



LIVE WELL
SAN DIEGO

March 7, 2024

Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

James Merino – District 2
Shea Benton – District 4
Janessa Goldbeck – District 4
Nora Vargas, Board of Supervisors Chair
Kaye Kelley Turpin – District 2

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)
Dania Barroso-Conde, Program Coordinator, BHS
Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator, BHS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) was called to order by Chair Robin Sales at 2:31PM in-person and via Zoom.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 7, 2024

ON MOTION of Joel San Juan, seconded by Bill Stewart, BHAB approved the minutes from February 7, 2024.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. NON- AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Karen Marie commented on her son who has a diagnosis of anosognosia, has been granted LPS conservatorship, and is waiting for placement. She advocates for more to be done for those diagnosed with anosognosia while also being grateful that conservatorship has been granted to her son.

- Angela Rowe, immediate past Chair of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Service Provider Association expressed appreciation to the County and the Board of Supervisors (Board) for prioritizing funding for substance use disorder (SUD) outpatient recovery residences. She urges recovery residences to remain a priority with a focus on families involved in child welfare services.
- Rob Gordon commented on his mental health care journey and addressed his concerns and dissatisfaction with mental health treatment at Family Health Centers of San Diego.
- Mary Jo, current co-chair of the newly formed Peer Council, expressed appreciation for the County recognizing the value of peers in the decision-making process. Requests that the Peer Council be outreached to for awareness of events and for inclusion in all decision-making meetings, particularly those regarding Senate Bill (SB) 43 and Prop 1.

IV. PRESENTATION: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Kat Briggs, Chief Communication & Engagement Team, provided a presentation on community engagement updates that included:

- A recap on community engagement efforts since September 2023.
- An overview of recent community engagement activities.
- Upcoming events and activities including long-term messaging efforts and outreach efforts with youth.

V. DISCUSSION ITEM BHAB 2024 PRIORITIES

Robin Sales, BHAB Chair, reminded BHAB members of their prior discussion to scale back the BHAB 2024 Priorities to focus on the Senate Bill (SB) 43, the CARE Act program, as well as the intersection of criminal justice and community engagement.

VI. PRESENTATION: UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF INVOLUTARY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Luke Bergmann, BHS Director, and Dr. Nicole Esposito, Chief Population Health Officer, presented on the Update on Implementation of Involuntary Behavioral Health Treatment in San Diego County.

On December 5, of 2023 the Board took action to establish a multi-sectoral implementation planning process, supported additional funding for SB 43 to the County of San Diego 2024 State Budget Advocacy, and requested that BHS return to the Board in 90 days with an update on the implementation planning process. The presentation provided was in advance of the presentation BHS will present to the Board at their meeting on April 9, 2024.

VII. ACTION ITEM: APPROVE BHAB PUBLIC COMMENT LANGUAGE ON SB 43

BHAB members voted to table this action item for the April BHAB meeting to allow for further edits and to identify a speaker to present the public comment in lieu of Robin Sales.

ON MOTION of Serita Polinaire, seconded by Gaurav Mishra, BHAB approved to table the action item BHAB Public Comment Language on SB 43 for the April BHAB meeting.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Luke Bergmann, BHS Director, provided updates on the following:

- The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Amendment has been posted for a 30-day public review and comment period from March 5 - April 4, 2024.
- CARE Act Updates: Appreciation was extended to Robin Sales and BHS staff for coordinating the CARE Act Convening of key stakeholders and select BHAB members. As shared in the convening,

San Diego County has received more applications and agreements than any other county. The convening allowed for program implementation concerns to be addressed offering an opportunity for actionable steps for improvements.

IX. CHAIR'S REPORT

Robin Sales, BHAB Chair, stated that the BHAB Executive Committee meeting on March 21, 2024, will be the last meeting scheduled separate from the BHAB monthly meeting. Starting April 4, 2024, the Executive Committee meetings will be held prior to the BHAB general meeting, from 1:00pm-2:00pm at the County Administration Center, room 302, as was previously held.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Serita Polinaire, seconded by Gaurav Mishra the meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.