



# County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, December 3, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

**Meeting Location:**

601 N. Ross St., Santa Ana, CA 92701

**Hybrid Option for members of the Public:**

<https://zoom.us/j/95862491099>

**Meeting ID:** ID: 958 6249 1099

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**Members Present:** Alan Albright, Frederick Williams, Supervisor Sarmiento's Office, Adela Cruz, Linda Smith, Carla DiCandia, Ethan Truong, Chase Wickersham

**Members Absent:** , Michell Fernandez, Stephen McNally, Danielle Sena, Duan Tran

**Staff Present:** Ian Kemmer, Anthony Padilla, Linda Molina, Helen Cameron, Karla Perez, Uyen Stoecker, Gabriela Saldana, Grace Lee, Sophia Valdez, Flor YousefianTehrani, Dawn Smith, Lloralely Anguiano, Cheryl Seitter, Anthony Lee, Geoffrey Glowalla, Jocelyn Romey, Christina Weckerly, Diane Holley

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Alan Albright who then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BHS Chief's Report**

Ian Kemmer reported that Orange County is prepared for the January 1st, 2026, implementation of SB43, with trainings conducted for law enforcement, hospitals, and core partners. The implementation of SB43, expands the criteria for placing individuals on involuntary holds, including severe mental illness, substance use, and inability to provide for basic needs. The main concern is the availability of appropriate treatment facilities for individuals with substance use disorders in hospitals, as this is not an evidence-based approach. Linda Smith and Carla DiCandia raised questions about hospital preparedness for various insurance types and the need in tracking law enforcement training participation. Ian confirmed that designated facilities will need to be able to handle both mental health and substance use cases for re-designation.



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## HEALTH CARE AGENCY

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Alan Albright requested tracking the number of law enforcement agencies that participate in available trainings. Ian confirmed and will provide that information to the members.

Carla DiCandia inquired about the County's plan to educate the community on SB 43. Ian shared the department's plans to hold meetings in each of the five supervisorial districts, as well as provide outreach to stakeholders..Supervisors will send training information to their constituents. The community is welcome to visit the SB43 website to ask questions, take trainings and get more information.

Ian provided an update of the 5150 holds for fiscal year 2024-2025. There were 7,255 5150 holds with about 2,000 in quarters 1, 2 and 3. In quarter 4, there were approximately 1,200. There are currently 752 crisis and intervention beds available with in our system.

## Updates and Presentations

- **Correctional Health Services Overview by Geoffrey Glowalla**

Geoffrey Glowalla from Correctional Health Services provided a summary of the health services inmates receive while incarcerated. Correctional Health services partnered with hospitals who specialize in patient care to provide health services to all five county jails, including medical, dental, nursing, infection control, health education, pharmaceutical services.

Medical Obstetrical Management (MOM) tracks pregnant patients in custody and coordinate discharge. They meet patients at 28 weeks pregnant to offer support for labor and recovery as well as monitor quality of care through regular screenings with nursing staff.

The Laterman Petris Short (LPS) jail unit is an intensive psychiatric acute observation unit and a step-down chronic unit for those requiring ongoing support and intensive programming and care. The regular housing unit is for inmates who manage their own needs. The chronic housing unit is for inmates with moderate to severe mental illness who require more support and frequent meetings with clinicians. The acute housing unit meets criteria for danger to self and others and are gravely disabled. They require close monitoring.

Vasila from Supervisor Sarmiento's asked what challenges there are when adult inmates are released and what role do the families take? They try their best to involve families, however each case varies vastly and inmates might not want their families to be involved.



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### New Business

#### • **Bi-law Amendments**

Linda Smith recommended for the Board's consideration an amendment to the bi-law in reference to Article V, section 1D. This amendment would make an exception to the rule that the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson of the BHAB, would be able to serve more than three consecutive terms if the exception to this rule is approved by a majority vote of the members of the BHAB. This extension shall be limited to a one-year term at a time.

- Karla Perez advised BHAB members they could not vote at this time and advised members to provide feedback and edits to her by December 10, 2026. Karla will forward to County Council to review the amendment.. Once approved by County Council, Karla will add to the January 28, 2026, General meeting agenda.
- Linda Smith requested Karla keep BHAB members informed of any updates.
- Stephen McNally expressed concern about rotational leadership. Linda Smith stated that one year would allow new members to learn and get acclimated to the process.
- Karla agreed to add this issue to the retreat's agenda.

#### • **BHAB Bi-law Amendment Motion**

- Linda Smith made a motion to postpone process for electing officers until after Bi-laws have been approved by the Board of Supervisors. In the meantime, Allan will remain Chair and Fred will remain Vice Chair.

Carla DiCandia seconded the motion. Members took a vote by roll call. Motion passed (7/0).

#### • **2025 Recommendation Letter**

- Allan has drafted a recommendation letter intended for the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the Behavioral Health Services Director regarding any recommendations BHAB members want to make based on their work and participation from this past year such as, work conducted by committees in place or discussions from presentations received.
- Allan identified an item that came out of Children's Committee with respect to the huge suicide rate that was highlighted in the 2024 Conditions of Children's Report. This outlines the issues and responses received within the county and it's outcome and consideration of those responses.
- Allan made a second recommendation specific to Naloxone and its availability in the community.

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**Public Comment:** Keith Torkosen- Mr. Torkelsona housing advocate for older adults stated there is a clear and urgent need for housing helplines for Orange County. He provided an update on his Housing initiative.

**Announcements:**

- BHAB Holiday Breakfast on December 10, 2026, at 9am at The Filling Station in Orange.
- BHAB Annual Retreat on January 21, 2026, from 9am-3:30 pm at the Behavioral Health Training Center in Orange.

**Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:47AM.

**Officially submitted by: Karla Perez** \*\* Note copies of all writings pertaining to items in these BHAB meetings are available for public review in the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Board Office, 405 W. 5th St., Santa Ana, CA 92701, 714.834.5481 or Email: [OCBHAB@ochca.com](mailto:OCBHAB@ochca.com) \*\*

2025 BHAB Attendance Record General Meetings												
MEMBER	22-Jan	26-Feb	26-Mar	23-Apr	28-May	25-Jun	23-Jul	27-Aug	24-Sep	29-Oct	26-Nov	3-Dec
Alan Albright	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Supervisor Sarmiento's Office	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Hector Bustos	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	A				
Carla DiCandia	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	P
Stephen McNally	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A
Tuong Chinh Nguyen	P	P										
Linda Smith	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Duan Tran	A	P	A	A	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	A
Frederick Williams	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Chase Wickersham	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Michell Fernandez		P	A	A	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	A
Danielle Sena		A	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	A	A
Adela Cruz					P	A	P	A	P	P	A	P
Ethan Truong							P	P	P	P	A	P