



September 1, 2022
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Temporary Zoom Meeting due to Public Health orders

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Janice Luna Reynoso – District 1
James Merino – District 2
Amina Sheik Mohamed – District 4
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 Joel San Juan, seconded by Phil Deming, BHAB approved the minutes from August 4th, 2022.

AYES: 12 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 2

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Dilley provided public comment on the Veterans Art Project and discussed two recent articles written regarding their Comic Con panel. Additionally, Mr. Dilley shared information on an article by Americans for the Arts that addresses art making with military populations as a means for wellness.

Jerry Hall provided public comment regarding the UCSD contract for the Community Program Planning (CPP) Process and encouraged BHAB members to be engaged in the process.

Stuart Gaiber provided public comment pertaining to his interest in becoming more engaged and informed on available County resources for non-Veterans in the community and welcomed any BHAB member to follow up with him.

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 John Sturm, seconded by Judith Yates, BHAB approved the continuance of teleconferencing meeting option for BHAB.

AYES: 15 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

V. CHAIR FLETCHER UPDATES

Joshua Bohannon, Health and Human Services Policy Advisor was present on behalf of Chair Fletcher to provide a brief summary of the findings in the recently published San Diego Workforce report.

VI. DISCUSSION: WORKFORCE STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT & SYMPOSIUM

Luke Bergmann and Judith Yates provided BHAB with an update regarding the current workforce shortage. Ms. Yates expressed her gratitude to Chair Fletcher's Office for contracting with the SD Workforce Partnership which has brought a different approach to assessing workforce challenges in the region within a lens that looked at the fundamental issues from a scientific perspective.

VII. BHAB OLD BUSINESS

Richard McGaffigan requested clarification regarding the status of the Community Engagement Subcommittee. Chair Bill Stewart indicated this topic would be further discussed at the September 7, 2022, meeting with BHS staff Kat Briggs where opportunities for BHAB to engage in broader County community engagement initiatives will be discussed.

VIII. ACTION ITEM: CONTINUUM OF CARE UPDATE

Luke Bergmann provided BHAB members with an update regarding the Continuum of Care and the enhancement of services with crisis and diversionary services, inpatient hubs, care coordination, and residential and long-term care.

ON MOTION of Judith Yates, seconded by John Sturm, BHAB approved the action item as presented.

AYES: 15 NAYS: 5 ABSTENTIONS: 0

IX. DISCUSSION: BHAB ANNUAL RETREAT PLANNING

Members discussed the purpose and plan for the upcoming BHAB annual retreat. Upon discussion it was agreed to tentatively hold the retreat on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

X. ACTION ITEM: CHAIR APPOINTS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Upon discussion, it was confirmed the Nominating Committee would consist of members Judith Yates, Joel San Juan, Carol Clemens, Shannon Jaccard, and Serita Polinaire.

ON MOTION of Judith Yates, seconded by John Sturm, BHAB approved the action item as presented.

AYES: 15 NAYS: 5 ABSTENTIONS:

XI. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Phil Deming provided an update for the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Prevention Subcommittee. Mr. Deming informed BHAB that the AOD subcommittee will remain engaged and support efforts in response to the fentanyl crisis.

Robin Sales provided an update for the Criminal Justice (CJ) Subcommittee. Ms. Sales informed BHAB that the subcommittee requested follow-up on how police dispatchers are trained to dispatch MCRT services and will be addressing this topic at their next meeting.

XII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Luke Bergmann shared that planning for the central region behavioral health hub continues with UCSD as a partner and the addition of a third partner being Alvarado Hospital. Alvarado Hospital is the license-holding entity, with UCSD providing medical leadership, clinical oversight, academic activities, and investments to increase bed capacity. These partnerships advance progress towards implementing behavioral health hubs.

XIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Bill Stewart reminded members his term is set to end at the end of October 2022 and will be soon discussing his reappointment with Supervisor Vargas' (District 1) staff.

XIV. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Phil Deming, seconded by Judith Yates the meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

AYES: 13 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0