

BHAB Bylaw Revisions: Key Areas of Revision by County Counsel

Bylaw Section	Key Revision	Excerpt of Revisions Provided by County Counsel
Article II, Membership, Appointment, Term of Office, Absences, Vacancies, Exclusions, Section B: Appointment of Advisory Board Members	Member categories have been revised and no longer include the categories of Prevention Specialist nor Treatment and Recovery Specialist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mental Health Consumer:</b> an individual who is a consumer of mental health treatment services.</li> <li>• <b>Family Member:</b> parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers of mental health services.</li> <li>• <b>Substance Use Recovery:</b> an individual in recovery from a substance use disorder and who has been a consumer of services related to their disorder.</li> <li>• <b>Community Member:</b> an individual with experience and knowledge of the behavioral health system and needs in the County, such as an individual who regularly engages with individuals living with mental illness in the course of daily operations, such as representatives of local schools, hospitals, health care providers, law enforcement, or community and nonprofit organizations that work with these populations.</li> </ul>
Article II, Membership, Appointment, Term of Office, Absences, Vacancies, Exclusions, Section E: Exclusions	A consumer of mental health services or spouse employed by BHS, California Department of Health Care Services, or paid members of the governing body of a BHS contract agency can serve on BHAB but shall abstain from voting on financial or contractual issue concerning the member's employer that may come before BHAB.	2. A consumer of mental health services who has obtained employment with an employer described in paragraph (1) and who holds a position in which the consumer does not have any interest, influence, or authority over any financial or contractual matter concerning the employer may be appointed to the Advisory Board. The member shall abstain from voting on any financial or contractual issue concerning the member's employer that may come before the Advisory Board.
Article II, Membership, Appointment, Term of Office, Absences, Vacancies, Exclusions, Section F: Conflict of Interest	Abstaining from voting on issues in which the member has a financial interest.	2. Members of the Advisory Board shall abstain from voting on any issue in which the member has a financial interest as defined in Government Code Section 87103.
Article III, Duties and Responsibilities of Advisory Board Members, Section A: Duties	Duties expanded upon.	1. Review the County's Behavioral Health contracts and grants awarded to support services and initiatives administered through the Behavioral Health Services Division.

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		<p>2. Review and comment on reports to the Board of Supervisors and other entities as necessary and appropriate regarding the needs and performance of County funded behavioral health programs.</p> <p>10. Assess the impact of the realignment of services from the State to the County on behavioral health services delivered to clients and on the local community.</p> <p>11. Review the County’s plans and outcomes for developing the three-year program and expenditure plan and updates pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5848.</p> <p>13. Any other duties assigned by the Board of Supervisors.</p>
<p>Article VI, Subcommittees and Workgroups, Section A: Formation of Subcommittees</p>	<p>Allowance for Subcommittees to be formed on a permanent or ad hoc basis.</p>	<p>1. The Advisory Board may create permanent or ad hoc Subcommittees to direct studies, conduct research, or make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Actions and recommendations of Subcommittees shall not be deemed actions nor recommendations of the Advisory Board and shall not bind the Advisory Board or its Members</p>
<p>Article VI, Subcommittees and Workgroups, Section C: Formation of Workgroups</p>	<p>Removed Workgroup content.</p>	<p>Workgroups shall be formed as needed, <del>with Members appointed by the Chairperson.</del>  Each Workgroup’s purpose and scope shall be described in writing by the Chairperson prior to its first meeting.  Workgroups shall include at least one Member and may include behavioral health stakeholders and members of the BHS Director’s staff recommended by the Director to the Chairperson.  Workgroups shall cease to exist upon completion of their assignments.</p>
<p>Article: VII, Organization and Procedures, Section A: Rules of Governance</p>	<p>Expands rules of governance beyond that of Robert’s Rules of Order and Brown Act to include Bylaws and any other rules adopted by BHAB.</p>	<p>1. Robert’s Rules of Order, the Ralph M. Brown Act, these Bylaws, and any other rules adopted by the Advisory Board shall govern the operation of the Advisory Board, the Executive Committee and standing Subcommittees.</p>