



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: May 4, 2021

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) established the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) in 2014, by merging the County of San Diego (County) Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board with the County Mental Health Board. At that time, bylaws were adopted to govern their internal operations in accordance with Board Policy A-74, Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees, which oversees special citizen boards that advise the Board and County staff on issues of policy and serve as links to the community.

Today's action seeks Board approval to amend the BHAB bylaws to align with language in Assembly Bill (AB) 1352, which further defined the roles of County mental health boards in 2019.

The amended bylaws, as detailed in Attachments A and A-1, propose changes to:

- Ensure efficient BHAB operations by clarifying ambiguous language relating to terms of members serving on BHAB's Executive Committee;
- Align with changes to membership criteria and composition requirements for BHAB, pursuant to AB 1352; and
- Conform with additional requirements in alignment with current California Welfare and Institutions Code, as modified by AB 1352.

If approved, today's action would approve the amended bylaws of BHAB and would support the countywide *Live Well San Diego* vision by enhancing community involvement in the planning and provision of behavioral health services, supporting a region that is healthy, safe, and thriving.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Adopt the amended bylaws entitled the COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

At their meeting on March 4, 2021 the Behavioral Health Advisory Board voted to _____.

BACKGROUND

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) established the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) in 2014, by merging the County of San Diego (County) Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board with the County Mental Health Board. At that time, bylaws were adopted in accordance with Board Policy A-74, Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees, which oversees special citizen boards which advise the Board and County staff on issues of policy and serve as links to the community.

On January 1, 2020, Assembly Bill (AB) 1352 took into effect, which further defined the roles of County mental health boards. In order to meet the requirements of AB 1352, shortly after the bill was signed into law, BHAB’s *Building a Better BHAB Workgroup* was tasked with leading the revision effort and held meetings with members and staff to determine the appropriate changes to produce a final draft of the revised bylaws, which was reviewed at BHAB’s Retreat in October 2020. With BHAB’s process completed, the final step in the process is Board approval and adoption. Today’s action requests the Board approve amendments to the BHAB bylaws, which govern their internal operations.

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Additional detail provided in the table below:

| Proposed Change | Reason for Change |
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| Article II, Section B: Appointment These changes remove the previous four categorical membership options for appointment and replace them with the | This change removes the arbitrary categories defined by the original 2005 bylaws which were meant to exceed the mandatory state minimums, but resulted in artificially restricting membership to narrow categories. |

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| minimum numerical requirements for consumers or family members and a broader behavioral health stakeholder category. | |
| <p>Article III, Section A: Duties</p> <p>The changes in this section were made to reflect the exact wording of California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 5604.2 and replaced the previous existing duties.</p> | This change was made to ensure clarity in duties and expectations of BHAB in the bylaws and to conform to State WIC. |
| <p>Article IV, Section C: Officer Terms and Vacancies</p> <p>This change replaced language describing BHAB member eligibility to serve on the BHAB Executive Committee.</p> | This change was made to clarify vague language in the prior bylaws that was unclear in describing the eligibility of members to seek consecutive and multiple terms on the Executive Committee. |
| <p>Multiple Sections</p> <p>Minor clarifying edits were made to language in the bylaws to capitalization and referents.</p> | These changes are non-material in nature, but ensure correct grammar and clear references. Language updates to refer to substance use disorder are professional and appropriate. |

If approved, today’s action would revise BHAB’s bylaws to align with State requirements outlined in AB 1352, reflect updated duties based on existing interaction with County staff, as well as other minor clarifications to language without material impacts.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today’s proposed action support the Building Better Health Initiative of the County of San Diego’s 2021-2026 Strategic Plan as well as the countywide *Live Well San Diego* vision by providing expertise on behavioral health service delivery in San Diego County, with the goal of improving the health and lives those with behavioral health conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

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HELEN N. ROBBINS-MEYER
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A: County of San Diego Behavioral Health Advisory Board Bylaws (Clean Copy)
Attachment A-1: County of San Diego Behavioral Health Advisory Board Bylaws (Informational Copy)

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REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED

Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

September 11, 2018 (9) Revising the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Bylaws; October 28, 2014 (7), San Diego County Behavioral Health Advisory Board formed and bylaws adopted; October 18, 2005 (6), By-Laws amended consistent with Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5604.5; August 3, 2004 (5), By-Laws Amended; Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5604.2(a)(1) through (8); Board Policy A-74, A-74(e) through (f); November 1, 1994 (11); administrative Code, Article LVI, San Diego County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, consisting of 881—881.12, added by Ord. No 8193 (N.S.), effective February 11, 1993 and Resolution No. 93-74 adopted March 9, 1993 (8).

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

A-74 Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions, and Committees

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):

N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Health and Human Services Agency

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): N/A

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