



May 05, 2022  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes

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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  
Janice Luna Reynoso – District 1  
Todd Boyer – District 2  
Robin Sales – District 3  
Michael Grattan – District 3  
Amina Sheik Mohamed – District 4  
John Sturm – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair - District 4  
Judith Yates, Member-at-Large– District 4  
Phil Deming, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – District 5  
Richard McGaffigan – District 5  
Nathan Fletcher, Board of Supervisors Chair

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

James Merino – District 2  
Jim Taylor – District 2  
Shannon Jaccard – District 3  
Mali Woods Drake – District 3  
Carol Clemens – District 5  
K.C. Strang – District 5

**STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

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

**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 Phil Deming, BHAB approved the minutes from April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Steve Dilley** provided public comments pertaining to the Veterans Art Project.

**Jerry Hall** provided public comments pertaining to the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan recommending to BHAB that it align with the County budget cycle

**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 Phillip Deming, seconded by Joel San Juan, BHAB approved the continuance of teleconferencing meeting option for BHAB.

AYES: 10 NAYS: 2 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**V. CHAIR FLETCHER UPDATES**

An update was given on the County Workforce Steering Committee and the current behavioral health workforce analysis taking place to identify which classifications or categories of jobs is in most need, determining the biggest challenges in recruiting and retention, as well as trying to project what the workforce needs will be moving forward. The final report should be complete and available soon, with a possibility of scheduling a presentation for an upcoming BHAB meeting.

**VI. PRESENTATION: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2022-23 CAO RECOMMENDED OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Amy Thompson, Finance Director for the Health & Human Services Agency, was present to provide members with details regarding the FY2022-23 Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recommended Operational Plan. Ms. Thompson presented details pertaining to economic updates, the state budget, the FY2022 CAO Recommended Budget, and upcoming budget hearings. Additionally, Nadia Privara Brahms, Acting Assistant Director and Strategy and Finance Officer, was present to discuss the FY2022-23 CAO BHS Operational plan. Ms. Privara provided an overview of BHS recommended budget with an outline of the primary service areas, to include mental health services, substance use disorders, inpatient services, and administrative services. Lastly, Ms. Privara presented a summary of the key priorities and proposed budget changes for FY2022-23, as well as a review of the budget timeline and upcoming events.

A question and answer session was held which included inquiries regarding, the integration of the opioid settlement into the FY2022-23 budget, the addition of peer support positions to be included with the County operated outpatient services program, current status of reserves, breakdown of mechanisms being used to cope with the inflationary rate, and newly adjusted interest rates impact on revenue and increasing costs with this budget, and clarification for the added long-term beds in the upcoming fiscal year.

**VII. ACTION ITEM: BHAB 2022 SUBCOMMITTEES**

BHAB was presented with the proposed 2022 subcommittees to be: Criminal Justice Subcommittee and the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Subcommittee. Staff provided clarification on the language referring to the term subcommittee and ad-hoc, to explain the groups would continue operating in the same manner but with the new name to align with the BHAB bylaws and recommendations made by County Counsel. Additionally, it was announced that the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Subcommittee would be a permanent subcommittee, while the Criminal Justice group would continue functioning as an ad-hoc subcommittee.

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Che Hernandez, BHAB approved the BHAB 2022 Subcommittees.  
AYES: 12 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**VIII. CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARDS & COMMISSIONS (CALBHBC)**

Chair Bill Stewart provided an update on the meeting recently held, by the CALBHBC. The agenda included a mental health services overview and accountability commission. Chair Stewart informed the group of a

data notebook which was presented and will be shared with the public in May with a focus on the COVID crisis and teleconferencing.

**IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Aurora Kiviat Nudd, Assistant Director and Chief Operations Officer, reminded members that the month of May is recognized as Mental Health Matters Month and shared the link to the calendar of events which features several events taking place in support of mental health and wellness. Additionally, Ms. Kiviat discussed the upcoming Special In-Service BHAB meeting which is scheduled to take place in-person during the month of June. Ms. Kiviat encouraged all members to attend, as it will be a great opportunity to hold strategic dialogue and thinking in areas such as the continuum of care and harm reduction. An invite will be sent to all members with details pertaining to the meeting date and time. Additionally, Ms. Kiviat briefly discussed the facility improvements report in the May Director's Report, indicating that BHS submitted an application to the Department of Health Care Services for behavioral health infrastructure program funding which would help support the behavioral health continuum of care. Ms. Kiviat indicated a response has yet to be received on this application, however, one of the requirements of this application was for projects to be launch ready, and therefore the Edgemoor Distinct-Skilled Nursing Facility inpatient project was a good fit for this application. This project would include a 12 bed in-patient psychiatric unit, which would begin construction in 2023.

**X. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Bill Stewart allowed member-at-large Judith Yates to provide BHAB with an update on the Medi-Cal Prescription (Rx) Drug program. Ms. Yates addressed the previously discussed problems associated with the Medi-Cal Rx program and the impacts on behavioral health patients, as well as children and youth. Ms. Yates indicated the issues were shared with the Healthy San Diego Subcommittee who in turn invited the Department of Health Care Services and Magellan to attend a special meeting to address the program challenges with stakeholders. An invitation to this meeting was extended to BHAB and the Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB). Ms. Yates urged members to join the next Healthy San Diego Subcommittee meeting so they may listen in on all the updates and hear what Magellan will be presenting.

**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Che Hernandez, member-at-large expressed his gratitude to BHS Staff particularly Dania Barroso-Conde for her great work in assisting BHAB members and always being available to provide assistance, as well as her support in responding to BHAB inquiries.

Additionally, a brief review of upcoming local events for May is Mental Health Matters Month was given for everyone's awareness.

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Che Hernandez the meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0