



July 07, 2022

Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Temporary Zoom Meeting due to Public Health orders

MEMBERS PRESENT

Che Hernandez, Member-at-Large - District 1
Joel San Juan - District 1
Bill Stewart, Chair – District 1
Janice Luna Reynoso – District 1
Todd Boyer – District 2
Robin Sales – District 3
Shannon Jaccard – District 3
John Sturm – 1st Vice Chair - District 4
Judith Yates, Member-at-Large– District 4
Phil Deming, 2nd Vice Chair – District 5
Carol Clemens – District 5
K.C. Strang – District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

James Merino – District 2
Jim Taylor – District 2
Michael Grattan – District 3
Amina Sheik Mohamed – District 4
Richard McGaffigan – District 5
Nathan Fletcher, Board of Supervisors Chair

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 Bill Stewart at 2:30PM via Zoom.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND ROLL CALL

Motion was not called forward before voting on the minutes. BHAB vote to approve the minutes from June 2nd 2022.

AYES: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellen Stone provided public comment regarding long COVID and mental health. Ms. Stone expressed her concerns with the lack of assistance and resources to the community who may be experiencing both issues. In addition, Ms. Stone informed she is available and willing to further discuss the issues with BHAB if needed.

Jerry Hall provided public comment acknowledging staff for the recent trainings held regarding the Community Program Planning (CPP) process. Mr. Hall expressed his concern with the timing of the trainings, and the late notice given to the participants, as he believes this prevented many of the interested stakeholders from being available to attend. Additionally, he was concerned that due to the trainings being held only a few days before the beginning of Fiscal Year 2022-2023, many stakeholders will be left out of any MHSA planning and review processes.

Jessica Kramer provided public comment and presented her concerns regarding Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) not being enabled with the resources needed to be effective in the community. Additionally, Ms. Kramer indicated she has many concerns regarding Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU), and the use of stabilizing medications without providing the necessary medical care needed.

Steve Dilley provided public comment the Veterans Art Project. He mentioned a recently published San Diego Tribune article that highlights an ongoing veteran's art exhibit currently on display at the Vista library. Mr. Dilley also provided details for an event taking place on July 14th, at 10am, where eight veterans will be part of a speaking panel at the San Diego Comic Con.

Mary Best expressed her gratitude to Che Hernandez, Member-at-Large, for assisting her at June's BHAB meeting and assuring her complete public comment was passed on to BHAB for their review. Ms. Best indicated she understands the importance of staying on schedule with the agenda, however, also believes BHAB would like to encourage public participation via public comment.

IV. ACTION ITEM: CONTINUANCE OF TELECONFERENCING

BHAB reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency along with state and local officials recommended measures to promote social distancing. Given these considerations BHAB voted to authorize the continuance of teleconferencing meetings pursuant to government code section 54953 (E).

ON MOTION of Shannon Jaccard, seconded by Joel San Juan, BHAB approved the continuance of teleconferencing meeting option for BHAB.

AYES: 9 NAYS: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 0

V. BHAB OLD BUSINESS

John Sturm requested clarification from Dr. Bergmann regarding procurements and the Clubhouses. Mr. Sturm asked for additional information from staff regarding approach to closing and sustaining Clubhouses in particular sites. Additionally, he requested advanced communication with BHAB and the broader community regarding Clubhouse locations to allow for community input regarding this topic.

Carol Clemens requested additional clarification regarding the scholarship and loan repayment program. Ms. Clemens confirmed her discussion with staff where it was clarified this is a program run by the state and not the County. At this time, she is seeking additional guidance as to where she may obtain additional information for this program, other than the state's website. Bill Stewart confirmed understanding of Ms. Clemens inquiries and will be communicating with her offline for further assistance and discussion.

VI. CHAIR FLETCHER UPDATES

Josh Bohannon from the Office of Chair Fletcher was present to express gratitude to BHAB and the community for attending and participating in the various County budget discussions recently held, as well as their involvement with the process.

VII. DISCUSSION: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Andy Hall, Consultant with San Diego Workforce Partnership presented the San Diego Regional Behavioral Health Workforce Project Brief. He provided an overview of the anticipated San Diego Behavioral Health Workforce Steering Committee Report which is broken down into five sections being: Executive Summary; Understanding San Diego's Behavioral Health Worker Shortage; Frontline Perspectives; Recommendations; and Occupational Profiles with "Shovel Ready" Projects. The project's next steps were discussed, to include submittal of the report by July 15th after all committee feedback has been received. It was stated that in late July or early August a coordinated release of the findings and solutions will be shared with the public. Lastly, a Behavioral Health Workforce Symposium is scheduled to take place August 23rd where all are welcomed to attend and discuss report findings and opportunities to continuing the work.

VIII. PRESENTATION: MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS (MCRT) DISPATCHER PROCESS

Luke Bergman provided a brief MCRT data snapshot including number of calls responded to and the top service connection categories which included ACT, Crisis Stabilization, and Outpatient. Client characteristics were also provided for January 1st, 2021, through June 30th, 2022. Bre Lane, Administrator for Telecare was also present to discuss MCRT and the establishment of best practices. Ms. Lane provided an overview of MCRT referral and safety criteria. Megan Patrick-Thompson, Program Director, Exodus Recovery, was also present and provided background on the MCRT/Law Enforcement Workgroup. Carla Even, Chula Vista Police Department Dispatch Communications Manager, presented logistics regarding police dispatch process in handling MCRT referral calls including review of the MCRT referral criteria in determining which calls are referred to the MCRT. Ryan Opeka, Police Lieutenant with the Carlsbad Police Department presented a snapshot of mental health calls received specifically in the City of Carlsbad, the traditional response of their police department to crisis events, and the integration of MCRT in their dispatch center.

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Robin Sales provided an update for the Criminal Justice (CJ) Subcommittee. Ms. Sales stated the group's focus for the next six months will be diversion for incarceration with particular focus on MCRT. A request was made to meet with a BHS liaison to further discuss MCRT and obtain responses to pending questions.

Phil Deming provided an update for the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Prevention Subcommittee. Mr. Deming indicated the group had a co-chairs meeting where the agenda for the upcoming meeting was established. Additionally, the groups objectives and areas of focused have been discussed and will be presented once the entire subcommittee is able to gather and finalize their discussion.

X. COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE PARTNERSHIP (CEP) UPDATE

Dr. Steve Tally, UCSD, Health Services Research Center presented an update on the Community Experience Partnership (CEP). The three CEP primary components were broken down and presented as Community Experience Dashboard, the Behavioral Health Equity Index, and the Community Profiles & Action Reports. Dr. Tally did a demonstration of the dashboards by going to the CEP website and presented an example of the different client and community dashboards options.

XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Luke Bergmann provided additional insight and further discussion the CEP discussed by Dr. Steve Tally in the previous agenda item.

XII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Bill Stewart discussed BHAB member engagement and participation. Chair Stewart thanked members for their contributions and indicated he will be reaching out to all BHAB members to touch base and discuss everyone's regional viewpoints, and representation.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Sturm, 1st Vice-Chair, made an announcement of the upcoming Pride festivities inviting all to come out and join the different events. Che Hernandez, Member-at-Large, reminded everyone of the 988 number which will be replacing the National Suicide Hotline and will become active on July 16.

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Joel San Juan the meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.
AYES: 12 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0