



December 2, 2021  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes

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Temporary Zoom Meeting due to Public Health orders

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Che Hernandez, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, District 1  
Joel San Juan, District 1  
Bill Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – District 1  
Todd Boyer – District 2  
Jim Taylor – District 2  
James Merino – District 2  
Robin Sales – District 3  
Amina Sheik Mohamed – District 4  
John Sturm, Member-at-Large, District 4  
Judith Yates, Chair – District 4  
Phil Deming, Member-at-Large – District 5  
Richard McGaffigan – District 5  
K.C. Strang – District 5  
Nathan Fletcher, Board of Supervisors Chair

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Janice Luna Reynoso – District 1  
Shannon Jaccard – District 3  
Mike Grattan – District 3  
Carol Clemens – 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 Judith Yates at 2:30PM via Zoom.

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

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Bill Stewart, BHAB approved the minutes from November 4, 2021 as amended to reflect the discussions which took place under the Procurement and Contract Extensions Board Letter action item, as well as the questions raised regarding procurement changes to Clubhouses.

AYES: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: Yates

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Terra Jennings** provided comments on behalf of her peers in the START Crisis houses whose number one challenge is homelessness. She presented BHAB with a Peer Feedback Log to reflect and highlight the struggles and barriers her peers currently face when trying to obtain housing.

**Tom Packard** member of both Showing Up for Racial Justice Coalition and the North County Equity and Justice Coalition, provided his concerns regarding the Mobile Crisis Response Teams implementation, and the training provided to dispatchers, who will staff and respond to these calls. Mr. Packard requested the community be provided with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other available written material which demonstrate the County's commitment to train staff to competently assess and screen calls based on criteria for behavioral health and safety considerations.

**Anastasia Lee** presented her questions regarding available public forums or meetings for parents/guardians to address concerns with ACT and PERT. Additionally, she provided her concerns with the lack of information available to guardians as to whom they may contact or where they can go to provide feedback or file a complaint pertaining to PERT or ACT Services.

**Jerry Hall** provided comments over concerns previously presented and pertaining to BHAB bylaws, the Community Program Planning (CPP), and the coordination of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) update and reporting process. A request to have these topics addressed during the upcoming year was made.

### IV. CHAIR FLETCHER UPDATES

#### **Nathan Fletcher, Chair, County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (BOS)**

- Behavioral Health Workforce Initiative
  - The Committee has begun meeting, and will focus on identifying short term, midterm, and long-term actionable items which can be implemented to increase the workforce across the spectrum of behavioral health.
  - The group will meet monthly and will provide their recommendations by the first quarter of 2022.
- Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT)
  - The MCRT program is soon to be available County-wide with the last region coming online by end of this year.

### V. PRESENTATION: MEDI-CAL RX TRANSITION

#### **Dr. Jennifer Tuteur, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Medical Care Services**

#### **Heather Summers, Deputy Director, Medical Care Services, Cal-SDAIM**

BHAB was provided with a presentation on the Medi-Cal RX Transition, which is set to become effective on January 1, 2022. The presentation included an overview of the upcoming changes to the Medi-Cal prescription pharmacy benefit, as well as the consumer/pharmacy benefits, and details pertaining to consumer/provider resources and changes. Following the presentation, Q&A was held with some pending answers to program questions which will be responded to by email.

### VI. DISCUSSION: IDENTIFYING 2022 BHAB PRIORITIES

BHAB members were asked to submit three priority areas of focus for 2022. Incoming BHAB Chair, Bill Stewart led the group in a discussion and invited each member to share their three areas of interest within behavioral health. Input gathered will help to inform ongoing discussions in identifying the 2022 BHAB priorities.

**VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)**

**MCRT Update**

- BHS will provide a MCRT update to the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on December 7, 2021. The MCRT program is expected to be available in all County regions by mid-December. BHS is coordinating efforts with Law Enforcement under governance of a MOU with National City and Chula Vista, as well as a multi-jurisdictional MOU with Law Enforcement agencies across the county which is currently in the final stages of refinement. Members were provided with time for Q&A with the Director, Deputy Director, and Piedad Garcia.

**VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT**

BHS has released the draft of the 5-year strategic housing plan and initiated the 30-day comment period. Members were encouraged to review the plan and all information included in the report.

**IX. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

ON MOTION of Phil Deming, seconded by John Sturm the meeting adjourned at 5:02PM.

AYES: 13 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: Yates