



May 4, 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
Shea Benton – District 4
Judith Yates, 1st Vice Chair – District 4
Janessa Goldbeck – District 4
Carol Clemens, Member-at-Large, (Teleconference) – District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

James Merino – District 2
Jim Taylor – District 2
Michael Grattan – District 3
Richard McGaffigan – District 5
K.C. Strang – District 5

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB)

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)
Dania Barroso-Conde, BHAB Coordinator, BHS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The BHAB meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Stewart at 2:31PM in-person and via Zoom.

II. NON- AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

ON MOTION of Judith Yates, seconded by Joel San Juan, BHAB approved the minutes from April 6, 2023 and Acceptance of the Report Back to the Board of Supervisors Regarding Establishment of Behavioral Health Impact Fund 2.0.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

IV. PUBLIC HEALING: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT (MHSA) THREE-YEAR PLAN

6 written comments received.

Jerry Hall: Expressed concerns with the review and approval timeline for the MHSA three-year plan along with BHAB's ability to approve the BHS Community Program Planning (CPP) process plan. He would like the community to be more involved in the decision-making process.

Mary Jo O'Brien: Mary Jo stated she is upset about the current changes to Clubhouses.

Carol Clemens: Carol stated that there are many families like hers who are struggling to care for an adult loved one with a mental illness. She cited an article from the San Diego Union Tribune about the gaps in the county and recommended people to read the article.

V. PRESENTATION AND ACTION ITEM: MHSA THREE-YEAR PLAN

Nadia Privara Brahms, Assistant Director and Chief Strategy and Finance Officer presented on MHSA Three-Year Plan and the Public Behavioral Health Workforce Development and Retention Innovation Program. Recommendation to receive and approve the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Years 2023-24 through 2025-26 and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to submit the MHSA Three-Year Plan to the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability (MHSOAC) Commission.

ON MOTION of Serita Polinaire, seconded by Todd Boyer, BHAB approved the MHSA Three-Year Plan.
AYES: 10 NAYS: 2 ABSTENTIONS: 0

VI. PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION INNOVATION PROGRAM

10 written comments received.

Jerry Hall: Jerry advised BHAB to research the MHSA Innovation funds to understand it's use and process to approve Innovation projects.

VII. ACTION ITEM: HEARING: PUBLIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION INNOVATION PROGRAM

The recommendations are the following: Approve the MHSA Innovation Public Behavioral Health Workforce Development and Retention Program proposal and authorize submission to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for approval.

Authorize the Department of Purchasing and Contracts Director to issue competitive solicitations for the implementation of the Public Behavioral Health Workforce Development and Retention Program and award contract(s) for up to one year, with four option years and up to an additional six months; and amend contracts to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements as needed.

Authorize BHS to explore partnerships and other opportunities with public and private entities to leverage additional funding and resources to expand and sustain the Behavioral Health Workforce Development and Retention Program.

ON MOTION of Robin Sales, seconded by Shea Benton, BHAB approved the Behavioral Health Workforce Development and Retention Innovation Program.

AYES: 12 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Luke Bergmann stated BHS received nearly \$5 million in earmarked funds at a federal level to support and expand Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) in San Diego County. There will be a virtual community information meeting regarding the new East Region Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and Recovery Bridge Center (RBC) in El Cajon on May 9, 2023, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. CARE Court will be emphasized in the budget presentations and on May 19, 2023. Counties who will be participating in the round 1 rollout of CARE Court will be meeting in Sacramento with the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS) to obtain further information in preparation for the rollout of CARE Court on October 1, 2023.

IX. PRESENTATION: DATA GOVERNANCE AND INTERGRATION FOR JUSTICE INVOLVED CARE COORDINATION

Dr. Sayone Thihalolipavan returned to BHAB to provide an update on the Data Governance and Integration for Justice Involved Care Coordination Board Letter that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on May 23, 2023. Additionally, Sarah Gordon, Acting Director, Prevention, Diversion and Reentry with the Public Safety Group shared an update on the recently released Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) report by SANDAG.

X. BHAB SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

Community Engagement (CE) Subcommittee: Janice Luna-Reynoso stated there has been good attendance during the meetings. The CE subcommittee plans to continue working with contractors from the University of California San Diego (UCSD) to address community engagement.

Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention (AOD) Subcommittee: Serita Polinaire shared that the presentation by Dr. Wooten at the recent AOD subcommittee meeting was very informative and well received. The subcommittee will continue working with Kat Briggs to provide input on media campaigns.

Criminal Justice (CJ) Subcommittee: Robin Sales stated Dr. Sayone and Dr. Krelstein visited different jails in San Diego County to understand how to help individuals with mental illness. The CJ subcommittee will continue to find opportunities to engage with the Sheriffs Department to improve the care of individuals in the criminal justice system who suffer from mental health conditions.

XI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Bill Stewart called on 1st Chair, Judith Yates, who advised BHAB to read and become better informed on the CalAIM road map.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- BHAB members were asked to fill out site-visit slips provided to members and return to Dania Barroso-Conde.
- A list will be sent out for members who are interested in attending BHS council meetings.
- Submissions are now being accepted through July 11th for the youth and young adult visual arts challenge, known as *Scoop from You(th) Challenge*, which is focused on the opioid crisis and looks to raise awareness and educate peers about the illicit fentanyl crisis and the importance of naloxone.

XIII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Robin Sales, seconded by Serita Polinaire the meeting adjourned at 5:04pm.