



September 3, 2020
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Che Hernandez – District 1
Bill Stewart, 1st Vice Chair – District 1
Joel San Juan – District 1
Janice Luna-Reynoso – District 1
Jenifer Mendel, Member-at-Large (ADS) – District 2
Rebecca Hernandez – District 2
Thomas Hathorn – District 2
Michael Matthews, 2nd Vice Chair – District 2
Mike Grattan – District 3
Ed Weiner – District 3
Deanne George – District 3
Shannon Jaccard – District 3
Jerry Hall – District 4
John Sturm, Member-at-Large (MH) – District 4
Judith Yates, Chairperson – District 4
Richard McGaffigan – District 5
Phil Deming – District 5
K.C. Strang – District 5
Debbie Barnum – District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services
Natalya Serrano, Administrative Analyst III, Behavioral Health Services

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) was called to order by Judith Yates, Chair, at 2:30 p.m. via WebEx.

II. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Members of BHAB introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – AUGUST 6, 2020

ON MOTION of Jenifer Mendel, seconded by Bill Stewart, BHAB approved the minutes of August 6, 2020, as written.

AYES: 15 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Hall spoke before the board to bring to their attention the complaint he submitted as a consumer following the guidance of the May 26, 2020 [San Diego County MHSA Issue Resolution Process](#).

V. ACTION ITEM: CONTRACTS EXTENSION, REVENUE AGREEMENTS, MOU Board Letter (9/15/20)

This action item was postponed to the October BHAB meeting. The Board Letter has been pushed to the October Board of Supervisors meeting docket. *Post meeting note – the Board Letter was moved back to September 15 and BHAB received a copy of the final Board Letter via email.*

Q: According to the Board Letter, many of the behavioral health contracts will be extended. How long is the extension for these behavioral health contracts?

A: They will be extended for up to a year, with an additional 6 months if needed.

Q: In the Board Letter, it states that the contracts will be extended “up to June 30, 2022,” which is more than a year from now. Could this be clarified?

A: This is due to the various expiration dates for the contracts, which will stagger the extensions. The extensions are only for up to one year, with an additional 6 months afterwards if needed.

VI. ACTION ITEM: Chair Appoints Nominating Committee Members

Once appointed, the Nominating Committee will present their recommendations for the 2021 BHAB Officers Slate to the board in October. The three members for appointment to the Nominating Committee are Bill Stewart, Jenifer Mendel, and Shannon Jaccard.

With no other nominations brought to the board, BHAB confirmed the Nominating Committee as listed above.

AYES: 18 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

VII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Dr. Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services

Increase in Local Overdose Deaths Related to Fentanyl

A recent California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) was released on [a recent increase in local overdose deaths related to fentanyl](#). The number of fentanyl-related overdose deaths has tripled since last year.

Q: Since the increase of overdose deaths, have they been able to narrow the specific chemicals being used most often?

A: BHS will try to pull this data from the Medical Examiner's office and send out to the board. Unfortunately, fentanyl is very common and can be found in many substances.

Q: Is it possible for the fentanyl data to be included in the BHAB dashboard?

A: Yes, the BHS Quality Improvement team will work to have fentanyl data accessible to BHAB members.

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Phil Deming, BHAB approved the creation of an urgent work group focused on overdose death prevention.

AYES: 15 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

Improving BHAB

Dr. Bergmann would like to create space in BHAB for members to engage in more consequential conversations. To do this, he proposed an agendaized structure with specific discussion points, providing BHAB members with enough information and materials to have more informed discussions regarding the topics brought forth.

Mental Health Services Act Three-Year Plan: 30-Day Public Comment Period

The 30-day public comment period for the [Mental Health Services Act \(MHSA\) Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-23 \(Plan\)](#) began on August 31st. Members and stakeholders are encouraged to review and [submit](#) comments, suggestions and/or questions before the 30-day public comment deadline on October 1, 2020.

VIII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Judith Yates, Chairperson

Collaboration with Community-Based Providers

BHAB has received interest from provider groups to give community-based provider expertise for further collaboration.

Continuum of Care Data Landscape Update

Dr. Nicole Esposito, Assistant Clinical Director, and Hudson Harris, Temporary Expert Professional, from Behavioral Health Services will be participating in the Continuum of Care virtual work group meeting on September 22, 2020, from 10 to 11:30am to give an update on the San Diego data landscape from 2018 through the COVID-19 pandemic. A notice will be sent out to members. Interested members are welcome to participate for the presentation.

Data Notebooks

The annual data notebooks are still pending. Members will be informed once they are made available. Judith Yates, Debbie Barnum, Bill Stewart and Phil Deming have volunteered to form a work group to work with BHS staff to finalize the data notebooks.

2021 BHAB Priorities Survey

Once vetted and finalized, the annual BHAB survey will be sent to the board in advance of the October BHAB retreat on Thursday, October 29, 2020.

Community Engagement Workgroup

The next Community Engagement work group meeting is on Thursday, September 10, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Interested members are encouraged to participate.

IX. REPORTS FROM BHAB WORKGROUPS AND LIAISONS

Housing and Homelessness: Joel San Juan has stepped down from work group chair as of last month. He will be providing a final report in time for the October BHAB retreat.

Continuum of Care: The workgroup has been in deep discussion regarding the intersection of the justice system with the continuum of care. They explored the possibility of getting a justice system representative appointed to the board in the public interest seat. They would also like to engage in more dialogue with public safety regarding their treatment of people of color and community members with behavioral health needs.

Another topic of discussion was COVID-19 and the possible impacts of an online curriculum on students with special needs. The group would like to see how mental health first aid trainings can be expanded through the school system for parents and teachers.

Building a Better BHAB: The workgroup will be working on four items next year: bylaws, principles, strategic plan, and committees. Members interested in any of those topics are welcome to join the work group. A schedule of upcoming meetings has been included within the work group report provided in this month's BHAB member packets.

X. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: 15 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0