

MEETING MINUTES

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Date: June 11, 2025

Time: 2:30 pm

Location: Bishop COB Room 140, Lone Pine Wellness Center (satellite/virtual) and via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson, Michelle Saenz called the meeting to order at 2:36 PM. All attendees introduced themselves.

MEMBERSHIP IN ATTENDANCE

In Person: Supervisor Trina Orrill, Michelle Saenz, Claude Peters

Virtual: none

COMMUNITY & STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

In Person: Anna Scott, Araceli Morales, Jeffrey Garrison, Lori Bengochia, Lucy Vincent, Lori Bengochia, Brandon DeHaven, Liliana Fregoso, Vivian De La Riva

Virtual: none

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes from May 21, 2025 meeting.

Mr. Peters moved to accept minutes as amended, Supervisor Orrill seconded the motion. Motion carried: Ms. Saenz – Aye, Mr. Peters – Aye, Supervisor Orrill – Aye.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) PLAN 25-26

- i. Review of draft MHSA plan - Anna Scott shared how new legislation of Proposition 1 will be transitioning from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Plan. This plan is an update for the 3-year planning process, using information gathered from community members. She explained how the current plan

relates to the new BHSA plan and how transitioning to the new system will be a year-long process incorporating community focused outreach.

- ii. Receipt of Public Comment – Verbal comments made by BHAB Members and meeting attendees were collected. Mrs. Scott informed the group that comments will continue to be collected until the close of business on June 19, 2025, and then taken to the Board of Supervisors for approval prior to being sent to the state. Lori Bengochia mentioned the importance of comments in making the plan robust and helping build a foundation for our Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) plan moving forward. A robust discussion ensued.
- iii. Close of 30-day Public Comment Period – Mrs. Saenz closed the public comment section of the Public Hearing at 3:11 pm.

4. APPROVAL OF MHSA PLAN 25-26 (ACTION ITEM)

Mrs. Saenz requested the Board approve the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan for 25-26, with inclusion of comments received during public comment period and Public Hearing and authorize the HHS Director to submit the plan to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors for approval prior to submission to the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS).

Mr. Peters moved to accept, Supervisor Orrill seconded, and the motion carried with three Ayes, none opposed: Mr. Peters -Aye, Supervisor Orrill – Aye, Mrs. Saenz – Aye.

5. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM REPORT

The report is provided as an attachment. Mrs. Scott read it to BHAB Members and meeting attendees. In addition to what is included in the written report, Mrs. Scott highlighted the topic of Wraparound as updated by the All Plan Letter. Training and certification will be more robust, bringing consistency to the program across the state. She explained that Ms. Veenker has been watching these new requirements closely to determine what it means for our team. A lively discussion ensued. One of the topics discussed pertained to recruiting and retention challenges that exist county-wide.

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm.