



July 2, 2015  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vanessa Mapula – District 1  
Gloria Harris, Ph.D. – District 2  
Rebecca Hernandez, Member-at-Large (ADS) – District 2  
Jenifer Mendel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – District 2  
Ed Weiner – District 3  
Tom Behr, Chair – District 4  
Jerry Hall – District 4  
John Sturm, Member-at-Large (MH) – District 4  
Judith Yates – District 4  
Phil Deming, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – District 5  
Richard McGaffigan – District 5  
K.C. Strang – District 5  
Supervisor Dave Roberts – BOS

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mike Matthews – District 2  
Colin MacKinnon – District 3  
Julie Martin – District 3  
Shannon Lerach, Ph.D. – District 3

**STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

Alfredo Aguirre, Director, County Behavioral Health Services Division  
Traci Finch, Administrative Analyst III, County Behavioral Health Services Division

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) meeting was called to order by Tom Behr, Chairperson, at 3:34 PM at the County Administration Center, Room 302/303, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California 92101.

**II. BHAB Mission Statement**

Ed Weiner read the Mission Statement.

**III. INTRODUCTIONS OF THE BOARD MEMBERS**

Members of the BHAB introduced themselves.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS OTHER THAN ACTION ITEMS**

Arturo Ramos and Rosita Fernandez were in attendance to give an update to their ongoing grievance with Visions Clubhouse originally shared with the BHAB at the May meeting. Today Ms. Ramos shared allegations of misconduct by Casa del Sol Clubhouse personnel. Mr. Ramos and Ms. Fernandez are dissatisfied with the seeming lack of resolution and follow up to date by the County regarding their allegations of unprofessionalism by Clubhouse personnel.

**V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ON MOTION of Rebecca Hernandez, seconded by John Sturm, the BHAB approved the agenda with the following reordering of the Action Items: Edgemoor Donations Board Letter will be covered first, and then the BHS Procurement Board Letter will be discussed. Tom Behr noted that on future agendas, the Action Items will be listed separately directly below the Approval of the Minutes, and the Director's Report will follow any Action Items.

AYES: All

**VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 4, 2015**

ON MOTION of Dr. Gloria Harris, seconded by Vanessa Mapula, the BHAB approved the June 4 meeting minutes with the correction in the attendance to reflect that both Jerry Hall and Julie Martin were absent.

AYES: 11, NAYS: 0, ABSTENTIONS: 1

**VII. ACTION ITEM – Donations to Edgemoor DPSNF in 2014 Board Letter – Draft (A. Aguirre)**

Board of Supervisors authority will be sought on August 4, 2015, for the acceptance of cash and in-kind donations totaling \$13,286 received by Edgemoor DPSNF in 2014. Donations benefit Edgemoor's health-challenged residents by helping pay for residents' incidental and personal item needs. None of the donations had an individual monetary value greater than \$5,000.

This action supports the County's adopted *Live Well San Diego*, by accepting gifts and funds used to directly benefit the residents of Edgemoor DPSNF.

**It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that the Board support the acceptance of donations for the residents of Edgemoor.**

Juanita Rettinghaus, Assistant Administrator at Edgemoor, was in attendance to offer clarification and answer any questions from the BHAB.

ON MOTION of Jerry Hall, seconded by Phillip Deming, the BHAB voted to approve the draft Board Letter.

AYES: All

**Public Comments for Above Action Item**

None

**VIII. ACTION ITEM – BHS Procurement Board Letter – Draft (A. Aguirre)**

Board of Supervisors authority will be sought on August 4, 2015, for the competitive solicitation of new contracts and single source procurements of crisis stabilization services to continue implementing and enhancing the delivery of behavioral health services.

The following services are to be competitively procured:

Adult and Older Adults (AOA): Full Service Partnership with Assertive Community Treatment services with Supportive Housing; Full Service Partnership with Strengths-Based Case Management services; Full Service Partnership with Assertive Community Treatment services; Full Service Partnership with Short-Term Intensive Case Management services; Crisis Residential Services; Services for Homeless Persons with Serious Mental Illness or Substance Use.

Children, Youth & Families (CYF): MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) School Age Services; Developmental Evaluation Clinic; Walk-in Crisis Center and Mobile Assessment Team.

Clinical Director's Office (CDO): Administrative Services Organization (ASO); Integrated Behavioral Health and Primary Care Services in Rural Communities; Psychiatric Consultation for Federally

Qualified Health Centers and pediatric Medi-Cal providers; Training and Continuing Education for County Behavioral Health Systems of Care Providers.

Prevention and Planning Unit (PPU): Positive Parenting Program; Caregiver Support.

In addition, Single Source contracts for crisis stabilization services will be procured with Tri-City Medical Center and Palomar Health for the North County region, subject to successful negotiations.

The specifics of these contracts, including the services provided and the actions proposed, are included in the Action Item in the BHAB packets.

This action supports the County's adopted *Live Well San Diego*, by ensuring that vulnerable populations of persons with mental illness and substance abuse disorders continue to have access to a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health services administered through regionally accessible behavioral health programs. Contracts included in this item reflect \$47 million in costs; funding comes from various sources.

**It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that the Board support the competitive solicitation of new contracts and services, the extension of existing contracts, and the single source procurements for crisis stabilization services to continue implementing and enhancing the delivery of behavioral health services.**

ON MOTION of John Sturm, seconded by Jenifer Mendel, the BHAB voted to approve the recommendations as outlined in the draft Board Letter.  
AYES: All

John Sturm requested the BHAB be given a County map with an overlay of where the full service partnerships are located by region. Piedad Garcia will work with her staff to generate the map.

Public Comments for Above Action Item  
None

**IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Alfredo Aguirre, Behavioral Health Services Director**

- **Launching of the 30-day review of the MHSA Fiscal Year 2015-16 Annual Update (A. Yancey)**  
Handout distributed: Draft copy of County of San Diego MHSA Fiscal Year 2015-16 Annual Update. The Next Step for Behavioral Health Services: Thriving in San Diego. The document has been uploaded for public view at the following link: <http://www.sandiego.camhsa.org>. MHSA staff will return to the August 6 BHAB meeting to hold the public hearing where members of the public can come speak and provide their input. Staff will also report out on any changes based on input received during the 30-day comment period.
- Twelve MHSA community program planning events—six to be held during the day and six during evening hours (two in each of the six HHSA regions)—will be planned for October. BOS and BHAB members are encouraged to attend at least one.
- Rebecca Hernandez requested a copy of the "Guide to Using Facebook to Prevent Suicide and Reduce Stigma" as referenced on page 2, Item 1 under "Informational/Discussion Items" in this month's Director's Report.

**X. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Tom Behr, Behavioral Health Services Advisory Board Chair**

- Advocate Reporting

- Advocates will be asked to submit their summary reports in writing to Traci Finch on the Wednesday that falls one week before the BHAB meeting so that the other board members can read the reports contained in their packets prior to the meeting. In addition, if a BHAB advocate has a pressing issue they would like to address at the next meeting, please let Traci know via email a week in advance so that time can be allotted on the agenda for the discussion.
- Fall Retreat
  - The BHAB Executive Committee narrowed down three potential dates for the BHAB fall retreat: 10/10, 10/24 and 11/7. Traci Finch will send a poll/survey to the BHAB to choose a date that works for the majority.
- Subcommittees
  - The BHAB Executive Committee had more discussion where they looked at how subcommittees would be framed, how they would operate and what their purpose would be.
- August 6 meeting moving to Room 310 (one time only)
  - The room is located right across the hall from the usual meeting room. The BHAB Executive Committee location remains in the same location, room 358.
- Ethics Training Requirement
  - If BHAB members have not taken this training within the last two years, whether in association with this board or another board, members are required to complete it by the end of August. Two options are available: Free online training (which takes approximately 2 hours) and a self-study option where two modules are mailed to members along with an exam. Upon passing the exam, the member is mailed a certificate of completion which, in turn, should be presented to Traci Finch. Traci will check the Clerk of the Board's records to find out which members have already completed the training within the last two years.

#### **XI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

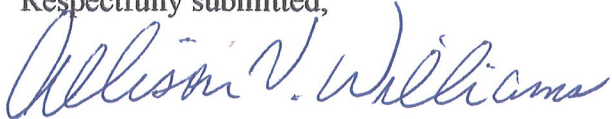
- Jenifer Mendel gave an update on the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Save a Life Walk November 8. Information will be forwarded to Traci Finch to forward to the BHAB if anyone is interested in registering.
- K.C. Strang gave a shout out on two pending legislation measures in which San Diego County took a supportive stand: SB140 and SB151. More information on these two bills can be found in the CBHDA Legislative Update included in BHAB packets.

#### **XII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

ON MOTION of Phil Deming, and seconded by Jenifer Mendel, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.  
AYES: All

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Respectfully submitted,



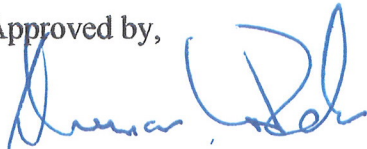
Allison V. Williams, Secretary to the Director  
Behavioral Health Services

Reviewed by,



Traci Finch, Administrative Analyst III  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board Support Staff

Approved by,



Thomas L. Behr, Chairperson  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**<http://sandiego.networkofcare.org/mh/content.aspx?id=257>**