



June 02, 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
Todd Boyer – District 2
Robin Sales – 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
Nathan Fletcher, Board of Supervisors Chair

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Janice Luna Reynoso – District 1
James Merino – District 2
Jim Taylor – District 2
Michael Grattan – District 3
Mali Woods-Drake – District 3
Shannon Jaccard – District 3
Mali Woods Drake – District 3
Amina Sheik Mohamed – District 4
Richard McGaffigan – District 5

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Aurora Kiviat, Assistant 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

ON MOTION of Che Hernandez, seconded by John Sturm, BHAB approved the minutes from May 5th, 2022.

AYES: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 3

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Best provided public comment pertaining to the Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) and its workforce. Ms. Best addressed Dr. Bergmann and Supervisor Fletcher requesting their review and attention to this topic, specifically pertaining to staff shortages and low salaries in the MCRT program.

Robin Sales provided public comment pertaining to a request for a modification to the monthly dashboard indicators to include MCRT data points as specified. Ms. Sales indicated the presentation of

this data will be beneficial and useful to many entities such as Alternatives to Incarceration Task Force, BHAB members, and the Criminal Justice Ad-Hoc Committee.

John Sturm provided public comment pertaining to input he received from the community regarding Clubhouse closures, Prescription Medi-Cal, and Care Court. Mr. Sturm relayed the community has shown great concern, indicating their voices are not being heard, and they would like to be able to further participate and share their experiences. Mr. Sturm would like BHAB to discuss and outline how community members with lived experience can be included, and their input can be heard and taken into consideration.

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 John Sturm, seconded by Joel San Juan, BHAB approved the continuance of teleconferencing meeting option for BHAB.

AYES: 10 NAYS: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 0

V. BHAB OLD BUSINESS

Judith Yates, member-at-large, requested for staff to address any unanswered questions made by BHAB members at prior monthly meetings during the agenda item "BHAB Old Business". Ms. Yates indicated often times it is more than one member who is interested in the response and recommends for the benefit of all members that staff provide follow-up to the entire group rather than communicating directly via email to an individual member. John Sturm, 1st Vice-Chair, recommended reviewing pending "old business" to be discussed prior to the BHAB meeting and suggested doing so at the Executive Committee. Che Hernandez, member-at-large, requested to use the "BHAB Old Business" item as time during the meetings for staff to share and update all members on any questions and answers which may have been provided to the BHAB in between meetings.

VI. CHAIR FLETCHER UPDATES

Supervisor Fletcher provided an update on Care Court and its ongoing legislation. Supervisor Fletcher indicated that implementation is still pending, and preparations will initiate once legislation passes. Additionally, he advised that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has taken a vote to support and ensure that proper funding is available to the County, so as to be equipped and able to provide Care Court order treatments. Tracking of the legislation will continue, and additional updates will be provided to BHAB as available. Supervisor Fletcher also advised the Behavioral Health Workforce Steering Committee Report is ongoing, and the final report will be shared when completed. He indicated the group anticipates to convene in August to discuss the findings and recommendations of the report. A question-and-answer session was held regarding, funding for Care Court, the upcoming homeless/bridge shelter to be opened July 1st, Third Avenue Regional Hub, and funding for long-term housing,

VII. DISCUSSION: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

This item was tabled pending completion of the report.

VIII. ACTION ITEM: PROCUREMENT BOARD LETTER

Aurora Kiviati presented the Procurement Board Letter which will be an item on the BOS meeting on June 28th. Ms. Kiviati indicated this Board letter encompasses different types of procurement activities and reviewed the recommendations for each item accordingly.

The first recommendation authorizes competitive solicitations for reprourement for programs which are currently in place and being redesigned. A high level overview of the type of programs included in the first recommendation was provided, along with a listing of the populations served, and program testimonials. Ms. Kiviat indicated there are five existing Clubhouses in San Diego County which are due for reprourement in 2023. When these five are awarded, all 10 Clubhouses in San Diego County will be providing services in alignment with Clubhouse International Standards.

The second recommendation authorizes competitive solicitation for a new community-based crisis stabilization unit (CSU) in the East Region. Expansion of CSU services in East County will include law enforcement drop-off with co-located sobering services, and its capacity will be dependent on community need, facility design, and available footprint.

The third recommendation authorizes the approval of the Community Investment Agreement with Blue Shield of California which provides additional funding for care coordination enhancements.

The fourth recommendation authorizes a contract extension for refrigeration to provide continuity of meal services at the San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital (SDCPH) while kitchen repairs are being completed.

A question-and-answer session was held addressing upcoming plans for Clubhouse integration and closures, medication assisted treatment in County jails, as well as mental health screenings and assessments as part of intake procedures at County jails.

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Joel San Juan, BHAB approved the Procurement Board letter as presented.

AYES: 10 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Phil Deming, 2nd Vice Chair, provided an update for the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Prevention Subcommittee. Mr. Deming advised the meeting date for the group has been set for the 2nd Thursday of every month, which will enable for a BOS staff member to be present and participate in discussions. The Subcommittee Chair position will be appointed to Mr. Deming, while the Co-Chair will be assigned to a group member who has expressed interest in the role. A recommendation was made to include the AOD Subcommittee as a standing subcommittee at the next review of BHAB's by-laws. Concluding Mr. Deming's updates there was discussion with BHS staff regarding Narcan and its availability, the different points of distribution, the available options to acquire Narcan at no cost, and the correlation of drug use and COVID susceptibility.

Robin Sales provided an update for the Criminal Justice (CJ) Subcommittee. Ms. Sales indicated they are in the process of looking into diversion from incarceration, and related issues such as workforce conflicts, and possibly engaging the community with lived experience to join the meetings and share their experiences with diversion and the challenges they may have faced.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: ESCONDIDO WALK-IN ASSESSMENT CENTER

Aurora Kiviat provided members with information regarding the Escondido Walk-In Assessment Center (WIAC) which provides urgent walk-in assessment services which will be sunseting in June 2022. Ms. Kiviat indicated there will be minimal impact to the community as the number of clients served is relatively low. Additionally, it was noted there are two other mental health clinics within 2-miles of the Escondido WIAC, as well as the Palomar CSU which is 3.7 miles away. Lastly, Ms. Kiviat noted that the Vista CSU component of the contract will continue to provide urgent and acute crisis stabilization

services, along with the Oceanside CSU. A discussion was held regarding children and youth crisis stabilization, and locations available for the community to attend for assistance and assessment. BHAB members requested that inviting Stephanie Gioia and Angela Rowe to a future meeting for further discussion.

XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Aurora Kiviat provided an update regarding Recovery International, which will no longer be providing their services in San Diego County. Ms. Kiviat indicated the County is actively looking to address potential workforce gaps related to peer support trainings and specialists support and working with providers to address the departure of Recovery International and the impact to the community. Ms. Kiviat also commented on the Sprung Shelter recently built in the Midway area, indicating BHS will provide behavioral health services and assist with this portion of the project. Lastly, Ms. Kiviat discussed 988 which is the new three-digit dialing code to route behavioral health crisis calls and will go live nationally on July 16th. Noting Optum who currently provides the County's Access and Crisis line is a partner of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, therefore all 988 calls will be routed directly to them.

XII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Bill Stewart reminded BHAB members that the Children's, Youth, and Family (CYF) Counsel meet every 2nd Monday of the month and encouraged members to attend if interested. Additionally, Mr. Stewart announced the Mental Health Services Oversight Committee and Accountability Commission is hosting a meeting June 8th at 1:00pm. Members interested in joining may access their website for additional details. Lastly, Mr. Stewart informed members that the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALBHBC) will be having a teleconference titled "Cultural Requirements, Eliminating Culture, Ethnicity and Race Disparity" on June 10th at 11:00 am. Information regarding the teleconference can be obtained through their website.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Sturm, 1st Vice-Chair, made an announcement reminding BHAB members June is Pride Month and the importance of meeting the behavioral health needs of the LGBTQ+ community. Mr. Sturm requested information related to actions being taken by the County to support the transgender and LGBTQ+ community.