



February 2, 2023  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bill Stewart, Chair – District 1  
Gaurav Mishra – District 1  
Janice Luna Reynoso – District 1  
Joel San Juan (*Teleconference Just Cause*) - District 1  
Serita Polinaire – District 2  
Todd Boyer – District 2  
Jim Taylor – District 2  
Robin Sales, Member-at-Large – District 3  
Michael Grattan (*Teleconference Just Cause*) – District 3  
Amina Sheik Mohamed – District 4  
Judith Yates, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – District 4  
Janessa Goldbeck – District 4  
Carol Clemens, Member-at-Large – District 5  
Richard McGaffigan – District 5  
Nathan Fletcher, Board of Supervisors Chair

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

James Merino – District 2  
Shannon Jaccard – District 3  
K.C. Strang – District 5  
Phil Deming, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – District 5

**STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) was called to order by Chair Bill Stewart at 2:31PM in-person and via Zoom.

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

ON MOTION of Carol Clemens, seconded by Judith Yates, BHAB approved the minutes from December 1st, 2022.

AYES: 13 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Angela Rowe** stated many families involved in Child Welfare Services (CWS) need housing where they can reunify. She would like to see more vouchers go to families in CWS.

**IV. CHAIR FLETCHER UPDATES**

An update was given on the Behavioral Health Workforce Report. The report outlined the 8,100 behavioral health workers currently needed, the job classification of workers needed, and noted the

importance of better pay. The Board of Supervisors (Board) allocated funds to cover student loans/debt to attract and retain workers. At the end of 2022 the County of San Diego (County) partnered with Interfaith and Price Philanthropies to establish a Center of Excellence to train, offer internships, and provide work experience. Supervisor Fletcher also provided an update on the Opioid Framework, mentioning the Leave Behind Naloxone Program, stressing the importance of treatment and giving access to resources to people who need them.

**V. PRESENTATION: SUPPORTING CARE COORDINATION FOR JUSTICE INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS**

Dr. Sayone Thihalolipavan, Public Health Medical Officer for the Health & Human Services Agency, gave a presentation on Supporting Care Coordination for Justice Involved Individuals. Dr. Sayone along with other presenters will go to the Board on February 28, 2023 to report back on the Board Letter that was approved on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 concerning this matter. The update includes potential opportunities and challenges at the local, state, and federal levels including regulation procedure, infrastructure, and funding which could impact data sharing to support care coordination for justice-involved individuals.

**VI. ACTION ITEM: AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Luke Bergmann and Kat Briggs, Chief Agency Operations, presented the Authorized Competitive Solicitation for Behavioral Health Services Board Letter. This action item will expand programing to engage fathers and caregivers in all six Health and Human Services Agency regions.

ON MOTION of Janessa Goldbeck, seconded by Gaurav Mishra, BHAB approved the Authorized Competitive Solicitation for Behavioral Health Services.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Stewart-Conflict of Interest)

**VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Nadia Privara Brahms, Assistant Director and Chief Strategy and Finance Officer, presented the following Board Letters as informational items: 1) Community Care Expansion Preservation Program Funding and 2) Acceptance of State Funds for Edgemoor/San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital Workforce.

**VIII. DISCUSSION: FENTANYL CAMPAIGN UPDATES & INPUT GATHERING**

Kat Briggs gave an update on the youth fentanyl campaign. This month the adult campaign materials will launch through different media platforms. Gathering input from the community on the youth campaign is ongoing and can be provided through the Up2Sd website and via youth-lead town halls.

**IX. BHAB SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Richard McGaffigan from the Criminal Justice (CJ) Subcommittee shared the CJ report which includes subcommittee recommendations for BHAB's consideration. He would like to have time to discuss the report and gather BHAB member input at the March BHAB meeting. The next CJ subcommittee meeting is Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00pm.

Serita Polinaire from the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention (AOD) Subcommittee shared that the group is currently working on securing presenters for the next meeting. AOD has reached out to Dr. Wilma Wooten, Marla Kingkade, and Kat Briggs for presentations on relevant topics. The next AOD subcommittee meeting is on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 2:00-3:30pm.

Janice Luna-Reynoso from the Community Engagement (CE) Subcommittee shared that the group needs a Chair or Co-Chair and that the next meeting will be held in the early evening to attract community member attendance. The next CE subcommittee meeting is on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 5:00-6:00pm.

**X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Luke Bergmann noted that effective March 31, 2023, Responsive Integrated Health Solutions (RIHS) will no longer be providing training and administrative support to behavioral health staff on behalf of the county. Transition planning is taking place to ensure mandatory training requirements can be met for internal and contracted staff, and our workforce has the support it needs to remain skilled and engaged. BHS is working closely with the RIHS team during period to ensure a smooth transition.

BHS is working with RIHS on a transitional plan. Dr. Bergmann asked Kat Briggs to provide an update on the Community Program Planning (CPP) Process noting there will be a more robust update at the March BHAB meeting as requested by BHAB Executive Officers. Dr. Bergmann also provide an update on Care Court sharing that the County of Los Angeles has been pulled out from the second wave of implementation. Their new implementation date is December 2023. There is also a lawsuit that was filed against the state citing concerns on the infringement on civil liberties. The County will be tracking how this lawsuit will affect implementation of Care Court.

**XI. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Bill Stewart, Chair shared his excitement of returning to in-person BHAB meetings and appreciated the participation of new BHAB members.

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements.

**XIII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Judith Yates, seconded by Todd Boyer the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.