year options and up to an additional six months if needed, totaling to a 30-month term.

ON MOTION of Phillip Deming, seconded by Joel San Juan, BHAB declined the recommendation to support the approvals and authorizations needed to implement the above recommendation.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 7 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**VIII. ACTION ITEM: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTINUUM INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (BHCIP) AND MENTAL HEALTH STUDENT SERVICES ACT (MHSSA) GRANT FUNDING ACCEPTANCE**

Luke Bergmann presented BHAB with details pertaining to the authorization request of the acceptance of \$12.4 million of one-time BHCIP Launch Ready Grant funding from the California Department of Health Care Services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 through FY 2026-27 for the construction of a new 12-bed Acute Psychiatric Unit within the existing Edgemoor Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facility campus. Additionally, Dr. Bergmann shared information pertaining to the acceptance of \$1.1 million in MHSSA grant funding from the Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission for FY 2022-23 through FY 2025-26 to enhance the current Creating Opportunities in Preventing and Eliminating Suicide program, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee to execute all required documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level. Lastly, Dr. Bergmann discussed the third recommendation to waive Board Policy B-29 Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires full cost recovery for grants for administrative overhead costs of approximately \$15,000 per fiscal year associated with the MHSSA grant.

ON MOTION of Phillip Deming, seconded by Todd Boyer, BHAB approved the August 16<sup>th</sup> Board Items as presented.

AYES: 8 NAYS: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**IX. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

Phil Deming provided an update for the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Prevention Subcommittee. Mr. Deming indicated the group is working towards completing their goals by September's meeting.

Richard McGaffigan provided an update for the Criminal Justice (CJ) Subcommittee. Mr. McGaffigan shared that BHS staff Piedad Garcia and Cecily Thornton-Stearns attended the August CJ meeting to further discuss and respond to questions pertaining to MCRT.

**X. DISCUSSION BHAB FALL RETREAT PLANNING**

Dania Barroso-Conde provided an update indicating the tentative date being considered for the BHAB Fall Retreat is Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Final date to be announced. Member-at-Large Judith Yates suggested to further review dates for the retreat due to low response by members regarding their availability. A discussion was held to put out a survey and consider holding the retreat on a Saturday, to possibly increase member attendance.

**XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Luke Bergmann provided an update to 988, which was implemented July 16<sup>th</sup>, including data recently generated of number of calls received since the launch date. Noting all calls received by 988 which come from a San Diego area code will be routed to the San Diego Access and Crisis line directly, while all others will go to the general call center, and eventually transferred to San Diego as well.

**XII. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Bill Stewart provided members with a quarterly update pertaining to the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CALBHBC).

ON MOTION of Phillip Deming, seconded by Judith Yates the meeting adjourned at 5:15PM.

AYES: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0