

DRAFT Chapter 2.104
MENTAL-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

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The Mental-Behavioral Health Advisory Board is established under the authority of Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604. [Ord. _____, 2025; Ord. 5279 § 15, 2018; Ord. 4231 § 1, 1992; Ord. 2235, 1976; prior code § 3.41.010].

2.104.020 Membership.

The Board shall consist of 11~~13~~ members who are residents of the County, appointed as follows:

- (A) ~~(A)~~—Each Supervisor shall nominate two persons who may reside within the Supervisor's district. Two (2) Transitional Age Youth shall also be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Of the 10~~12~~ persons so appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the appointed board membership shall consist of the following:
- (1) a~~At least six-seven (7) shall be consumers, or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers, who are receiving or have received behavioral health services. _persons, or the parent, spouse, sibling, or adult child of persons, who are receiving or have received mental health services from a city or County Bronzan-McCorquodale program or any of its contract agencies, a State hospital, or any public or private non-profit mental health agency. At least three of the members so appointed shall be persons who have received or are receiving these mental health services; and at least three of the members so appointed shall be a parent, spouse, sibling, or adult child of a person receiving or having received mental health services. The remaining members appointed by the Board of Supervisors shall be persons with experience and knowledge of the mental health system;~~
 - (2) At least three (3) of the members appointed shall be consumers who are receiving or have received behavioral health services;
 - (3) At least three (3) of the members appointed shall be a parent, spouse, sibling, or adult child of consumers who are receiving or have received behavioral health services;
 - (4) At least one (1) member so appointed shall also be an employee of a local education agency;
 - (5) At least one (1) member so appointed shall also be a veteran or veteran advocate; and
 - (6) The remaining members appointed by the Board of Supervisors shall be persons with experience and knowledge of the behavioral health system.

(B) One member of the Board shall be a member of the Board of Supervisors.;

(C)(1) Except as provided in subsection (C)(2) of this section, no member of the ~~Mental Behavioral~~ Health Advisory Board, or the spouse of that person, shall be a full-time or part-time employee of a County ~~mental behavioral~~ health service facility, an employee of the State Department of Health Care Services, or an employee of, or a paid member of, the governing body of a Bronzan-McCorquodale contract facility.;

___(2) A consumer of ~~mental behavioral~~ health services who has obtained employment with an employer described in subsection (C)(1) of this section and who holds a position in which that person does not have any interest, influence, or authority over any financial or contractual matter concerning the employer may be appointed to the ~~Mental Behavioral~~ Health Advisory Board. The member shall abstain from voting on any financial or contractual issue concerning that member's employer that may come before the ~~Mental Behavioral~~ Health Advisory Board.;

(D) The composition of the Board should reflect the ethnic diversity of the client population in the county to the extent possible. [Ord. _____, 2025; Ord. 5279 § 15, 2018; Ord. 5213 § 1, 2015; Ord. 4231 § 1, 1992; Ord. 4191 § 1, 1992; Ord. 3822 §§ 1, 2, 1987; Ord. 3723 § 1, 1986; Ord. 3620 § 23, 1985; Ord. 2636, 1979; Ord. 2357, 1976; Ord. 2235, 1976; prior code § 3.41.030].

2.104.030 Term of office.

Each member shall serve a term of three years. Per Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604, the Board of Supervisors shall equitably stagger the appointments so that approximately one-third of the appointments expire in each year. [Ord. 5279 § 15, 2018; Ord. 4231 § 1, 1992; Ord. 2357, 1976; Ord. 2235, 1976; prior code § 3.41.040].

2.104.040 Organization and procedures.

(A) General Organization. The Board shall comply in all respects with SCCC 2.38.110 through 2.38.2580 unless otherwise provided herein.

(B) Quorum. The quorum for the Board shall be one person more than one-half of the appointed members.

(C) Staff Support. The County Health Services Agency shall provide staff support for the Board. The Director of the Health Services Agency, or a designated representative, shall serve as Administrative Secretary to the Board. The Administrative Secretary shall receive copies of all reports and recommendations prepared by the Board, prepare and mail agendas, take minutes of each meeting, and perform other duties as directed by the Board.

(D) Members of the Board shall abstain from voting on any issue in which the member has a financial interest as defined in Section 87103 of the Government Code. [Ord. 5279 § 15, 2018; Ord. 4231 § 1, 1992; Ord. 4191 § 2, 1992; Ord. 2235, 1976; prior code § 3.41.050].

2.104.050 Powers and duties.

The Board shall exercise the following responsibilities pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604.2 in its efforts to obtain the highest quality and most effective ~~mental behavioral~~ health services and substance use disorder treatment system for the County:

(A) ~~Review and evaluate the County's mental health needs, services, facilities and special problems~~Review and evaluate the community's public behavioral health needs, services, facilities, and special problems in any facility within the County where mental health or substance use disorder evaluations or services are being provided, including, but not limited to, schools, emergency departments, and psychiatric facilities.;

(B) Review the County agreements entered into pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5650;

(1) The Board may make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding concerns identified within these agreements.

(C) Advise the Board of Supervisors and the local ~~mental~~behavioral health director as to any aspect of the local ~~mental~~behavioral health program.;

(1) The Board may request assistance from the local patients' rights advocates when reviewing and advising on mental health or substance use disorder evaluations or services provided in public facilities with limited access.

(D) Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.;

(1) Involvement shall include individuals with lived experience of mental illness, substance use disorder, or both, and their families, community members, advocacy organizations, and behavioral health professionals. It shall also include other professionals who interact with individuals living with mental illnesses or substance use disorders on a daily basis, such as education, emergency services, employment, health care, housing, public safety, local business owners, social services, older adults, transportation, and veterans.

(E) Submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the County's ~~mental~~behavioral health system.;

(F) Review and make recommendations on applications for the appointment of a local director of ~~mental~~behavioral health services. The Board shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the Board of Supervisors.;

(G) Review and comment on the County's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the ~~State Mental Health Commission~~California Behavioral Health Planning Council.;

(H) Assess the impact of the realignment of services from the State to the County, on services delivered to clients and on the local community. [Ord. _____, 2025; Ord. 5279 § 15, 2018; Ord. 4231 § 1, 1992; Ord. 3723 § 2, 1986; Ord. 2235, 1976; prior code § 3.41.020].