



November 5, 2020  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Che Hernandez – District 1  
Bill Stewart, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – District 1  
Jenifer Mendel, Member-at-Large (ADS) – District 2  
Michael Matthews, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – District 2  
Mike Grattan – District 3  
Ed Weiner – District 3  
Deanne George – District 3  
Shannon Jaccard – District 3  
Jerry Hall – District 4  
John Sturm, Member-at-Large (MH) – District 4  
Judith Yates, Chairperson – District 4  
Richard McGaffigan – District 5  
Phil Deming – District 5  
K.C. Strang – District 5

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Janice Luna-Reynoso – District 1  
Rebecca Hernandez – District 2  
Thomas Hathorn – District 2  
Debbie Barnum – District 5

**STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services  
Ben Parmentier, Health Planning and Program Specialist, Behavioral Health Services

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) was called to order by Judith Yates, Chair, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**II. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Roll call was taken to determine members of BHAB in attendance.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2020**

ON MOTION of Bill Stewart, seconded by Jerry Hall, BHAB approved the minutes of October 1, 2020, as written.

AYES: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 2 (Sturm, San Juan)

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**V. PRESENTATION & ACTION ITEM: REPORT BACK ON HOUSING CONSERVATORSHIP – BOARD LETTER**

**Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services**

On October 29, 2019, the San Diego Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a conservatorship procedure pilot program, as outlined by Senate Bill (SB) 1045 and SB 40, and report back to the Board with recommendations for implementation in one year. Dr. Bergmann came before the board to present the Housing Conservatorship Working Group's findings and, after consideration of its challenges and opportunities, a recommendation to leverage Care Coordination work through the Behavioral Health Continuum of Care to serve this population and forgo implementation of SB 1045/SB 40 in San Diego County.

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Phil Deming, BHAB voted to support the Housing Conservatorship Board Letter.

AYES: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 2 (Weiner, Hall)

Members brought forth questions related to the presentation and action item and the presenter provided responses and discussion.

**VI. PRESENTATION: FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC HOUSING PLAN UPDATE**

**Dr. Piedad Garcia, Behavioral Health Services**

**Simonne Ruff, Corporation for Supportive Housing**

Simonne Ruff, Director of the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), came before the board to provide an update on the last phase of the Five-Year Strategic Housing Plan. The update included accomplishments, opportunities, and key strategies in accordance with the Behavioral Health Housing Plan Goals.

Members brought forth questions related to the presentation and the presenter responded and facilitated discussion.

**VII. ACTION ITEM: VOTE ON THE SLATE OF 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS**

**Jenifer Mendel, Nominating Committee Spokesperson**

The BHAB 2020 Executive Officer Elections nominating committee presented the following recommended 2021 Executive Officers slate: Judith Yates as Chair (District 4); Jenifer Mendel as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair (District 2); Bill Stewart as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair (District 1); Philip Deming as Member-at-Large; and Michael Matthews as Member-at-Large. No other nominations were brought to the floor.

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Mike Grattan, BHAB approved the slate of 2021 Executive Board Officers as presented by the nominating committee.

AYES: 12 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**VIII. ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF THE 2020 DATA NOTEBOOK**

**Judith Yates, Chairperson**

BHAB members were presented the draft 2020 Data Notebook at the annual Fall retreat on October 29<sup>th</sup> for review and given until November 2<sup>nd</sup> to submit final edits and input for inclusion to the final draft. If approved by BHAB, staff will work with BHAB Chair to submit the final draft to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in advance of the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

On MOTION of Jenifer Mendel, seconded by John Sturm, BHAB approved the 2020 Data Notebook.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

Members brought forth suggestions and questions related to the data notebook and BHS staff responded.

**IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Dr. Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services**

**Local Elections**

Dr. Bergmann provided an update on the changes within the Board of Supervisors due to the recent election.

**Upcoming Board Letters**

Dr. Bergmann provided updates on forthcoming Board Letters which are of interest to BHAB.

**X. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**Judith Yates, Chairperson**

**Draft Strategic Outline**

The draft Strategic Outline was sent to the members for review and comment. It will be placed on the December BHAB agenda for further discussion. Members are also welcome to submit their input via email prior to the December meeting.

**XI. REPORTS FROM BHAB WORKGROUPS AND LIAISONS**

**Housing and Homelessness:** A report was provided to the group in their packets.

**Continuum of Care:** Update was tabled.

**Building a Better BHAB:** Update was tabled.

**Overdose Prevention:** The workgroup is moving forward with data collection as its current primary focus.

**XII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Phil Deming, the meeting adjourned at 5:06pm.

AYES: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0