



LIVE WELL  
SAN DIEGO

September 2, 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  
Janice Luna Reynoso – District 1  
Joel San Juan, District 1  
Janice Luna Reynoso – District 1  
Bill Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – District 1  
James Merino – District 2  
Mike Grattan – District 3  
Shannon Jaccard – District 3  
Ed Weiner – District 3  
Amina Sheik Mohamed – District 4  
John Sturm, Member-at-Large – District 4  
Judith Yates, Chair – District 4  
Phil Deming, Member-at-Large – District 5  
Richard McGaffigan – District 5  
K.C. Strang – District 5  
Nathan Fletcher, Board of Supervisors Chair – District 4

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Thomas Hathorn – District 2  
Jim Taylor – District 2  
Saurabh Gupta – District 4

**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 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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

ON MOTION of Phil Deming, seconded by Joel San Juan, BHAB approved the minutes from August 5, 2021.  
AYES: 12 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1-Yates

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carol Clemens spoke on behalf of families who play the role of case manager for their family members and who feel under-represented with regards to BHS programs and communications. Requested support and additional consideration to these families when distributing MHS funds.

Anonymous note of appreciation submitted to Behavioral Health Services for contracting with non-profit agencies who provide perinatal services such as Vista Hill Parent Care and encouraged the continued contracting efforts.

Irma Contreras provided comments regarding her positive experience with County-funded substance use disorder and perinatal service programs and encouraged the continued partnership with non-profits.

Anonymous note of appreciation submitted to the County of San Diego for contracting with non-profits who provide perinatal and other recovery services.

Krista provided comments regarding the challenges parents face trying to navigate the mental health care system for their mentally ill adult children don't understand or are unable to seek care for themselves.

Terra Jennings provided feedback from her peers at RI International regarding behavioral health services with the purpose of improving the system of care.

Markov Manalo provided comments regarding his positive experience with the clubhouse system and concerns with contracts not being renewed.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) ANNUAL UPDATE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

Jerry Hall expressed concerns with stakeholder input and the County budget and planning cycle as it relates to the MHSA process.

**V. PRESENTATION AND ACTION ITEM: MHSA ANNUAL UPDATE**

**Nadia Privara Brahms, Chief, Agency Operations, Behavioral Health Services**

Overview of the MHSA Annual Update for Fiscal Year 2021-22 was provided to the BHAB. Item scheduled to be placed on the docket for Board of Supervisors' consideration on October 5<sup>th</sup>. For FY21-22, the MSHA budget is approximately \$218.6 million, comprised of the following:

- Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) \$27.1 million
- Innovation (INN) \$8.4 million
- Workforce Education and Training (WET) \$3.6 million
- Community Services and Supports (CSS) \$179.5 million.

Key investments and highlights include:

- Prevention services
- Homeless/Housing Services
- Crisis services
- Justice-involved individuals
- Special populations
- Workforce
- Service equity
- Children's services
- School-based services Prevention Services

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Bill Stewart, BHAB voted to receive and approve the MHSA Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Update and authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director, to submit the Annual Update to the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

AYES: 13 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 2-Yates/Luna Reynoso

**VI. CHAIR FLETCHER UPDATES**

**Nathan Fletcher, Board of Supervisors Chair**

A summary on the recent board action to declare health misinformation a public crisis was shared with the BHAB. Members expressed concerns that the action might be divisive and urged the Chair to take action that would be more inclusive of different points of view with regards to vaccinations and other public health measures.

**VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

**BHS Reorganization**, to ensure BHS has the adequate support and infrastructure in place to sustain growth and increasing complexity of services, and in anticipation of further growth, an internal reorganization will be occurring within BHS. All contractors have been notified of this change and more importantly, points of contacts or Contracting Officer Representative (COR) will not change. Beyond that, BHS is building new functional capacity in order to do better with data and manage new kinds of projects, such as, building hospitals and collaborating with other departments.

**VIII. DISCUSSION: BHAB BYLAW REVISIONS AND ORDINANCE**

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

**Kyle Sand, County Counsel**

County Counsel returned to the BHAB for continued discussion related to the County Code and proposed bylaws. Members submitted questions related to the application of the bylaws and how they apply to the workgroups. BHAB Bylaws and Ordinance Board Letter is expected as an action item for the October BHAB meeting.

**IX. INFORMATIONAL: ACCEPTANCE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANTS**

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

**Crisis Care Mobile Units (CCMU) Grant Acceptance**

- Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is utilizing \$205M to solicit applications to support and expand behavioral health mobile crisis and non-crisis services.
- Prioritization of services to individuals age 25 and younger.
- BHS has applied for \$18.5M to fund 18 teams providing infrastructure and direct services countywide which will enhance and expand the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) program.

**Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG)**

- County of San Diego HHSa annually receives a primary allocation of federal funding of Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) and Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG), approximately \$23.9 million from DHCS.
- Supplemental funding allocation, approximately \$22.9 million through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) for funding period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the funding period of September 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2025. Spending plan submitted to the State for approval.
- SABG and MHBG funding will be used to provide mental health services to all ages and expand State and local alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, care, treatment and rehabilitation programs.

**Funding Acceptance: CalAIM Implementation**

- DHCS has created the Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BH-QIP) to incentivize counties to prepare for changes under the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative.

- The BH-QIP will be structured as an incentive program, whereby counties will be required to achieve certain CalAIM implementation milestones to earn incentive payments as follows:
  1. Start-up funding amount of \$250,000 that will be available to each county in the first and second quarter of FY 2021-22.
  2. Quarterly incentive payments, available after January 2022, following a county's submission of a DHCS approved implementation plan and the subsequent completion of CalAIM implementation milestones, which must be designed to support a county's ability to implement CalAIM.
- If approved and awarded, CalAIM start-up funding of \$250,000 will be utilized to support activities to fulfill the requirements of CalAIM.

**X. ACTION ITEM: CHAIR APPOINTS NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Action seeks BHAB's confirmation of the Nominating Committee comprised of Bill Stewart, John Sturm and Phil Deming.

With no other nominations brought to the board, ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Phil Deming, BHAB confirmed the Nominating Committee as listed above.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1-Yates

**XI. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Judith Yates, Chair**

BHAB Retreat, confirmed for Thursday, October 28, 1:00-5:00pm. Meeting format will be virtual. Expect the BHAB 2020 Annual Report to be an action item at the October BHAB meeting.

**XII. WORKGROUP UPDATES**

**Criminal Justice Workgroup, Ed Weiner, District 3 and Richard McGaffigan, District 5**

Workgroup remains active with an upcoming presentation by the District Attorney on diversion programs. Proposals and new ideas to be submitted via a written report to the BHAB before the October Retreat.

**Alcohol and Other Drug Workgroup, Phil Deming, District 5**

Workgroup continues with on-going meetings and reports, moving well on assignments for this period.

**Stakeholder Engagement Workgroup, Bill Stewart and Janice Luna Reynoso, District 1**

Workgroup will report out priorities at the next BHAB meeting.

**XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**XIV. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

ON MOTION of Bill Stewart, seconded by John Sturm the meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1-Yates