



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD FEBRUARY 1, 2024

BHAB 2024 Priorities

Each year, the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) identifies behavioral health priorities that enhance BHAB's value to the community and inform the establishment of BHAB subcommittees. The four priority areas identified by BHAB members, through member discussion at BHAB convenings, are as follows: Behavioral Health Policy Implications; Community Engagement; Criminal Justice; and the Continuum of Care. Listed below are the priority areas and desired outcomes for each area.

I. Behavioral Health Policy Implications

- CalAIM
 - Increase awareness and knowledge of CalAIM impacts to Medi-Cal covered behavioral health consumers.
 - Increase visibility and public awareness of behavioral health service optimization (e.g., crisis management and intervention) and associated challenges, in San Diego County's carceral settings.
- Senate Bill (SB) 326 Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)
 - Advise on sustaining Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) programs and aligned efforts given expected shifts in program funding.
- SB 43
 - Advise and maintain awareness of SB 43 implementation planning in San Diego County.
- CARE Act
 - Increase BHAB and public awareness of implementation and outcomes for individuals and families.

II. Community Engagement

- Community Program Planning (CPP) Process.
 - Ensure BHAB reviews and approves the CPP plan and implementation.
- Strengthening BHAB through its membership in the following areas:
 - Support the appointment of a Board of Supervisor (BoS) to BHAB seat 21.
 - Support the appointment of qualified members to fill BHAB vacancies and uphold diversity through representative membership.
 - Increase BHAB member participation.

III. Criminal Justice

- Medi-Cal coverage for justice involved individuals.
 - Expand visibility and public awareness of behavioral healthcare operations in carceral settings.
 - Increase input from members of the public on the implementation of Medi-Cal covered behavioral healthcare services in the jails by elevating the voice of family members,

- advocates, youth, and others with lived experience.
- Focus on custodial practices and juvenile detention centers.
- Elevate BHAB inquiries on custodial practices for elevated visibility.

IV. Continuum of Care (CoC)

- Strengthen BHAB's awareness and knowledge of behavioral health services to enhance BHAB's ability to ask informed questions that advise and influence decisions made by the Behavioral Health Services (BHS) department and the BoS.
 - Focus on long-term care options for homeless populations, justice-involved individuals, and older adults.

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