



June 1, 2023

Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Stewart, Chair – District 1
Gaurav Mishra – District 1
Janice Luna Reynoso – District 1
Joel San Juan - District 1
Serita Polinaire, 2nd Vice Chair – District 2
Todd Boyer – District 2
Robin Sales, Member-at-Large – District 3
Stuart Gaiber – District 3
Judith Yates, 1st Vice Chair – District 4
Richard McGaffigan – District 5
Carol Clemens, Member-at-Large – District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

James Merino – District 2
Jim Taylor – District 2
Michael Grattan – District 3
Shea Benton – District 4
Janessa Goldbeck – District 4
K.C. Strang – 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 2:30PM in-person and via Zoom.

II. NON- AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carol Clemens: Carol stated there needs to be more funding to make accommodations to help families with loved ones with mental health illness.
- Sandy Robinson: Sandy stated there should be more funding towards board and care homes for individuals with mental health illness.
- AJ Retonel: AJ advocated for more mental health resources in schools.
- Remi Ayers: Remi advocated for more mental health resources in schools.
- Amirah Burleigh: Amirah stated that schools need more resources for mental health post COVID.

- Luxury Crisostomo: Luxury advocated for more mental health resources for children and teenagers.
- Eddie Basila: Eddie advocated for more mental health resources in schools and his community.
- Jessica Kramer: Jessica stated that as a disability rights advocate, she is looking forward to improving the county's access to behavioral health and homelessness services for people with disabilities including those with mental health illness.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 4, 2023

ON MOTION of Gaurav Mishra, seconded by Joel San Juan, BHAB approved the minutes from May 4, 2023 minutes

AYES: 10 NAYS: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 0

IV. PRESENTATION: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-24 CAO RECOMMENDED OPERATIONAL PLAN

Amy Thompson, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Nadia Privara, BHS Assistant Director, presented the FY 2023-2024 recommend operational plan. It was noted there would be public hearings on Monday, June 12th at 9:00 A.M. and Thursday, June 15th at 5:30 P.M at the County Administration Center. BHAB members and the public are encouraged to participate in these hearings.

V. ACTION ITEM: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH) YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PILOT

Kat Briggs, BHS Chief of Communication and Engagement, presented the CDPH Youth Suicide Prevention Pilot Board Letter requesting the Board of Supervisors to authorize the acceptance of \$4,148,148 of one-time tentative allocation from CDPH Injury and Violence Prevention Branch (VPB) to participate in the Youth Suicide and Prevention Reporting and Crisis Response Pilot Program, should the County be selected to participate in this pilot and awarded the grant funds.

ON MOTION of Gaurav Mishra, seconded by Judith Yates, BHAB approved the California Department of Public Health Youth Suicide Prevention Pilot.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

VI. DISCUSSION ITEM: UPDATE ON ADDRESSING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKER SHORTAGE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Aurora Kiviat, BHS Assistant Director, gave an update on addressing the behavioral health worker shortage in San Diego County. She noted efforts towards offering competitive compensation to County and non-County workforce as well as establishing regional training centers of excellence (COEs). Also, noted were the partnerships that are being established with San Diego colleges and universities, as well as administering employee engagement surveys to behavioral health workers. If approved, BHS Behavioral Health Workforce Innovation Program proposal, utilizing Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation funding, would be another regional effort at addressing the behavioral health workforce challenges.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Luke Bergmann announced that Agency Director, Nick Macchione, will be retiring on June 26th. There are no changes expected to BHS operations or the budget with Nick's departure.
- If there are any questions on Care Court, Dr. Luke is available to answer questions.

VIII. BHAB SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

- Criminal Justice (CJ): Richard McGaffigan stated that the group sent a list of questions regarding mental health care for inmates in County jails to Assistant Sheriff, Theresa Adams, and are awaiting a response. She has continuously engaged the group and has provided some feedback. The CJ subcommittee will continue to engage the Sheriff's department regarding ongoing concerns.
- Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD): Serita Polinaire stated the committee is continuously working with Kat Briggs to bring relevant information to the group and opportunities for their input on BHS programs.
- Community & Engagement (C&E): Janice Luna-Reynoso invited the public to attend BHAB and C&E subcommittee meetings. The committee is continuously working with Kat Briggs, her team, and UCSD on community engagement efforts.

IX. CHAIR'S REPORT

Bill Stewart shared there are new opportunities for BHAB members to attend the Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Council and the Quality Review Committee. He will be reaching out to members to determine their interest in attending these meetings.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Gaurav Mishra, seconded by Serita Polinaire the meeting adjourned at 4:57pm.