



November 3, 2022  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes

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Temporary Zoom Meeting due to Public Health orders

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bill Stewart, Chair – District 1  
Gaurav Mishra - District 1  
Janice Luna Reynoso – District 1  
Joel San Juan - District 1  
Jim Taylor – District 2  
Serita Polinaire – District 2  
Todd Boyer – District 2  
Michael Grattan – District 3  
Robin Sales – District 3  
Shannon Jaccard – District 3  
John Sturm – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair - District 4  
Judith Yates, Member-at-Large – District 4  
Carol Clemens – District 5  
K.C. Strang – District 5  
Phil Deming, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – District 5

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

James Merino – District 2  
Amina Sheik Mohamed – District 4  
Janessa Goldbeck – District 4  
Richard McGaffigan – District 5  
Nathan Fletcher, Board of Supervisors Chair

**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 Bill Stewart at 2:30PM via Zoom.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND ROLL CALL**

**ON MOTION of John Sturm**, seconded by Phil Deming, BHAB approved the minutes from October 6, 2022.  
AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Janice Luna- Reynoso**

Member Luna-Reynoso would like to acknowledge the Kumeyaay & indigenous people in every meeting. This month is Native American Heritage month and Ms. Luna-Reynoso would like to call attention to their behavioral health needs and to the trauma they experience.

**Tom Packer**

Mr. Packer who is involved in Operational Justice North County & is a professor emeritus of Social Work at San Diego State University (SDSU) commented on maximizing the use of the Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) program as an alternative to incarceration and as an important aspect of data integration between law enforcement, Behavioral Health Services (BHS), 988, and the Access and Crisis Line (ACL). Such data is needed to fully evaluate the impact of the MCRT program with reference to community needs as they are expressed through law enforcement contacts.

**Steve Dilley**

Mr. Dilley announced the Veterans Art Project and invited BHAB members to the Oceanside Museum of Art. Veteran's Art Project is a physical manifestation of wellness displayed as artworks and is a form of prevention offering early intervention.

**Yusef Miller**

Mr. Miller, from the North County Equity and Justice Coalition, commented on indigenous communities, as small as they are, they need to have access to treatment and services.

**Phil Deming**

Member Deming acknowledged and thanked the speakers for their focus on indigenous peoples. He thanked speakers addressing the need for a balance of resources applied across divergent populations.

**Tonya Savice**

Ms. Savice, a ten-year Air Force veteran, has used art as a modality to support her mental wellness. Ms. Savice commented on future art projects or events that could serve as early intervention for suicide prevention- a daily concern for Veterans.

**Anthony LoBue**

Mr. LoBue, founder and Director of Arts for Veterans organization which empowers veterans, military, their families, & communities through the arts requested for two veteran related proposals: 1) Elect more Veterans to serve on BHAB; 2) Promote more arts related programs for Veterans, military, their families, and communities.

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

AYES: 12 NAYS: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 1

**V. CHAIR FLETCHER UPDATES:**

Joshua Bohannon, Policy Advisor and logistics assistant on Chair Nathan Fletcher's staff, provided an update on Chair Fletcher's behalf. Mr. Bohannon informed BHAB that at the last Board of Supervisor's (BOS)

meeting, the Opioid Settlement Framework was passed. This action takes into consideration the opioid settlement dollars that will be distributed from various lawsuits against the pharmaceutical industry and opioid distributors. A settlement has been reached and municipalities will be receiving funds from the settlement.

**VI. ACTION ITEM: PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT EXTENSION BOARD LETTER**

Luke Bergmann and BHS Assistant Director and Chief Operations Officer, Aurora Kiviat Nudd, presented the Procurement and Contract Extension Board Letter highlighting the staggered procurement strategy, competitive solicitations, and contract extensions & amendments for services including those for special populations, such as: individuals with justice involvement and diversionary services; individuals experiencing homelessness; and children and youth. BHS aims to support provider diversity and provider readiness in the context of the massive community need for behavioral health services.

ON MOTION of Phil Deming, seconded by Joel San Juan, BHAB approved the Procurement and Contract Extension Board Letter.

AYES: 15 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**VII. ACTION ITEM: UPDATE ON DECLARING ILLICIT FENTANYL A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS BOARD LETTER**

Luke Bergmann and Dr. Wooten presented the Update on Declaring Illicit Fentanyl A Public Health Crisis Board Letter with a focus on the development of recommendations and the implementation plan to address illicit fentanyl, as well as the funding sources that could support a comprehensive approach to addressing fentanyl abuse.

Dr. Wooten presented the four strategies outlined in the Board Letter recommendations, there are:

- a. Conduct Overdose Prevention Education
- b. Expand Naloxone Distribution Program
- c. Intervene Early with Individuals at Highest Risk for Overdose
- d. Improve Detection of Overdose Outbreaks to Facilitate More Effective Response

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Gaurav Mishra, BHAB approved the Update on Declaring Illicit Fentanyl a Public Health Crisis Board Letter.

AYES: 15 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**VIII. DISCUSSION: HARM REDUCTION COALITION OF SAN DIEGO (HRCSD)**

Tara Buesig, Executive Director of the Harm Reduction Coalition of San Diego, discussed the innovative work they are doing, the impact they have on people, the important conversations around workforce, funding, and the procurement process. Ms. Buesig discussed the San Diego Overdose and Education Distribution Project which is the distributor of naran for San Diego County. Their innovative work in overdose prevention and syringe service programs includes placing vending machines with naran in various locations within the county and placing Ipads at various locations for access to telehealth.

**IX. ACTION ITEM: VOTE ON THE SLATE OF 2023 BHAB OFFICERS**

Member Luna-Reynoso nominated Robin Sales to be considered for Chair, however, member Sales declined the nomination.

ON MOTION of Joel San Juan, seconded by Phil Deming, BHAB approved the Slate of 2023 BHAB Officers.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 1

**X. ACTION ITEM: BHAB 2023 PRIORITIES**

As agreed at the annual fall retreat, held on October 22, 2022, the three BHAB priorities for 2023 are

Community Engagement, Care Coordination, and Workforce. Members discussed language to build out the priority statements with the understanding expectation that the priorities would be an action item at the December meeting. Member Luna-Reynoso suggested adding to the Community Engagement priority language that is reflective of being culturally responsive and trauma informed. Member Sturm reminded BHAB to engage people on things that affect their communities.

ON MOTION of Phil Deming, seconded by Gaurav Mishra, BHAB approved the BHAB 2023 Priorities  
AYES: 13 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

**XI. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

Chairs Robin Sales and Richard McGaffigan provided updates for the Criminal Justice (CJ) Subcommittee. Member Sales shared that the subcommittee received a presentation by Dr. Sayone Thihalolipavan. The subcommittee is waiting to receive data from the Sheriff's department to further inform their committee efforts.

Chair Phil Deming and Serita Polinaire provided an update for the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Prevention Subcommittee. Member Deming provided updates on the AOD Subcommittee continuing discussions with Dr. Wooten on aligning efforts around Harm Reduction.

**XII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Luke Bergmann provided an update on Care Court stating that implementation for Care Court is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Several workgroups reflecting different executive leadership have been created to plan for its implementation. Also noted was the Live Well Advance Conference to be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the San Diego Convention Center, BHAB members are encouraged to attend as this year the conference will have several sessions focused on behavioral health. A registration announcement to BHAB would be forthcoming.

**XIII. CHAIR'S REPORT**

At the BHAB fall retreat members were encouraged to engage in opportunities to join different County councils or committees to expand their networks in information gathering. Chair Stewart asked members to let Dania know if they are attending other County or community meetings with the goal of creating a 'bulletin board' of opportunities for members.

**XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements.

**XV. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION of John Sturm**, seconded by Gaurav Mishra the meeting was extended and adjourned at 5:05PM.  
AYES: 13 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0