



October 1, 2020
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Che Hernandez – District 1
Bill Stewart, 1st Vice Chair – 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
Phil Deming – District 5
K.C. Strang – District 5
Debbie Barnum – District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Joel San Juan – District 1
Janice Luna-Reynoso – District 1
Richard McGaffigan – District 5

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services
Ben Parmentier, Health Planning and Program Specialist, 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 Zoom.

II. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Members of BHAB introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

ON MOTION of Jenifer Mendel, seconded by Debbie Barnum, BHAB approved the minutes of September 3, 2020, as written.

AYES: 12 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Angela Rowe submitted a public comment advocating for more Recovery Residence funding (Sober Living), especially in Southeast San Diego. In addition to assisting with the transition of clients, the funding would quicken the reunification of families and reduce foster care costs.

V. PUBLIC HEARING: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) ANNUAL UPDATE

Jerry Hall came before the board to encourage further engagement with the community in order for the public to become more involved in shaping public behavioral health services.

VI. PRESENTATION AND ACTION ITEM: MHSA THREE-YEAR PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 THROUGH 2022-23 BOARD LETTER

Nadia Privara Brahms, Acting – Assistant Director of Operations, Chief Operations Officer, Behavioral Health Services

Nadia Privara Brahms came before the board to present an overview of the MHSA Three-Year Plan for fiscal years 2021 through 2023, which is scheduled to be placed on the docket for Board of Supervisors' consideration on October 27, 2020. For FY 20-21, the MHSA budget will be approximately \$192.8 million, comprised of the following allocations: \$154.6 million for Community Supports and Services (CSS), \$26.7 million for Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), \$7.6 million for Innovation (INN), and \$3.6 million for Workforce Education and Training (WET). Key funding investments include services for prevention; homeless and housing; children's; crisis; justice-involved; special populations; and workforce.

Community engagement and input will be gathered through community listening sessions, focus groups, and interviews, with virtual options to abide by public health guidelines. Stakeholder input is also welcomed through Councils or by submitting an email to MHsprop63.hhsa@sdcounty.ca.gov.

On MOTION of Michael Matthews, seconded by Bill Stewart, BHAB voted to support the MHSA Three-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2023 Board Letter.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1

Q: Is there a projected decline in the future regarding less funding for BHS and Medi-Cal?

A: The overall economic picture for the next two years is unknown. BHS works with state entities to use projections and plan accordingly to allocate dollars, as well as continuously look at areas to maximize Medi-Cal drawdown.

Q: For the community engagement focus group target populations (slide 15), will outreach for participation be Countywide?

A: BHS recognizes that there can be numerous community differences within target populations depending on their region of residence. BHS is working with a contractor to identify trusted messengers, key community leaders, and community health workers to engage participation from a wide range of community members.

Q: Is it correct that, according to the proposed MHSA plan, we will be spending the excess funds above the prudent reserve, as well as be able to spend funds from the prudent reserve itself?

A: Yes. BHS included language in the MHSA Three-Year plan that states the ability to leverage prudent reserve funds if needed to prevent a break in services.

Q: What is the strategy for recruiting the various stakeholders for the community focus groups?

A: BHS is working with the Institute for Public Health as well as community leaders to identify the participants for each focus group.

Q: How does BHS plan to get input from TAY, foster youth, and persons experiencing homelessness?

A: Input can be received through the various Councils, such as the TAY Council and Housing Council. BHS is also looking into building a more strategic framework for year-round engagement.

Q: Has BHS carried on successful strategies and lessons learned from the previous community engagement forums?

A: BHS has looked to and pulled forward lessons from the structure of past forums, including areas of informational needs and focus. BHS also looks at current issues, such as COVID-19 and racial injustice, and the impacts across all communities and Behavioral Health systems of care.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REVIEW AND COMMENT ON CONTINUUM OF CARE AND DRUG MEDI-CAL ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM BOARD LETTER (10/27/20)

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services

On October 27, 2020, BHS will be providing an update to the Board of Supervisors on the progress within the Behavioral Health Continuum of Care and the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, including but not limited to: the four new or expanded regional Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs); Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT); Behavioral Health Impact Fund (BHIF); Long-Term Care; Care Coordination; Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT); and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

In advance of the update, BHAB received a summary of the draft recommendations for their review and comment. Discussion questions were provided to engage dialogue and participation. Member input was received on the topics of CSUs, mobile crisis response, board and care programs, and peer support providers, with BHS leadership engaging in dialogue and the discussion informing future service planning.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTATION OF 2021 SLATE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Jenifer Mendel came before the board to present the 2021 Executive Officers slate on behalf of the nominating committee. The nominating committee included members Bill Stewart, Jenifer Mendel, and Shannon Jaccard. The slate consists of Judith Yates as Chair (District 4); Jenifer Mendel as 1st Vice Chair (District 2); Bill Stewart as 2nd Vice Chair (District 1); Philip Deming as Member-at-Large; and Michael Matthews as Member-at-Large.

The slate will be voted on in November.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: CONTRACT EXTENSIONS, REVENUE AGREEMENT, MOU BOARD LETTER (9/15/20)

On September 21, 2020, the Board of Supervisors voted to approve a board letter to extend existing behavioral health services contracts, enter into revenue agreements, and amend a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for critical training programs.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services

Dr. Bergmann expanded on the numerous updates across the behavioral health systems of care that were included in the Director's Report, including progress on the continuum of care, COVID-19 BHS response, housing and homeless services, Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS), supported employment, and justice-involved services.

XI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Judith Yates, Chairperson

Annual Priorities Survey

The annual priorities survey will be sent out to members on Friday, October 2nd. Members are encouraged to complete the survey before the October 9th deadline. Responses from the survey will be used at the Fall retreat.

Data Notebook

The topic of the 2020 Data Notebook is telehealth. Staff will share more information once available.

Legislation

Bill Stewart shared information on recently passed legislation: SB-803 (peer certification), AB-890 (nurse practitioners), AB-1766 (data collection for residential care facilities), AB-2377 (adult community care facility/residential care facility), SB-855 (more access for insurance), and AB-1976 (update to Laura's law).

Healthy San Diego Behavioral Health Workgroup

Judith Yates has been asked to represent BHAB and give regular updates on the board's progress at the monthly Healthy San Diego Behavioral Health Workgroup.

XII. REPORTS FROM BHAB WORKGROUPS AND LIAISONS

Housing and Homelessness: No update was provided.

Continuum of Care: Dr. Nicole Esposito, Assistant Clinical Director, and Hudson Harris of BHS, joined the workgroup's most recent meeting to present an overview of the continuum of care.

Building a Better BHAB: Hudson Harris has joined the workgroup to assist with priorities and processes. The group will reconvene on October 21st at 2:00 pm to discuss the strategic plan framework.

Overdose Prevention: The temporary workgroup has met twice and established the workgroup's purpose, which was included in the packet.

XIII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Philip Deming, seconded by Michael Matthews, the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0