



November 4, 2021  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes

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Temporary Zoom Meeting due to Public Health orders

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Che Hernandez, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, District 1  
Joel San Juan, District 1  
Bill Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – District 1  
Todd Boyer – District 2  
Jim Taylor – District 2  
Mike Grattan – District 3  
Shannon Jaccard – District 3  
Robin Sales – District 3  
Amina Sheik Mohamed – District 4  
John Sturm, Member-at-Large, District 4  
Judith Yates, Chair – District 4  
Carol Clemens – District 5  
Phil Deming, Member-at-Large – District 5  
Richard McGaffigan – District 5  
K.C. Strang – District 5

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Janice Luna Reynoso – District 1  
James Merino – District 2  
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 Judith Yates at 2:30PM via Zoom. Chair Yates welcomed new BHAB member Carol Clemens (District 5, Seat 18).

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

The members discussed the content of the meeting minutes as it pertained to the presentation and discussion regarding Clubhouses and whether the minutes accurately reflected the discussion. Subsequent to the discussion there were no requested changes to the October 7<sup>th</sup> minutes.

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Phil Deming, BHAB approved the minutes from October 7, 2021.  
AYES: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 7-Stewart/San Juan/Sturm/Mohamed/Clemens/Strang/Yates

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Angela Rowe thanked Chair Fletcher for his recent visit to the Vista Hill ParentCare Program and advocated for more housing for families in Child Welfare Services and therapeutic childcare.

Terra Jennings provided comments on behalf of her peers in the START Crisis houses whose number one challenge is homelessness. She urged the BHAB to act and look at the Housing First approach.

John Sturm provided comments on the Live and Let Live Alano Club and their potential closure due to lack of funding. The Alano Club is a substance use recovery non-profit in Hillcrest that relies on grants, donations and fundraising efforts.

**IV. ACTION ITEM: SPECIAL TELECONFERENCING RULES BROWN ACT**

**Judith Yates, Chair, BHAB**

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 John Sturm, seconded by Phil Deming, BHAB approved the continuance of teleconferencing meeting option for BHAB.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1-Yates

**V. ACTION ITEM: VOTE ON THE SLATE OF 2022 BHAB OFFICERS**

**Judith Yates, Chair, BHAB**

The BHAB bylaws provide for establishing a Nominating Committee in September of each year. The following BHAB members were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee: Bill Stewart, John Sturm, and Phillip Deming. The Nominating Committee presented the following recommended slate of 2022 Executive Officers on October 7, 2021:

- Bill Stewart, Chairperson
- John Sturm, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair
- Phillip Deming, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair
- Che Hernandez, Member at Large (representing the alcohol and substance use community)
- Judith Yates, Member at Large (representing the mental health community)

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Carol Clemens, BHAB approved the slate of 2022 BHAB Executive Committee Officers.

AYES: 13 NAYS: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 1-Yates

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

**Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services**

**Nadia Privara Brahms, Acting Assistant Director, Behavioral Health Services**

BHS provides a comprehensive array of community-based mental health and substance use disorder services through contracts with local public and private agencies to vulnerable populations, including individuals who are experiencing homelessness, individuals with justice involvement, and children and youth with complex behavioral health conditions. BHAB was provided a presentation detailing the recommended actions in the Procurement and Contract Extensions Board Letter which authorizes competitive solicitations, single source procurements, and amendments to extend existing contracts, to support critical behavioral health services.

ON MOTION OF John Sturm, seconded by Joel San Juan, BHAB supported the authorizations and approvals needed to advance the recommendations of the Board Letter.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1-Yates

**VII. ACTION ITEM: UPDATE ON HARMFUL SUBSTANCE USE BOARD LETTER**

**Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services**

**Nicole Esposito, Chief Population Health Officer, Behavioral Health Services**

BHAB was provided an update on the progress to advance the Harm Reduction strategy which organizes tactical focus areas across four strategic domains – Cross-Sectoral Convening, Healthcare Integration and Access, including Drug Medi-Cal implementation, Housing, and Workforce. Included in the update was a discussion of the strategies to address housing needs for those with chronic substance use conditions.

ON MOTION OF John Sturm, seconded by Phil Deming, BHAB approved the recommendations and actions outlined in the Board Letter.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1-Yates

**VIII. CHAIR FLETCHER UPDATES**

**Nathan Fletcher, Chair, San Diego County Board of Supervisors**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Chair Fletcher was unable to attend today's meeting.

**IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: SUBSTANCE USE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES BOARD LETTER**

**Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services**

Procurement is now in process to expand key components of the County's Drug Medi-Cal Delivery System to include residential and withdrawal management services. Appropriations for funding are included in the FY 2021-23 Operational Plan.

**X. ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF 2021 DATA NOTEBOOK**

**Judith Yates, Chair, BHAB**

Annually, local behavioral health advisory boards and commissions are asked by the California Behavioral Health Planning Council to complete a Data Notebook. This task helps local boards fulfil their mandate to report on program goals, needs, and provide input to the legislature and the public. Participation also informs advocacy decisions by the California Behavioral Health Planning Council.

The County of San Diego Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) has taken the following action-to-date:

October 9, 2021	BHS staff emailed BHAB members the 2021 Data Notebook, which aids the California Behavioral Health Planning Council's advocacy for behavioral health services and requested input by 10/14/21.
October 22, 2021	BHS staff drafted responses to items requiring factual or quantitative responses. BHAB Members were emailed the draft responses to the 2021 Data Notebook for their review and in anticipation of approving the Data Notebook at the BHAB meeting on 11/4/21.
November 4, 2021	BHAB voted on submission of the Data Notebook final draft, after discussion of any pending changes, as needed (Action Item).

ON MOTION OF John Sturm, seconded by Bill Stewart, BHAB approved the 2021 Data Notebook and authorized staff to submit to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council ahead of the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1-Yates

**XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services**

- Dr. Bergmann thanked members for their attendance and productive discussion at the October BHAB Retreat. BHS looks forward to working with BHAB to improve collaboration and cross-threading to Agency and departmental initiatives.

**XII. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Judith Yates, Chair**

- Chair Yates thanked everyone who made time to attend and participate in the annual fall BHAB retreat. Members were informed that the 2022 BHAB Priorities will be discussed at the November 18<sup>th</sup> BHAB Executive Committee meeting to strategize on the approach to identifying the 2022 Priorities with a broader discussion planned for the December BHAB meeting.
- There are currently three (3) vacant seats on BHAB. Members were informed to expect potential new appointments in 2022.

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**XIV. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Bill Stewart the meeting adjourned at 4:49PM.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1-Yates