



February 4, 2021
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Che Hernandez – District 1
Janice Luna-Reynoso – District 1
Bill Stewart, 2nd Vice Chair – District 1
Rebecca Hernandez – District 2
Michael Matthews, Member-at-Large – District 2
Jenifer Mendel, 1st Vice Chair – District 2
Deanne George – District 3
Mike Grattan – District 3
Shannon Jaccard – District 3
Ed Weiner – District 3
Jerry Hall – District 4
John Sturm – District 4
Judith Yates, Chair – District 4
Phil Deming, Member-at-Large – District 5
K.C. Strang – District 5
Nathan Fletcher, Board of Supervisors Chair – District 4

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Joel San Juan – District 1
Thomas Hathorn – District 2
Debbie Barnum – District 5
Richard McGaffigan – District 5

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 Judith Yates at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND ROLL CALL

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Phil Deming, BHAB approved the minutes of January 7, 2021.

AYES: 13 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Member of the public Carol Clemens came before the board to address concerns with the unmet needs in behavioral health for families with loved ones with mental illness. Specifically, for individuals who are neither homeless or in crisis, but living with families, or on their own, or in

Independent Living Facilities. Ms. Clemens identified areas of fragmented services with suggestions for improvement.

BHAB member, Jerry Hall, spoke before the board to address “systemic disfunctions” as it relates to this advisory board and the Community Program Planning (CPP) process outlined in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). He urged all stakeholders to take corrective action to ensure this board performs its assigned duties.

V. ACTION ITEM: ADOPTING THE 2021 BHAB STRATEGIC GOALS

Including vote on workgroups

Judith Yates, Chair

BHAB was provided the revised 2021 BHAB Strategic Goals with recommendations made by BHAB’s Continuum of Care and Building a Better BHAB workgroups. Upon discussion, revisions were suggested to two of the six Strategic Goals, as noted below in bold and strikethrough:

Stakeholder Engagement Workgroup—2021 Strategic Goal

*Strategic Goal #1: Build BHAB member and stakeholder knowledge and capabilities to make more timely and informed contributions to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and BHS by becoming better informed on issues affecting the community, especially underserved populations, as well as issues of health equity, starting with the ~~annual~~ **MHSA Community Program Planning Processes (MHSA Three-Year Plan) and strong stakeholder feedback loops.***

The following goal will fall within the purview of the BHAB Executive Committee, guiding the BHAB meeting structure and external engagement.

*Strategic Goal #1: Maximize BHAB Members’ abilities to focus on BHAB’s strategic goals by strengthening the diversity of stakeholder engagement to shape recommendations on meetings day and time, structure, content, **and** presentations., ~~and strong stakeholder feedback loops.~~*

ON MOTION of Jerry Hall, seconded by Jenifer Mendel, BHAB approved the 2021 BHAB Strategic Goals with amendments to the language as noted.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

VI. ACTION ITEM: BHAB BYLAWS BOARD LETTER

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services

BHAB was provided with updated bylaws which align with the language in Assembly Bill (AB) 1352. After careful consideration, consensus to table this item per the following:

- Language revisions to:
Article II, Section B, Appointment of Advisory Board Members, #3, subsection (a) and (d);
Article III, Section B, Responsibility of Members, #2
- Clarification needed from County Counsel to:
Article II, Section E: Exclusions, #2

ON MOTION of Phil Deming, seconded by John Sturm, BHAB approved item tabled for further revisions and counsel review.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 2 ABSTENTIONS: 1

VII. CONTINUUM OF CARE UPDATE

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services

BHAB was provided with the concept of the Triple Aim approach (Population Health, Better Care and Better Value) and given an overview of the FY 2020-21 budget related to behavioral health

projects and investments. A timeline of projects was also shared with an emphasis in maintaining continuity of services across the spectrum.

VIII. PRESENTATION: CONVENTION CENTER REPORT

Piedad Garcia, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Services

Keely Halsey, Chief of Homelessness Strategies, City of San Diego

Lisa Jones, Executive Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Housing Commission

BHAB was provided with an overview on the convention center Shelter to Home operation which is a collaborative pandemic response by the City of San Diego, County Behavioral Health Services, Regional Task Force on the Homeless, and Housing Commission. The shelter provides centralized resources such as basic services, access to healthcare, medication management, counseling, case management, community-based support services, and housing navigation staff.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services

Clinical COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory – Behavioral Health Subcommittee

Led by Nicole Esposito, the objective of this subcommittee is to submit recommendations to the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Advisory group and ensure behavioral health sector clients and workforce have equitable access to COVID-19 vaccinations in accordance with Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance.

Cannabis Bill

Supervisor Fletcher emphasized that the voters of California legalized cannabis and as a matter of public policy the County should have a system in place for a safe, regulated, and legal process for the sale of cannabis.

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Judith Yates, Chair, BHAB

Was not covered due to time constraints on the meeting agenda.

IX. REPORTS FROM BHAB WORKGROUPS

Overdose Prevention Workgroup:

The workgroup reported on their most recent convening which included discussion on the drug take back program and law enforcement involvement as well as overdose mapping. Recommendation to invite Dr. Lev to present at BHAB to discuss overdose mapping.

X. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Phil Deming, seconded by John Sturm, the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0