

Advisory Council for Aging & Independence Services
Affordability in Aging and Healthy Aging – Joint Meeting
 7/14/2025 | 10:30am
 .5560 Overland Ave, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123

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MINUTES

Minutes		Members	Absent Members	Guests
Attendance:	Smith Sirisakorn David Milroy Sylvia Martinez Mikie Lochner	Dennis Leggett Molly Nocon Ted Kagan		
	Staff			
	N/A			
Item	Outcome			
1. Call to Order	David Milroy and Wanda Smith, called meeting to order at: 10:32 AM a. Welcome & Guest/Member Introductions b. Confirmation of Quorum = 4 Affordability Members Present			
2. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Council Member	N/A			
3. Standard Business Names are noted when vote is not unanimous	a. Public Comments/Announcements: Minutes Approval – Unanimous (Martinez/Lochner) Unanimous			
4. New Business	Discussion of Concerns Regarding: a. Clarification of the Affordability in Aging committee's charge and how to promote our mission. 5 th goal of the Master Plan on Aging is "Affordability". b. Statement of Emphasis: <i>Research and monitor issues and trends related to the affordability, adaptability, and accessibility aspects of transportation, medical care, financial assistance, employment, and aging in place within age-friendly communities.</i> c. Committee wants to focus on Project-based work and meet with the Caregiver Coalition and senior food programs like Jewish Family services. d. Section 8 Housing is inefficient and not widely accepted. We need a one-stop housing office. One credit check should be sufficient for all applications: not one per rental application. e. 211 lacks accuracy and accessibility of all services for seniors. More outreach is needed from County. Can SD County Housing partner with AIS to assist. Proposal needed? f. Profit and Non-Profit programs each have problems. g. Review Area Plan 2024-2028 regarding affordability issues related to food and housing.			
5. Actions Steps	1. Committee members should have assignments between meetings and report back. 2. Continue integrating and report backs. 3. Present our concerns to AIS and the Board of Supervisors 4. Contact SD County "Live Well" programs and Jewish Family Services 5. Major focus for Affordability Committee: A. Housing B. Transportation C. Healthcare – Medicare and other programs D. Financial supplements (Shadow) FEMA Emergency funds			
6. Next Meeting	Date: 9/08/25 Time: 10:30-11:45 AM Location: COC, JGR			
7. Adjournment	11:45 AM			

Respectfully submitted by David Milroy

Advisory Council for Aging & Independence Services
HEALTHY AGING SUBCOMMITTEE & AFFORDABILITY IN AGING
 July 14, 2025, 2:15pm
 5560 Overland Avenue, 3rd Floor, John Gaffaney Conference Room

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Members		Absent Members	Guests
Attendance:	Wanda Smith, Chairman Bradlyn Mulvey David Milroy Maureen Phillips Paige Colburn-Hargis Susan Mallett, AIS Chairman Smith Sirisakorn Silvia Martinez Mike Lochner Jacqueline Simon	Molly Nocon Ted Kagan Dennis Leggett	Elaine Lewis
Staff			
Item	Outcome		
1. Call to Order	Wanda Smith called the meeting at 2:14 pm a. Welcome & Guest/Member Introductions b. Confirmation of quorum (3) There was a quorum.		
2. Standard Business	a. Public Comments/Announcements: none b. Approval of June 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes (Action) c. [For the Healthy Aging Subcommittee, Jackie Simon and Maureen Phillips M/S made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and for the Affordability in Aging Subcommittee, Smith Sirisakorn and Sylvia Martinez M/S made the motion to approve the minutes from their last meeting. Minutes were approved for each subcommittee.		
3. General Discussion	a. The purpose of the meeting today was to assist the Affordability in Aging Subcommittee in determining its unique mandate since the purposes of the subcommittee have shifted from a housing focus to affordability. Housing is not covered by AIS. b. The two subcommittees discussed possible ideas to help the Affordability in Aging Subcommittee find their focus. In the subsequent discussion, several possibilities came up: Living in San Diego County is expensive for everyone including seniors; how can seniors afford housing: long term care, board and care, and assisted living, food, transportation, or medical care when many are on a fixed income? c. To help focus on the committee, Susan introduced the AIS role which is to advise and give recommendations to the General Council. For example, using the Healthy Aging Subcommittee, we looked to all the county programs that aimed at healthy living to see what was missing and that the committee could recommend. Thus, came the development of the walking program. This was not easy to develop but, finally, there was a link to a website. Then the committee moved into the second issue which was isolation-seniors living alone. It was an issue the county was interested in but then it became complicated because other entities were involved so we eventually ended the effort. What the committee wanted was a separate entity that focused on isolation issues but that didn't happen. d. Another possibility was introduced by Elaine; she discussed the idea of a one-stop shopping center where someone, with a certain amount of disposable income, could see what they could afford to spend on housing, food, medical, etc. and apply that to see what would be available to them. e. Another member presented the financial difficulty of a senior applying for a credit check each time an application is submitted. It was suggested there might be a proposal to centralize the entity that processes these credit checks so that each applicant doesn't have to submit individual payments for credit checks. The committee could show that this is a problem, there		

	<p>is a need for the service, and how the problem might be resolved and then recommend that to the General Council of AIS. Difficulty with entities working together was discussed.</p> <p>f. To summarize, specific areas were discussed like transportation, the concept of affordability and quantity of housing and increasing food costs.</p>
4. Next Meeting	September 8, 2025, at 11:30 AM for Affordability in Aging, and 12:00 PM for Healthy Aging, at 5560 Overland Avenue, 3rd Floor, JG Room
5. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by Bradlyn Mulvey, Secretary

Advisory Council for Aging & Independence Services
Long Term Care Ombudsman and Facilities Subcommittee
 July 14, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
 5560 Overland Ave, 3rd Floor, MSSP Room
 San Diego, CA 92123

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Members		Absent Members	Guests
Attendance:	Elaine Lewis, Chairman Bradlyn Mulvey Faye Detsky-Weil Rhys Jones		Rachel Lehnert, Regional Coordinator
	Staff		
	Sunita Upchurch, Brittney Willis, Lourdes Ramirez		
Item	Outcome		
1. Call to Order	Elaine Lewis called the meeting at 10:32 am a. Welcome & Guest/Member Introductions b. Confirmation of quorum (3) There was a quorum.		
2. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Council Member	N/A		
3. Standard Business	a. Public Comments/Announcements: None b. Approval of June 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes: M/S – R. Jones/B. Mulvey (Passed 4-0)		
4. General Discussion	1. The LTC and Facilities Subcommittee continued to review the goals for consideration of goals for the current year. Because there is a new vendor responsible for the 211-phone connection, Elaine thought it was advisable to monitor it; she will ask Jana if this is possible. 2. Looking at the Living Well Program, the subcommittee was tasked with monitoring and participating in the program. Elaine would like the members to attend at least one meeting a year, be present, and report back to the subcommittee what was learned. Each area is a collection of different vendors who present topics of interest to that area. Each area of the county has a different focus: Central: housing for all, health and well-being, education and economic development; South County: food security, homeless behavior, and mental health; North County: substance abuse/prevention, and mental health. There is no West. 3. To learn about when the meetings happen, go to the website under the label of "Get Involved." 4. There has been no feedback about the letter Elaine presented to the Board of the General Council of AIS. She will follow up about that and let us know about it. 5. The staff updated the subcommittee on progress in the goal to increasing exposure of the Ombudsman Program in an attempt to gain more volunteers. Two volunteers finished certification class; there are 28 certified volunteers presently. One staff member is doing community outreach, and the Elder Care Directory posted a whole page on Ombudsman. They are to receive \$3.1 million each year for the next three years due to legislative advocacy. The funds are divided among the LTO programs in California. This is one funding source and there are others so that the staff members present thought they would be all right budget-wise. 6. Other options were discussed to increase exposure such as doing public service announcements on radio and television in both English and Spanish. Sally, the communications manager, will be consulted to see if this could be done. The Penny Saver, The Family, Patch, and The Reader are all places that we could put out information about the Ombudsman Program. Also, we discussed whether writing public announcements would be helpful to the Department. Generating a list of places to post announcements and an outline of what to say might be helpful. Janna will be contacted to ask Sarah Jackson to speak to our group at the next meeting in September. Rachael Tate was interviewed by AARP; this interview could be used for it dealt with recruiting for long term care.		

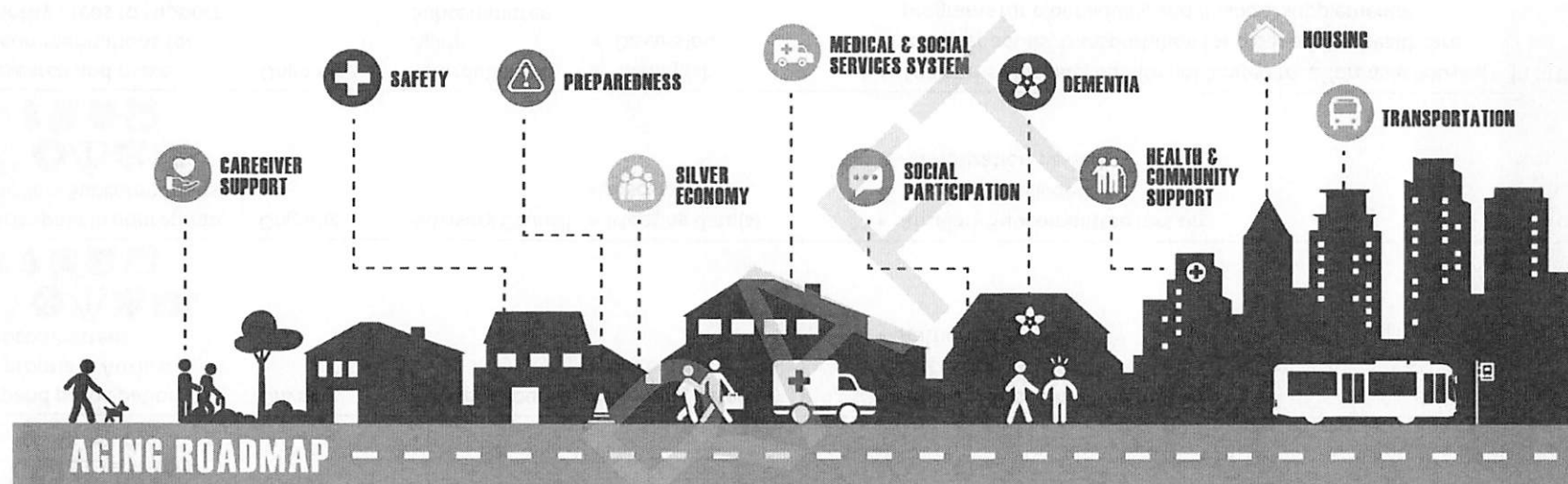
	7. Aside from ways to expose Ombudsman program, the chairman discussed our mandate to advise the AIS General Counsel about legislation related to proposals and changes in the law related to skilled nursing facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly. No one is aware of the legislation so the committee will contact Jana to find out about current legislation that the subcommittee could focus our attention on.
5. Next Meeting	September 8, 2025, at 10:30 am at 5560 Overland Avenue, 3rd Floor, MSSP Conference Room
6. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 11:27 am

Respectfully submitted by Bradlyn Mulvey, Secretary

AGING & INDEPENDENCE SERVICES (AIS) ADVISORY COUNCIL | GOALS 2025 – 2028

COUNCIL FOCUS: Use or gain expertise to identify, project, and anticipate needs and trends, and advise on AIS operational actions to address the needs of older adults and persons with disabilities.







AGING ROADMAP: County of San Diego’s regional plan that is implemented and organized by 10 focus areas that collectively represent the County’s comprehensive system of care, including both person-centered and community-wide efforts. Roadmap focus areas are as follows and identified throughout the Council’s Goals:








GOALS 2025 – 2028

#	Goal	Timeline	Lead	Measure	Outcome	Status
1	<p>Advise on Area Plan updates for FY 2025-2026.</p>	Feb – May 2025	Ad Hoc Area Plan Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting date(s) Discussion Vote and authorization of Council Chair to sign letter of transmittal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ad Hoc Area Plan Subcommittee met on 3/27/25. Area Plan public hearing comment and consideration of acceptance during Advisory Council meeting on 4/14/25. Discussion included: Area Plan 2025-2026 updates and process and content of the Area Plan. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommends continued consultation, input, and monitoring of progress from the Advisory Council. Authorization passed with 20 votes on 4/14/25. 	Completed







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1a	Advise on Area Plan updates for FY 2026-2027. 	Feb – May 2026	Ad Hoc Area Plan Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting date(s) • Discussion • Vote and authorization of Council Chair to sign letter of transmittal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion included: 	Not yet started
2	Monitor and plan for services for older adults to meet the needs of the growing population. 	Ongoing	Ad Hoc Area Plan Subcommittee and Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion included: 	In progress
3	Find engaging speakers for the AIS Advisory Council general meetings. 	Ongoing	Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers' topics included: 	In progress
4	Expand participation in appropriate Auxiliary Subcommittees. 	Ongoing	Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting date(s) • Discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auxiliary Subcommittee met on: • Discussion included: • Authorization passed: 	In progress
5	Participate in appropriate Ancillary Subcommittees. 	Ongoing	Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting date(s) • Discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancillary Subcommittee met on: • Discussion included: • Authorization passed: 	In progress
6	Research and make recommendations for priority areas to support economic security amongst older adults in San Diego County. 	Ongoing	Affordability in Aging Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding(s) • Discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics may include, but are not limited to, affordable housing for older adults, transportation for older adults, healthcare programs for older adults, and financial supplemental programs for older adults. 	In progress




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7	Research and make recommendations for priority areas of healthcare and hospital community systems for older adults. 	Ongoing	Healthy Aging Subcommittee	• Finding(s)	• Topics may include, but are not limited to, neurodegenerative diseases of AD, PD, FTD, Dementia, polypharma, and life planning to increase awareness and education within the health care providers' community.	In progress
8	Review how older adults who have the greatest economic or social need are made aware of and utilize nutrition services including CalFresh benefits. 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	• Finding(s)	• Topics may include, but not limited to, review of nutrition resources and education through the AIS website, California Association of Food Banks, California Department of Food and Agriculture, and printed materials. • Examine the barriers to CalFresh benefit enrollment with online and phone applications, and how enrollment assistance is promoted through navigation support.	In progress
9	Review the research and implementation efforts of local and national 'food as medicine' initiatives that focus on the integration of food for disease prevention and management. 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	• Finding(s)	• Topics may include, but not limited to, enhancing nutritional quality through increased fruit and vegetable consumption and the importance of good nutrition for older adults living with chronic health conditions, and how local health care providers are integrating the 'Food as Medicine' program models for the purpose of reducing food and nutrition insecurity.	In progress
10	Increase awareness about good oral health and dental treatment options through public insurance benefits. 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	• Finding(s)	• Topics may include, but not limited to, the barriers to the utilization of Medi-Cal Dental insurance benefits, the outreach efforts by California Smile, and an annual update with Dr. Whyte, County Chief Dental Officer.	In progress
11	Identify disease risk and injury reduction strategies to advocate for educational opportunities for older adults. 	Ongoing	Healthy Aging Subcommittee	• Finding(s)	• Topics may include, but are not limited to, cardiac health, diabetes, oral health, hearing and vision loss, care and nutrition, dementia, and neurodegenerative diseases.	In progress

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12	Monitor and advise on AIS programs through presentations and site visits. 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting(s) and date(s) attended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics may include, but not limited to, the outreach activities to the outlying and rural communities where nutrition resources are limited to distant retail businesses. 	In progress
12a	Congregate Meals (Title III C1) and Transportation to Dining Sites (Title III B). Review nutrition education and in-service requirements for congregate sites. 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting(s) and date(s) attended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics may include, but not limited to, site visits for the purpose of reviewing the social engagement and nutrition education supports and CalFresh outreach. 	In progress
12b	Home-Delivered Meals (Title III C2) 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting(s) and date(s) attended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion included: 	In progress
12c	SNAP (Cal Fresh) 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting(s) and date(s) attended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics may include, but not limited to, tracking the proposed California legislation to maintain level of CalFresh benefits if the federal investment is decreased. 	In progress
12d	Older Adult Health Promotion (Feeling Fit, Fall Prevention, etc.) and Healthy Aging in life-long learning. 	Ongoing	Healthy Aging Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting(s) and date(s) attended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness and Promotion of local programs in lifelong learning to support Healthy Aging. 	In progress
13	Monitor pending legislation in all goal areas and participate with respective committees and AIS staff in analysis of legislation. 	Ongoing	Advisory Council and Ad Hoc Legislative Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation monitored 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion included: Recommendations: 	In progress

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14	Attend <i>Live Well San Diego</i> meetings once a quarter, and monitor AIS programs in support of the <i>Live Well San Diego</i> vision. 	Ongoing	Long-Term Care & Ombudsman Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date(s) of regional meeting(s) attended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations for improvement, including assessment of effectiveness or additional resources needed. • Discussion included: 	In progress
15	Advise AIS on legislative proposals and changes related to Skilled Nursing Facilities and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly. 	Ongoing	Long-Term Care & Ombudsman Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation monitored 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise and maintain awareness for the AIS Advisory Council surrounding legislation related to skilled nursing facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly. • Discussion included: 	In progress
16	Monitor and advise AIS on the Ombudsman program standard of operations, goals, performance, and increasing the number of volunteers as well as advise on areas of concern related to long-term care. 	Ongoing	Long-Term Care & Ombudsman Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting(s) and date(s) attended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations for improvement, including assessment of effectiveness or additional resources needed. • Discussion included: 	In progress

Advisory Council for Aging & Independence Services
NUTRITION SUBCOMMITTEE
 July 9, 2025 | 1 P.M.

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Members		Absent Members	Guests
Attendance:	Shirley King, Chair Bradlyn Mulvey Jacqueline Simon	Maureen Phillips Susan Mallett, Ex-Officio	
	Staff		
	Delilah Bisase, R.D., Public Health Nutrition Manager		
Item	Outcome		
1. Call to Order	Shirley King, Chair, 1 P.M. a. Welcome & Guest/Member Introductions b. Confirmation of Quorum (Three): (Quorum Met)		
2. Statement of (Just Cause) and/or Consideration of a request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Council Member, if applicable	No action taken.		
3. Standard Business	a. Public Comments/Announcements: Members or non-members: None b. Approval of June 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes (Action) [M/S - Bradlyn Mulvey/Jacqueline Simon: Unanimous vote]		
4.	1. Members gave their comments about the online experience to apply for CALFresh. The concerns about this process are length of time to apply and download documents (60 minutes); requirement to have access to a computer, an understanding of downloading documents; answering questions about sexual identity and specific declaration of Latino background; having all documents available. The site did have large print and an easy to read font and a clear direction to move on to the next page. All applicants must have a personal interview with a case worker. 2. The annual goals were affirmed, and actions were proposed to pursue the recommendation of linking community outreach and Scripps Health to consider educational support at the congregate dining sites with daily placements printed with key information about CALFresh, oral health benefits, fall prevention tips etc. Delilah has been in communication with the County Community Outreach about the development of this tool with Scripps Health. The Subcommittee recommended having a virtual discussion with Paige Colburn-Hargis with Scripps Health Fall Prevention to explore how to create this mutual tool. 3. Members discussed how to deepen the discussion of Food Is Medicine over this next year. Delilah shared the Food Is Medicine Coalition's recommended medically tailored meals and their components. She described that she completed the annual review for Mama's Kitchen, the only agency in the County offering MTM's. Members suggested that we have a further discussion with Mama's Kitchen about the procedures for following clients over a period with MTM's. Delilah suggested that we have a site visit to Mama's Kitchen to understand more fully how clients have continuing support throughout their disease trajectory. Shirley will arrange a visit in October or November. Members will look at the Call to Action from the		

	<p>report of the American Heart Association (2023) to determine what research is further needed to build the programs with health care entities.</p> <p>4. Delilah reported about the Senior Farmers' Markets Vouchers. The vouchers (1200) have arrived and are ready for distribution to the senior agencies. It has been a slower process this year for Farmers' Markets to register as recipients - 3 out of 12. This year electronic cards will be used. The cards must be used by November 30th.</p>
5. Next Meeting	September 3, 2025, 1 P.M.
6. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Shirley King.

Aging & Independence Services Advisory Council
Monday, July 14, 2025 | 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
5560 Overland Avenue, 3rd Floor, Joaquin Anguera Room, San Diego, CA 92123

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Members		Absent Members	Guests
Attendance:	Shelia Coulbourn Faye Detsky-Weil Stephen Huber Rhys Jones Mina Kerr Shirley King Elaine Lewis Mikie Lochner Susan Mallett Silvia Martinez	Dan McNamara David Milroy Bradlyn Mulvey Maureen Phillips Taryn Patterson Jacqueline Simon Smith Sirisakorn Wanda Smith Cristin Whittaker	Sabrina Bishop Kimberly Brown Paige Colburn-Hargis Ted Kagan Dennis Leggett Molly Nocon
	Staff		
	Ian Baxter Wendy Garcia Jennifer Sovay	Samantha Hasler Michelle Hollie-Luterick Kimberly Pearce	Trudy McClure
Outcome			
1. Call to Order	Susan Mallett, Chair, 12:04 PM a. Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance b. Guest/Member Introductions c. Confirmation of Quorum: 19 present at this time.		
2. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Council Member, if applicable.			
3. Standard Business	a. Public Comment/Announcements: Members or non-members b. Approval of June 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes (Action)* [M/S – J. Simon/ M. Lochner (Passed with 19 votes.)]		

4. AIS Director's Items	<p>Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The special election for the Board of Supervisors District One took place earlier this month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The unofficial election results from the Registrar of Voters show Paloma Aguirre as the winner with close to 54% of the votes. ○ We anticipate that she will be sworn in by late July, and she will fill the remainder of the seat's term, which runs to January 2029. We look forward to learning about her priorities. • County Budget Adopted on June 24th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ County focus - ensuring core, mandated services remain strong, while prioritizing meaningful investments in behavioral health, public safety, and strategies to increase efficiency during challenging fiscal conditions. • It's the end of the fiscal year and programs are finalizing data related to our Operational Plan objectives and accomplishments. We'll report some FY 2024-25 highlights at the September meeting. • This is the last meeting of the Council Year - Thank you to the Council for their contributions and commitment over the last year; we're looking forward to the work ahead next Council year. • Council Year highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Heard from over 15 different AIS, County, and community speakers. ○ Held over 40 Subcommittee and Ad Hoc Subcommittee meetings. ○ Reviewed 4 Board items. ○ Joined by 7 new Council members.
5. Guest Speakers	<p>a. Adult Protective Services/Specialized Case Management Programs <i>Kimberly Pitts, Program Specialist</i> <i>Trudy McClure, Adult Protective Services Program Manager</i></p> <p>Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who Are We? ○ APS Staffing ○ Brief APS Data from FY 24/25 ○ How Does APS Receive Reports ○ APS Assignment Team ○ APS Teams /Zip Code Regions ○ Investigations ○ APS Innovation ○ Alzheimer's Response Team (ART) ○ Financial Abuse Team and Elder Justice Task Force (EJTF) ○ Home Safe ○ APS & Public Guardian Collaboration
6. Election of Council Year 2025-26 Officers Stephen Huber, Chair	<p>a. Presentation of Nominees for Council Year 25/26 Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair, Susan Mallett (2nd Term) ○ 1st Vice Chair, TBD ○ 2nd Vice Chair, Wanda Smith (2nd Term) ○ Secretary, Jacqueline Simon (2nd Term) <p>b. Nominations from the floor</p> <p>c. Election of Council Year 25/26 Officers (Action) [M/S – B. Mulvey/ F. Detsky-Weil (Passed with 19 votes.)]</p> <p>d. Officer transition briefing: July 22, 2025, Executive & Membership Subcommittee Meeting</p> <p>e. Swearing in of Council Year 25/26 Officers: September 8, 2025, Advisory Council Meeting</p>
7. Executive & Membership Subcommittee Report/Other Business	<p>a. Chair's Report: Susan Mallett, Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ancillary Subcommittee Appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) LTC Ombudsman/Facilities Subcommittee - Appoint Rhys Jones (Action) [M/S – F. Detsky-Weil / D. McNamara (Passed with 19 votes.)] b) Affordability in Aging Subcommittee - Appoint Mikie Lochner (Action)

	<p align="center">[M/S – D. Milroy/ S. Huber (Passed with 19 votes.)]</p> <p>b. Membership Report: Jacqueline Simon, Secretary</p> <p>c. Board of Supervisors Annual Visits (Dates posted as confirmed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. District #1: Vacant [Vacant/Vacant] ii. District #2: Anderson [Phillips/Nocon] 2/26/2025 iii. District #3: Lawson-Remer [King/Colburn-Hargis] 1/31/2025 iv. District #4: Montgomery Steppe [Bishop/Milroy] 10/11/2024 v. District #5: Desmond [Vacant/Vacant]
8. Ancillary Subcommittee Oral Reports	<p>a. LTC Ombudsman/Facilities (met 7/14/25): Elaine Lewis, Chair</p> <p>b. Healthy Aging (met 6/9/25): Wanda Smith, Chair</p> <p>c. Affordability in Aging (met 6/9/25): David Milroy, Chair</p> <p>d. Nutrition (met 7/9/25): Shirley King, Chair</p>
9. Council Strategic Planning	<p>a. Subcommittee/Council Goals Status*</p> <p>b. Issues for Consideration/General Discussion</p> <p>c. Subcommittee Goals Council Fiscal Year 2025-26</p>
10. Other Announcements	
11. Adjournment & Next Meeting	<p>Meeting adjourned: 1:46PM</p> <p>Next Council Meeting: September 8, 2025, 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Future Subcommittee Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Healthy Aging: 7/14/2025 2:15 p.m. ➤ Affordability in Aging: 7/14/2025 10:30 a.m. ➤ Executive & Membership: 7/22/2025 9:00 a.m. ➤ Nutrition: 9/3/2025 1:00 p.m. ➤ LTC Ombudsman/Facilities: 9/8/2025 10:30 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michelle Hollie-Luterick.



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Fifth District

DATE: September 30, 2025

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

**RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE AGING ROADMAP SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL
PLAN 2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

According to population estimates from San Diego Association of Governments, of the nearly 3.3 million people currently residing in San Diego County, approximately 710,000 are adults aged 60 years and older. By 2029, the number of adults aged 60 years and older who reside in the county is expected to increase to more than 824,500. Therefore, it is essential that the County of San Diego (County) has a plan to support the unique needs of older adults and empower them to live healthy, safe, and thriving lives. Initiated at the direction of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) on September 24, 2019 (4), the Aging Roadmap is the County plan to ensure that the region has programs and communities that equitably support the needs of older adults.

The Aging Roadmap is organized by ten priority areas that collectively represent the County's comprehensive system of care, including person-centered and community-wide efforts: Health & Community Support; Housing; Social Participation; Transportation; Dementia; Caregiver Support; Safety; Preparedness; Silver Economy; and Medical & Social Services System. The Aging Roadmap annual report highlights significant accomplishments across each of the ten priority areas as well as age-friendly efforts across the county.

The region must continue to work collaboratively and proactively to strengthen the comprehensive system of care to better support older adults, their families, and people of all ages. Today's action requests the Board receive the Aging Roadmap San Diego County Regional Plan 2024-25 Annual Report.

This item supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by continuing to support older adults and persons with disabilities through various programs and initiatives and ensuring a community that is livable for people of all ages.

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**RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Receive update on the Aging Roadmap.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Recognizing the increasing diversity of San Diego County's population, the Aging Roadmap represents a commitment to ensuring that all residents can age well while accessing needed services, regardless of their race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation. Principles of equity and diverse community engagement have guided the development of Aging Roadmap priorities since its inception. Implementation of programs and initiatives within each of the priority areas are informed by the needs expressed by community members and stakeholders. Through regular convening of diverse community coalitions and collaboration with community-based organizations, the County of San Diego (County) has worked to ensure that programs are implemented with continuous input from those they intend to serve.

Throughout this past fiscal year, community partnerships and cross-departmental collaboration have facilitated innovative approaches to increased program accessibility. Community partnerships have been instrumental in the success of programs for at-risk populations such as non-English speaking residents, homebound older adults, and rural communities. For example, transit trainings were held with diverse community members participating in the CalFresh Healthy Living program to teach them about the use of public transportation to access community resources. Partnerships with community-based organizations serving rural parts of the county were strengthened through frequent communication and resident-led planning. For example, the use of livestream technology has helped to facilitate the implementation of new programming in Campo, a community with limited access to services due to its rural location. Additionally, the Dementia-Friends initiative continues to educate various sectors of the community on how to be inclusive of those living with dementia and cultivate a sense of belonging for them and their families.

The County continues to engage partners and community members in discussions to inform future initiatives and program planning. Likewise, providing input opportunities for diverse and often under-represented groups remains a priority.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Receiving today's update supports the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services, and Sustainability Goal #4 to promote health and well-being. The Aging Roadmap represents the County's comprehensive system of care for older adults and has been informed by diverse input from impacted stakeholders. The Aging Roadmap prioritizes equitable access to both person-centered and community-wide programs and services that aim to improve the quality of life and overall well-being of older adults. Furthermore, the Aging Roadmap advances the County's sustainability goals by raising awareness on transportation programs and resources that enable older adults to access community resources; implementing programs that improve physical and social health; highlighting education efforts to help older adults avoid scams; and increasing opportunities for older adults to live in safe and affordable housing. The Aging

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Roadmap continues to underscore the needs of older adults in the region’s sustainability planning and leverages impactful partnerships to improve and expand services that enable older adults to live healthy, safe, and thriving lives.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today’s recommendation. There will be no change in net general fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

The Aging & Independence Services Advisory Council reviewed this item at their regular meeting on _____, and recommended approval.

BACKGROUND

According to population estimates from San Diego Association of Governments, of the nearly 3.3 million people currently residing in San Diego County, approximately 710,000 are adults aged 60 years and older. By 2029, the number of adults aged 60 years and older who reside in the county is expected to increase to more than 824,500. As the older adult population continues to grow, creating communities where people of all ages and abilities can thrive is more important than ever.

The Aging Roadmap is the County of San Diego’s (County) plan to ensure that the region has policies, programs, and initiatives that equitably support the needs and leverage the contributions of the growing population of older adults in our region. The Aging Roadmap is informed by ongoing community input and collaboration that began in 2016 when the County joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Building upon initial age-friendly efforts, the Aging Roadmap was approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) on September 24, 2019 (4) and serves as the local “Master Plan for Aging” for our region. Within the Aging Roadmap are ten priority areas that collectively represent our County’s comprehensive system of care for older adults, including community-wide and person-centered efforts. These ten priority areas are:

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| • Health & Community Support | • Caregiver Support |
| • Housing | • Safety |
| • Social Participation | • Preparedness |
| • Transportation | • Silver Economy |
| • Dementia | • Medical & Social Services System |

While led by the County Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS), the Aging Roadmap incorporates County-wide programs and initiatives, as well as collaborations with local partners. Several community coalitions throughout the county, consisting of stakeholders and County staff, regularly convene to address Aging Roadmap priority areas. These cross-departmental collaborative efforts have amplified the voices of older adults as other County departments have developed their programs and services.

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The Aging Roadmap is designed to be flexible, adaptable, and continuously informed by ongoing community input. In Fiscal Year 2023-24, AIS hosted an extensive round of stakeholder input including 17 community feedback sessions across the county for older adults, caregivers, persons with disabilities, and service providers. Additionally, a randomized sample of adult households participated in the Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults sponsored by the California Department of Aging. The information collected from this community input process was described in the “Aging Roadmap Annual Update: 2024,” provided to the Board on September 24, 2024 (14), and used to inform Aging Roadmap priorities outlined in this year’s annual report.

The County was the first jurisdiction in the region to become an Age-Friendly Community in 2016. Since then, there are now 10 cities across the county recognized as members of AARP’s Network of Age-Friendly Communities that have committed to implementing their own Age-Friendly plans. Additionally, San Diego State University is the first academic institution in the region to become an Age-Friendly University. To foster collaboration and provide technical support to the growing network of Age-Friendly Communities in the county, AIS coordinates the Age-Friendly Regional Roundtable which convenes all Age-Friendly communities on a quarterly basis to learn from each other and share best practices.

In addition, the year 2025 marks 11 years since the Board approved The Alzheimer’s Project on May 6, 2014 (5). This unprecedented regional initiative was launched to address the toll of Alzheimer’s disease on families, communities, and our health care systems. Accomplishments of the Alzheimer’s Project are highlighted in the Dementia section of the Aging Roadmap San Diego County Regional Plan 2024-25 Annual Report (Attachment A) including aging services providers and professionals facilitating Dementia Friends sessions for more than 280 participants, teaching about dementia, what it’s like to live with it, and how to create environments that are welcoming to those living with dementia, and their care partners.

Next Steps

As the number of older adults in the county grows, the Aging Roadmap provides a blueprint for the work ahead. The County and community partners will continue to work towards the vision for each Aging Roadmap priority area. By strengthening cross-departmental relationships, encouraging age-friendly policies and practices, and fostering community collaboration, the Aging Roadmap will continue to be a model for aging service delivery across the country. As the older adult population grows, there are many opportunities to work together to ensure all residents can age well with dignity, support, and as valued members of the community.

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LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's proposed action supports the County of San Diego 2025-30 Strategic Plan Initiatives of Sustainability (Resiliency), Equity (Health), and Community (Quality of Life), and the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision by strengthening the system of care for older adults and ensuring a community that is livable for residents of all ages.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A – Aging Roadmap San Diego County Regional Plan 2024-2025 Annual Report

AIS Advisory Council

ANNUAL CALENDAR - COUNCIL FY 2025-26

MONTH	GUESTS/ACTIVITIES	AIS TOPICS	COUNCIL BUSINESS	
			Date Sensitive	Authority*
SEPTEMBER (9/8/25) Fall Prevention World Alzheimer's ANNUAL MEETING BL 6(E)(4)	HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES		❖ SWEAR-IN OFFICERS	IIIa 82.5(b) BL 4(A)(3)
			=> ADOPT ANNUAL CALENDAR	BL 5(C)(1)(a)(v)
			=> ADOPT ANNUAL REPORT	IIIa 82.16
			=> ADOPT ANNUAL SUBCOMMITTEES	BL 5(C)(2)(a)
			=> COUNCIL GOALS: REVIEW DRAFT	A-74(E)(4)
			=> SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR ANNUAL TRAINING	BL 5(C)(2)(a)
OCTOBER (10/13/25)		AGING ROADMAP ANNUAL REPORT	=> ADOPT COUNCIL GOALS	A-74(E)(4)
NOVEMBER (11/10/25) National Family Caregiver		OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REPORT	• CSL CAUCUS REPORT: SACRAMENTO	WIC 9302 CDA PM 13-04, III (C)
DECEMBER (no mtg.)				
JANUARY (1/12/26)		PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE TEAM		
FEBRUARY (2/9/26)		IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	➤ APPOINT AREA PLAN SUCOMM.	BL 5(C)(3)
MARCH (3/9/26)		CALAIM	✓ APPOINT BUDGET SUBCOMM.	
APRIL (4/13/26)		HEALTH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM	➤ AREA PLAN PUBLIC HEARING (26-27 Annual Update)	IIIa 82.1(a) A-74(C)(8) BL 5(C)(3)
MAY (5/11/26) Older Americans	HHSa BUDGET PRESENTATION per A-74(c)(8)	MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM	⊕ APPOINT LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMM. APPOINT NOMINATING SUBCOMM.	A-74(C)(12) BL 5(C)(3)
			• CSL VACANCY ELECTION CSL Full Term Election	WIC 9302
JUNE (6/8/26) World Elder Abuse Awareness Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness June 30 - County FY ends		ADVISORY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING	❖ DECLARE OFFICER NOMINATIONS	BL 4(A)(2)(b)
			=> COUNCIL GOALS: REPORT STATUS	A-74(E)(4)
			=> COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING	N/A
			=> SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS 26-27 Discuss/develop in subcommittee mtgs	
JULY (7/13/26) July 1 - County FY begins		ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES TEAM	⊕ COUNCIL: Leg. Policy Guidelines—conclude review, forward proposals	BL 5(C)(3)
			❖ ELECT OFFICERS	IIIa 82.5(a) BL 4(A)(3)
			=> EXEC/MEMBERSHIP SUBCOMM.	BL 5(C)(1)(a)
			Officer Transition & Brown Act	N/A
			Draft Annual Calendar	BL 5(C)(1)(a)(v)
			Draft Annual Report	IIIa 82.16 BL 1(B)(6)
			Draft Annual Goals	A-74(E)(4)
			Propose Subcommittees	BL 5(C)(2)(a)
AUGUST (no mtg.)				

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

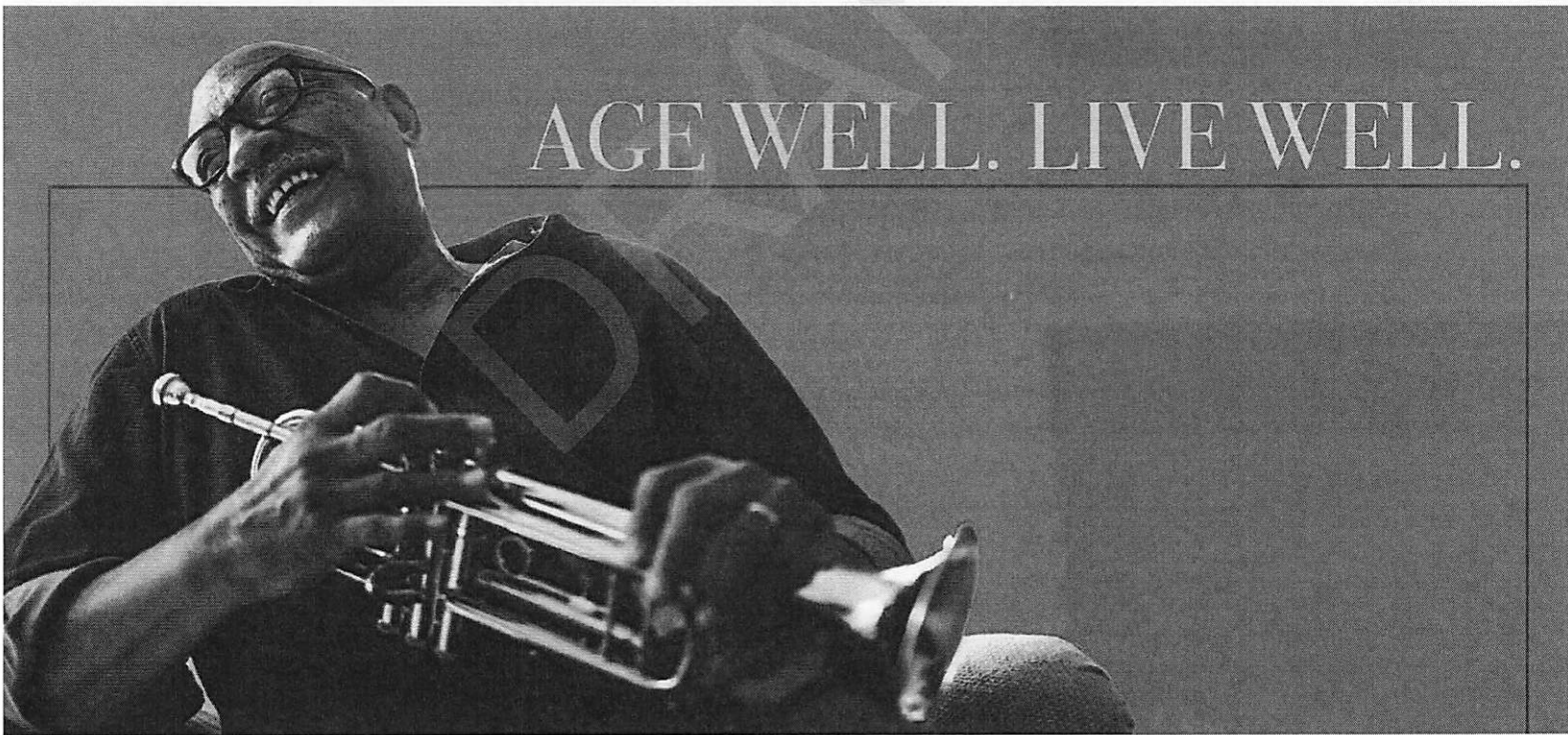
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Advisory Council 2025 Annual Report

Susan Mallett, Council Chair

September 8, 2025

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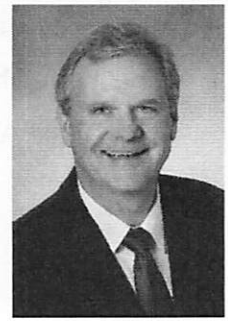
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The Aging & Independence Services Advisory Council

The Council's Role

The Advisory Council (Council) for the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) operates in accordance with the duties and responsibilities defined in the provisions of Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965, the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act Section 9402, and the San Diego County Code of Administrative Ordinances Article IIIa. The Council's primary responsibility is to:

"...advise continuously the area agency on aging on all matters relating to the development of the area plan, the administration of the plan and operations conducted under the plan;"

The Council's Operational Activities

The Council holds regular public meetings on the second Monday of each month at 12:00 p.m. at the County Operations Center. The Council has 30 seats, ten of which are appointed by members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. As of the regular Council meeting on July 14, 2025, 25 seats were filled. Council members and AIS staff have continued outreach efforts to fill vacancies.

In Council Year 2024-25, members reviewed and evaluated needs to ensure a strong and vital aging system. Monthly Council meetings featured several AIS program staff members who provided operational updates and in-depth overviews of AIS programs. The Council also heard from representatives from several other County departments and guests including Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Office of Emergency Services, Agency Budget Office, and the *Live Well San Diego* support team, all of whom provided relevant updates and information pertaining to AIS operations and support of older adults in San Diego County. The Council and subcommittees continued to be engaged with local organizations and heard from several speakers including Southern Caregiver Resource Center, Sarsis, Jewish Family Service of San Diego, and San Diego Workforce Partnership who provided insight into issues impacting the region and programs and services available to older adults. These speakers helped Council members remain informed of current needs, resources, and trends as they provided guidance on items related to the local aging system prior to these items going before the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

Council Year 2024-25 Accomplishments

In Council Year 2024-25, efforts continued toward strengthening the aging network in our region. The Council conducts a considerable amount of work through subcommittees, and the subcommittees were engaged and impactful in supporting the work of the Council.

Standing Subcommittee

Executive & Membership

The Executive & Membership Subcommittee is made up of the Council Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, and Immediate Past Chair. The Executive and Membership Subcommittee continued to perform internal organizational functions including recruiting and recommending new members and reviewing and maintaining Council records. The subcommittee also set Council meeting agendas, strengthened the focus on strategic planning and goals, encouraged subcommittee development of focus areas, and secured speakers for Council meetings to support Council goals.

Ancillary Subcommittees

Healthy Aging

The Healthy Aging Subcommittee is committed to expanding current programs, developing new evidence-based community-wide initiatives, and promoting preventative strategies to reduce or eliminate the impact of disease and chronic disability among older adults. The subcommittee documented essential tasks and activities that older adults should consider when planning for their later years and presented it to AIS staff. The committee also emphasized strategies for reducing the risk of diseases commonly affecting older adults and highlighted the importance of lifelong learning opportunities to support healthy and active aging.

Affordability in Aging

The Affordability in Aging Subcommittee continued to research and monitor issues and trends related to the affordability, adaptability, and accessibility aspects of transportation, medical care, financial assistance, employment, and aging in place within age-friendly communities. These topics included permanent supportive and affordable housing for older adults and novel strategies for economical and safe options for older adults facing housing, financial, and food insecurity. The subcommittee met with community housing agencies and learned about current housing, transportation, medical, and food program issues, also inviting community partners to present on their unique contributions to the broader effort.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman & Facilities

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman & Facilities Subcommittee worked with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program to review the application and screening processes for onboarding new volunteers, and conducted research to identify best practices. As a result of the subcommittee's work, a set of recommendations were presented to department leadership aimed at potentially streamlining the process of onboarding new Long-Term Care Ombudsman program volunteers and retaining current volunteers. These recommendations are intended to inform decision-making and will be considered at the discretion of leadership. Subcommittee members began attending *Live Well San Diego* Community Leadership Team meetings to monitor and make recommendations on efforts.

Nutrition

The Nutrition Subcommittee ensured that the Council was informed about the delivery of AIS nutrition services contracts, site responsiveness to AIS performance standards, and community participation. The AIS Public Health Nutrition Manager is a regular participant in the Nutrition Subcommittee, adding important nutrition information and operational updates to subcommittee discussions. The subcommittee frequently meets at nutrition program sites and reports observations at Council meetings. Presentations from community agencies and County staff provided the subcommittee with greater insight into the importance of accessibility to nutritional food and nutrition information for older adults. The committee continued to examine the ease of access and availability of nutrition services, including CalFresh benefits for older adults.

Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Area Plan

The ad hoc Area Plan Subcommittee advised on the development and annual update of the 2024-28 Area Plan, a California Department of Aging requirement which provides a four-year plan of services and execution of the critical responsibilities addressing present and future aging and long-term care issues within San Diego County.

Budget

The ad hoc Budget Subcommittee reviewed the Fiscal Year 2025-26 proposed budget and made recommendations to staff regarding content and format, and provided input into the presentation of the proposed budget to the Council.

Legislative

The ad hoc Legislative Subcommittee advised on the County of San Diego's 2026 Legislative Program and gave feedback on priorities and policy guidelines related to older adults and persons with disabilities.

Nominating

The ad hoc Nominating Subcommittee recommended a slate of officers for the Council Year 2025-26 officer elections.

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The Year Ahead:

Council Year 2025-26 Council Priorities

At its annual strategic planning meeting, the Council discussed progress on existing goals and streamlined priorities to establish goals with measurable outcomes for the upcoming Council Year that align with the Aging Roadmap's priority areas. The Council's priorities include:

- Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias
- Food Security
- Healthcare
- Health Promotion
- Housing
- Legislation
- Long-Term Care
- Nutrition
- Social Engagement
- Technology
- Transportation

The complete list of goals is included in the Appendix – AIS Advisory Council Goals 2025-28.

Moving forward, the Council will continue its work in advancing services and support for older adults in the region. The Council will provide input on the Area Plan Update for FY 2026-27, and advise on programs and initiatives that will further advance Aging Roadmap efforts in the year ahead.

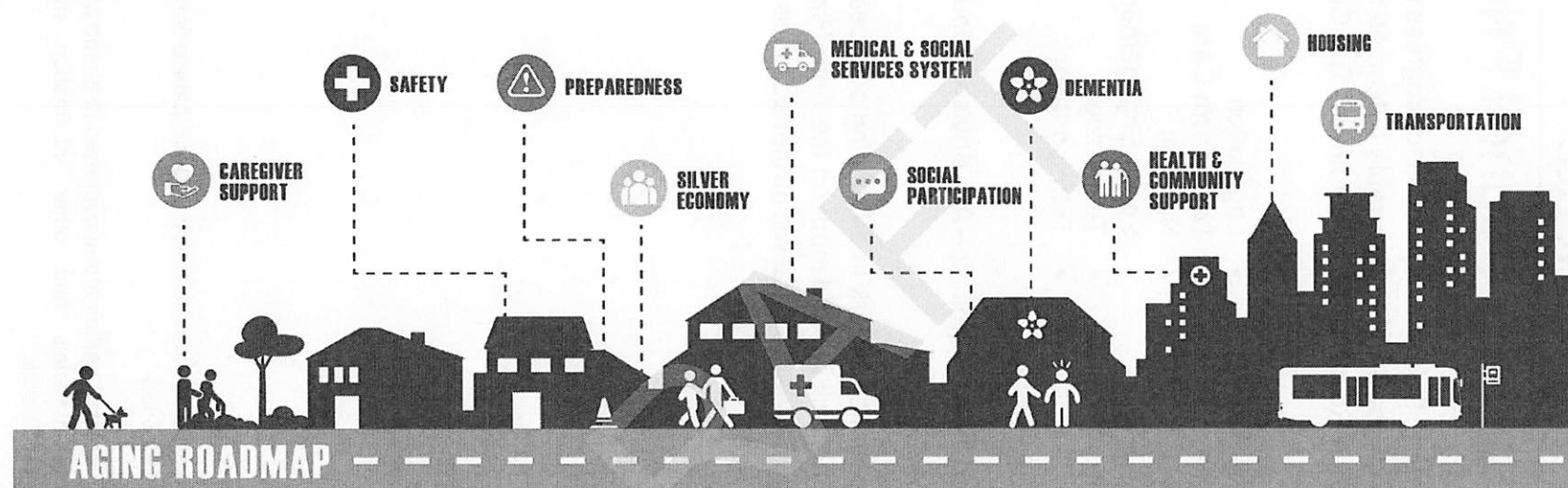
For questions about the Aging & Independence Services Advisory Council, please contact Jana Jordan at jana.jordan@sdcounty.ca.gov or call 858-495-5858.

All meetings are open to the public, and interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate in the public comment period. Past meeting materials and other information may be found at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/AISAdvisoryCouncil>.

AGING & INDEPENDENCE SERVICES (AIS) ADVISORY COUNCIL | GOALS 2025 – 2028

COUNCIL FOCUS: Use or gain expertise to identify, project, and anticipate needs and trends, and advise on AIS operational actions to address the needs of older adults and persons with disabilities.







AGING ROADMAP: County of San Diego's regional plan that is implemented and organized by 10 focus areas that collectively represent the County's comprehensive system of care, including both person-centered and community-wide efforts. Roadmap focus areas are as follows and identified throughout the Council's Goals:








GOALS 2025 – 2028

#	Goal	Timeline	Lead	Measure	Outcome	Status
1	Advise on Area Plan updates for FY 2025-2026. 	Feb – May 2025	Ad Hoc Area Plan Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting date(s) Discussion Vote and authorization of Council Chair to sign letter of transmittal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ad Hoc Area Plan Subcommittee met on 3/27/25. Area Plan public hearing comment and consideration of acceptance during Advisory Council meeting on 4/14/25. Discussion included: Area Plan 2025-2026 updates and process and content of the Area Plan. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommends continued consultation, input, and monitoring of progress from the Advisory Council. Authorization passed with 20 votes on 4/14/25. 	Completed







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1a	Advise on Area Plan updates for FY 2026-2027. 	Feb – May 2026	Ad Hoc Area Plan Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting date(s) • Discussion • Vote and authorization of Council Chair to sign letter of transmittal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion included: 	Not yet started
2	Monitor and plan for services for older adults to meet the needs of the growing population. 	Ongoing	Ad Hoc Area Plan Subcommittee and Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion included: 	In progress
3	Find engaging speakers for the AIS Advisory Council general meetings. 	Ongoing	Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers' topics included: 	In progress
4	Expand participation in appropriate Auxiliary Subcommittees. 	Ongoing	Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting date(s) • Discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auxiliary Subcommittee met on: • Discussion included: • Authorization passed: 	In progress
5	Participate in appropriate Ancillary Subcommittees. 	Ongoing	Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting date(s) • Discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancillary Subcommittee met on: • Discussion included: • Authorization passed: 	In progress
6	Research and make recommendations for priority areas to support economic security amongst older adults in San Diego County. 	Ongoing	Affordability in Aging Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding(s) • Discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics may include, but are not limited to, affordable housing for older adults, transportation for older adults, healthcare programs for older adults, and financial supplemental programs for older adults. 	In progress




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7	Research and make recommendations for priority areas of healthcare and hospital community systems for older adults. 	Ongoing	Healthy Aging Subcommittee	• Finding(s)	• Topics may include, but are not limited to, neurodegenerative diseases of AD, PD, FTD, Dementia, polypharmacy, and life planning to increase awareness and education within the health care providers' community.	In progress
8	Review how older adults who have the greatest economic or social need are made aware of and utilize nutrition services including CalFresh benefits. 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	• Finding(s)	• Topics may include, but not limited to, review of nutrition resources and education through the AIS website, California Association of Food Banks, California Department of Food and Agriculture, and printed materials. • Examine the barriers to CalFresh benefit enrollment with online and phone applications, and how enrollment assistance is promoted through navigation support.	In progress
9	Review the research and implementation efforts of local and national 'food as medicine' initiatives that focus on the integration of food for disease prevention and management. 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	• Finding(s)	• Topics may include, but not limited to, enhancing nutritional quality through increased fruit and vegetable consumption and the importance of good nutrition for older adults living with chronic health conditions, and how local health care providers are integrating the 'Food as Medicine' program models for the purpose of reducing food and nutrition insecurity.	In progress
10	Increase awareness about good oral health and dental treatment options through public insurance benefits. 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	• Finding(s)	• Topics may include, but not limited to, the barriers to the utilization of Medi-Cal Dental insurance benefits, the outreach efforts by California Smile, and an annual update with Dr. Whyte, County Chief Dental Officer.	In progress
11	Identify disease risk and injury reduction strategies to advocate for educational opportunities for older adults. 	Ongoing	Healthy Aging Subcommittee	• Finding(s)	• Topics may include, but are not limited to, cardiac health, diabetes, oral health, hearing and vision loss, care and nutrition, dementia, and neurodegenerative diseases.	In progress

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12	Monitor and advise on AIS programs through presentations and site visits. 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting(s) and date(s) attended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics may include, but not limited to, the outreach activities to the outlying and rural communities where nutrition resources are limited to distant retail businesses. 	In progress
12a	Congregate Meals (Title III C1) and Transportation to Dining Sites (Title III B). Review nutrition education and in-service requirements for congregate sites. 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting(s) and date(s) attended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics may include, but not limited to, site visits for the purpose of reviewing the social engagement and nutrition education supports and CalFresh outreach. 	In progress
12b	Home-Delivered Meals (Title III C2) 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting(s) and date(s) attended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion included: 	In progress
12c	SNAP (Cal Fresh) 	Ongoing	Nutrition Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting(s) and date(s) attended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics may include, but not limited to, tracking the proposed California legislation to maintain level of CalFresh benefits if the federal investment is decreased. 	In progress
12d	Older Adult Health Promotion (Feeling Fit, Fall Prevention, etc.) and Healthy Aging in life-long learning. 	Ongoing	Healthy Aging Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting(s) and date(s) attended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness and Promotion of local programs in lifelong learning to support Healthy Aging. 	In progress
13	Monitor pending legislation in all goal areas and participate with respective committees and AIS staff in analysis of legislation. 	Ongoing	Advisory Council and Ad Hoc Legislative Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation monitored 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion included: Recommendations: 	In progress

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14	Attend <i>Live Well San Diego</i> meetings once a quarter, and monitor AIS programs in support of the <i>Live Well San Diego</i> vision. 	Ongoing	Long-Term Care & Ombudsman Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date(s) of regional meeting(s) attended	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendations for improvement, including assessment of effectiveness or additional resources needed.• Discussion included:	In progress
15	Advise AIS on legislative proposals and changes related to Skilled Nursing Facilities and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly. 	Ongoing	Long-Term Care & Ombudsman Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislation monitored	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raise and maintain awareness for the AIS Advisory Council surrounding legislation related to skilled nursing facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly.• Discussion included:	In progress
16	Monitor and advise AIS on the Ombudsman program standard of operations, goals, performance, and increasing the number of volunteers as well as advise on areas of concern related to long-term care. 	Ongoing	Long-Term Care & Ombudsman Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting(s) and date(s) attended	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendations for improvement, including assessment of effectiveness or additional resources needed.• Discussion included:	In progress



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April 3, 2025
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Gaurav Mishra – District 1
Robert Alm – District 2
Julie Hayden, Member-At-Large – District 2
Serita Polinaire, 1st Vice Chair – District 2
Jessica Kramer – District 3
Robin Sales, Chair – District 3
Dr. Devesh Vashishtha – District 3
Minola Clark Manson – District 4
Kathy Watkins – District 4
Judith Yates, 2nd Vice Chair – District 4
Amanda Berry, Member-At-Large – District 4

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Stewart – District 1
Janice Luna-Reynoso – District 1
Stuart Gaiber – District 3
Donald Romo – District 5
Aaron Byzak – District 5

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Joel San Juan – District 1

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)
Dania Barroso-Conde, Program Coordinator, BHS
Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator, BHS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) was called to order by Chair Robin Sales at 2:34PM in person and via Zoom. Chair Robin Sales introduced one (1) new BHAB member: Dr. Devesh Vashishta.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

BHAB approved the meeting minutes from March 6, 2025.

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Total of two (2) In-person comments and five (5) E-Comments

In-Person Comments:

- Joshua Heredia, an intern for The Veterans Art Project (VETART) that helps veterans through art therapy, expressed that he would like to see more opportunities for projects like VETART in the community.
- Jerry Hall, urged boards like BHAB to be more effective through community engagement and ensuring the integrity of the Community Program Planning (CPP) process.

E- Comments:

- Paloma Serna, a member of the North County Equity & Justice Coalition, and Saving Lives in Custody California, expressed her hopes that the Sheriff's Department will attend behavioral health meetings to help people in the community.
- Sandra Robinson, NAMI member, advocated for solutions in addressing mental health conditions among the unhoused. She suggested strengthening CARE Court and establish additional board and care programs.
- Kristin Garrett Montgomery, commented on the Update on Creating a Children, Youth, and Transitional Age Youth Behavioral Health Continuum Framework. She expressed the need for the County to gather input from organizations that are contributing to the success of this framework and is looking forward to the collaboration of Child and Family Well-Being and BHS to ensure that the children's continuum framework includes input from infant and early childhood mental health community of providers.
- Erin Hogeboom acknowledged the effort put into the initial draft of the Update on Creating a Children, Youth, and Transitional Age Youth Behavioral Health Continuum Framework Board Letter and emphasized the need for further community input, particularly regarding the inclusion of infant and early childhood behavioral health support, and the importance of out-of-school care systems in addressing behavioral and mental health challenges. She encouraged integration of additional stakeholders in the final framework to enhance its effectiveness.
- Mary Jo O'Brien, Co-Chair of the San Diego Peer Council, suggested that the County consider peer respite through BH-CONNECT. She commented on recent community engagement efforts through UCSD Health Partnership but questioned how the public would be informed and engaged in the process, as well as how the County will use the collected data.

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IV. UPDATE ITEM: COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION (CBO) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Serita Polinaire, 1st Vice Chair of BHAB, discussed opportunities for BHAB members to volunteer and create a plan to hold an ad-hoc convening on the Community Based Organizations (CBO) technical assistance process.

V. SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS OUTS

- Julie Hayden, BHAB Member-at-Large, updated on BHAB Pathways to Continuum of Care for Children, Youth, and Adults Impacted by Alcohol and Drugs subcommittee.
 - The Pathways to Continuum will provide an integrative perspective of substance use treatment, improve public awareness and focus on withdrawal management, detox, gaps of services, links between mental health and addiction, navigating intake process, and involving family and community.
- Robin Sales, BHAB Chair, gave an update on BHAB Re-entry Support for Justice-Involved Youth and Adults Subcommittee.
 - The subcommittee has had presentation on the Next Move program that will help youth transition from juvenile detention and probation, and help with intensive therapy, case management, and family services. Program will focus on evidence-based data to ensure program is effective.

VI. PRESENTATION ITEM: CONSULTING SUPPORT FOR BHS ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

Ana Mancia, Principal and Katherine Donato, Partner, both from Boston Consulting Group presented on the following:

- Boston Consulting Group (BCG) is working with BHS on a study to understand the County perspective on Behavioral Health Transformation adaptation challenges and opportunities.

- BCG will support development of a shared county and state-level understanding of what counties need to succeed in adapting to the changes introduced by Proposition 1, in the context of other behavioral health initiatives and county-level priorities and understand how San Diego County context and opportunities compare with other counties.
- Areas of focus will be revenue management and maximization, housing, reporting requirements, and integrated plan collaboration.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Luke Bergmann, Director, provided updates on the following:

- 30-day public review period for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual update started April 1, 2025 through May 1, 2025.
- Update on Youth Behavioral Health Continuum Framework
 - Child Youth Optimal Care Pathways Model
 - The use of local evidence-based data will help to describe how things should work ideally. The continuum will be designed to best serve individuals with needs.
- District 4 Update on Enhancing Behavioral Health Accessibility – Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe
 - Create an arrangement between the County and the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Health system that will create accessibility to more innovative care including inpatient site beds.
 - This update will show the progress that the County is making and leverage resources for engagement with Behavioral Health Workforce training and academic partnership.
 - Update on what will result the first IOP PHP Medi-Cal reimbursement service for adults.
 - Effort to establish an additional long-term care setting accessible to people with SMI.

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Robin Sales shared that she and Judith Yates, 2nd Vice Chair, met with Kim Giardina, Ph.D., Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO) of Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) to discuss the involvement BHAB will have in the selection process for a new BHS Director.
- Robin expressed gratitude towards Luke Bergmann, Ph.D., for his time and guidance with the County and BHS.
- Robin encourages BHAB members to volunteer for their subcommittees to boost community engagement.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- BHS Director Announcement
 - Luke Bergmann, Ph.D., has resigned from his position as BHS Director and will be stepping down from his position after April 11, 2025.
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) 30-Day Public Review Period
 - The review period is expected to begin on April 1, 2025, and end on May 1, 2025.
- 2025 NAMIWalks Community Wellness Expo Kicks Off May is Mental Health Matters (MIMHMM) Month
 - NAMIWalks 5K event is on April 26, 2025 at NTC Park in Liberty Station (2455 Cushing Road), San Diego from 7:00am – 11:00am.
- 11th Annual Child and Youth Mental Health Well-Being Celebration on May 10, 2025
 - The event will be held in-person at Grossmont Center Mall in the main courtyard.

X. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Serita Polinaire, seconded by Gaurav Mishra, the BHAB meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.



August 7, 2025
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Stewart – District 1
Gaurav Mishra – District 1
Joel San Juan – District 1
Dr. Rosolyn Harper – District 2
Robert Alm – District 2
Julie Hayden – Member-At-Large, District 2
Robin Sales, Chair – District 3
Dr. Devesh Vashishtha – District 3
Stuart Gaiber – District 3
Minola Clark Manson – District 4
Kathy Watkins – District 4
Judith Yates, 2nd Vice Chair – District 4
Donald Romo – District 5
Aaron Byzak – District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Janice Luna-Reynoso – District 1
Jessica Kramer – District 3
Terra Lawson-Remer – #21

MEMBER PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Amanda Berry, Member-At-Large – District 4

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Nadia Privara Brahms, Acting Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)
Dania Barroso-Conde, Program Coordinator, BHS
Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator, BHS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) was called to order by Chair Robin Sales at 2:30pm in person and via Zoom.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

BHAB approved the following consent calendar item:

1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the meeting of June 5, 2025
2. Update on Substance Use Disorder Optimal Care Pathways Model, and Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Grant Update Board Letter Draft

AYES: 15 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Total of eight (8) in-person comments and two (2) e-comments

In-Person Comments:

- Steve Dilley, Executive Director of Veterans Art (VetArt) Project, commented on the importance of veterans' advocacy and County-funded arts interventions for veterans and active-duty populations. Veterans Art Project has an explicit inclusion of creative arts as a pilot program for Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)
- Don Bartletti, a veteran with lived experience, expressed how the arts is essential in reducing isolation among veterans. He expressed his support for County investments in VetArt programs.
- Diana Bartletti, the wife of a veteran with lived experience, emphasized the power of creative expression and community support in fostering personal and community connections. She commented that County funding for VetArt would be well allocated.
- Kathleen Derby, a peer support specialist who oversees mental health services in San Diego County, called for innovative, recovery-oriented outpatient care and services as alternatives to hospitalization and conservatorship.
- Peter Westlake discussed data from the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) monthly data reports. He encouraged the County to strengthen prevention efforts to help address crises before they escalate.
- Peggy Walker, a public health educator, expressed her concerns about the lack of awareness among the public and elected officials on the high potency of marijuana's harm. She encourages stronger education efforts on its behavioral and physical health impacts.
- Elijah Ferrer, a Marine veteran, shared the importance of programs such as VetArt and the positive impact it had on his transition to civilian life. He encouraged support for veteran advocacy and funding to ensure programs like VetArt can continue to help other veterans.
- Leslie Mukau, a local stakeholder, suggested adopting a low barrier treatment model to prioritize immediate access to evidence-based medication for substance use disorders. He also recommended using substance use navigators or community health workers to help patients with substance use disorders with ongoing care.

E- Comments:

- Anonymous commenter expressed their concerns about programs like Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act and Assistant Outpatient Treatment (AOT)/Laura's Law, noting limitations in their effectiveness for individuals who may lack insight into their illness or the ability to voluntarily seek help.
- Anonymous commenter, shared concerns with the practice of removing individuals with severe mental illness from County programs when they are unable to voluntarily participate, emphasizing that untreated symptoms may impair their ability to engage and lead to further deterioration.

ACTION ITEM: BHAB 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

On the motion of Minola Clark Manson, seconded by Stuart Gaiber, this item was approved.

AYES: 12 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 3

IV. PEER VOICES ROUNDTABLE

Public Comments: Total of two (2) In-Person Public Comments were received.

- Ellen Stone, former co-founder and co-leader of peer-led organization called Impact Young Adult, hosted weekly social events weekly. This organization gave the opportunity to connect and build friendships with people who have similar experiences. She suggested expanding volunteer opportunities as a valuable form of peer support.

- Kathleen Derby expressed concern about the lack of peer involvement in state and County policy discussions. She shared that recent state laws may extend conservatorships rather than reduce long-term hospitalization and urged inclusion of peers in decision-making.

PEER VOICES ROUNDTABLE

Eight (8) peer support specialists were invited to discuss how to elevate the lived experiences of peers to help inform and strengthen San Diego's behavioral health system. Participants shared insights across several focus areas, including the continuum of care, peer and community engagement, workforce barriers, peer roles, and housing. The peer support specialists were asked the following questions:

- **Question 1: What strengths do peer workers bring to the behavioral health system?**
 - Peers use their lived experience to build trust, reduce stigma, and increase client engagement. They help clients feel understood, foster open communication, and improve outcomes such as reduced hospitalizations and substance use. Peers are especially valuable in crisis and case management teams, where they serve as critical bridges to clinical services.
- **Question 2: What are some of the biggest barriers you've seen to accessing consistent behavioral health care, and how can peer support specialists help individuals navigate or overcome these challenges?**
 - Barriers such as long wait times, transportation challenges, fear, and stigma often prevent people from accessing care. Peers help individuals overcome these obstacles by providing emotional support, advocacy, and system navigation. Their consistent presence builds trust and helps connect clients to basic needs, medications, and long-term behavioral health services.
- **Question 3: In your current role, what opportunities exist for you to provide meaningful feedback and participate in planning efforts within your program?**
 - Peers actively contribute to program planning, training, and feedback processes. However, challenges such as role ambiguity, burnout, and productivity demands limit their impact. Participants recommended structured supervision, peer-to-peer support, and professional development to strengthen and sustain the workforce.
- **Question 4: What types of training or support have helped you achieve meaningful involvement in your role, and what additional resources or opportunities would you like to see offered for future peer development?**
 - Training in leadership, advocacy, and system navigation were mentioned as valuable, while mentorship and internships help build confidence and skills. Participants highlighted the need to expand certification programs, paid internships, and advanced training in facilitation, clinical skills, and wellness support. Sustaining the workforce will require ongoing professional development and retention-focused strategies.
- **Question 5: Given the link between housing and behavioral health recovery, what are some of the ways peer workers can support individuals in navigating housing systems?**
 - Peers support by assisting with housing applications, documentation, and advocacy with housing processes. They also provide emotional support during transitions and help clients overcome barriers such as deposits or credit requirements. Peer-led housing and respite programs were seen as critical to promoting stability and reducing hospitalizations.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Robin Sales, Chair, BHAB

- **Pathways to Continuum of Care for Children, Youth, and Adults Impacted by Alcohol and other Drugs Subcommittee**

- Julie Hayden, Chair, reported that the subcommittee met on July 14. The meeting included discussion on peer respite, personal experiences with addiction, and the development of a crisis navigation handbook to connect individuals with available resources.
- **Re-Entry Support for Justice-Involved Youth and Adults Subcommittee**
 - Robin Sales, Chair, reported that the subcommittee met on July 21 to discuss support for individuals transitioning from incarceration to the community. The meeting focused on the 90-day pre-release program and its role in re-entry planning.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nadia Privara, Acting Director, BHS provided the following updates:

- Board of Supervisors, District 3, Chair Terra Lawson-Remer, was appointed to Seat 21 of the BHAB.
- Urmi Patel, PsyD, was appointed as the Public Conservator for the County of San Diego.
- Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) and Community Care Expansion-Preservation (CCE-P) grant have expanded board and care capacity by 221 new slots and help preserve licensed facilities.
- Updates on the Substance Use Disorder Optimal Care Pathways Model, and Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Grant will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. BHCIP grant has five County awardees, four of which focus on substance use services.
- El Cajon Police Department (PD) has recently changed their policy when responding to mental health crisis calls. El Cajon PD will not be deployed if someone is not threatening to harm themselves or if there is no immediate risk to others.
- County staff are reviewing implications for individuals experiencing homelessness with mental health and substance use challenges as a result of the Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets Executive Order.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Robin Sales, Chair, BHAB provided the following updates:

- The BHAB Retreat held in July provided BHAB members with an opportunity to connect and collaborate on board priorities.
- BHAB will be conducting nominations for the Executive Committee, including Chair, Vice Chairs and two (2) additional members for the upcoming year.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Robin Sales presented a recognition card to Dania Barroso-Conde in appreciation of her years of service and congratulated her on her recent promotion.
- Bill Stewart announced that the CARE Act public comment session will be held via Zoom on August 27, 2025, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. providing the community an opportunity to provide their input.
- Maria Molina-Melendez, BHAB Coordinator, shared that the Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs (EDGA), has opened its public comment period from August 4 through September 5, 2025, with a community forum scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2025 to gather feedback on the County's annual legislative program.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Robin Sales, seconded by Gaurav Mishra and Minola Clark Manson, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.



December 5, 2024
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Janice Luna Reynoso, Member-at-Large – District 1
Gaurav Mishra – District 1
Joel San Juan – District 1
Jessica Kramer – District 3
Robin Sales, Chair – District 3
Stuart Gaiber – District 3
Judith Yates, 2nd Vice Chair – District 4
Amanda Berry – District 4
Aaron Byzak – District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Stewart, Member-at-Large – District 1
Julie Hayden – District 2
Serita Polinaire, 1st Vice Chair – District 2
Donald Romo – District 5

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Andrea Rodriguez on behalf of Chairwoman Nora Vargas

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)
Dania Barroso-Conde, Program Coordinator, BHS
Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator, BHS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) was called to order by Chair Robin Sales at 2:33 p.m. in-person and via Zoom.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 7, 2024

ON MOTION of Judith Yates, seconded by Stuart Gaiber, BHAB approved the minutes from November 7, 2024.

AYES: 9 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

One in-person public comment, and one e-comment received.

In-Person Comment:

- John W. Edwards III, founder of Better Cuts Mental Health Alliance, provided an overview of his organization's mission to train barbers in the community on mental health resources and trauma-informed practices.

E- Comment:

- John Brady gave feedback about navigating the online form to participate in the BHAB subcommittees.

IV. CLUBHOUSE SERVICES ROUNDTABLE

As part of BHAB duties to be better informed of BHS services, the following Clubhouses participated in a roundtable discussion:

- Escondido Clubhouse
- The Meeting Place Clubhouse, Inc
- San Diego NAMI Clubhouse

During the clubhouse services roundtable, the following topics were addressed:

- Uniqueness of each Clubhouse
- Overview of the Work Ordered Day (WOD) for members
- Member involvement in the running of the Clubhouse sites
- Overview of the Drop-In Center Model to WOD and the impacts, if any to members
- Described the Transitional Employment (TE) process
- Overview of attendance since COVID to present
- Qualifications for new staff, and trainings offered
- Description on the process of starting a Clubhouse Board and their roles
- Engagement efforts with the families for each site
- Accreditation process for the Clubhouses and any impacts related to it
- Success stories were shared for each Clubhouse

V. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEM: CLUBHOUSE SERVICES ROUNDTABLE

Four in-person public comments, and no e-comments.

In-Person Comments:

- Mary Jo O'Brien emphasized the need to increase the number of Clubhouses available, noting that broader access to these services would allow more individuals to engage with the Clubhouses and the services offered.
- Alfredo Aguirre addressed the work-order day model in Clubhouses, stating that it supports individuals in recovery to build skills and confidence in rejoining the workforce. He encouraged continued support for this model as it benefits members.
- Lisa Garcia addressed the drop-in and work-order day models within the Clubhouses, suggesting that both models could better address the diverse needs of individuals, offering flexibility for those who may prefer a less structured environment alongside those seeking workforce preparation.
- Dan Kasperick shared his experience with the drop-in model, emphasizing its importance in fostering peer connections, personal growth, and skills development. He noted this approach has been effective for individuals prioritizing community development.

VI. ACTION ITEM: BHAB 2025 PRIORITIES

ON MOTION of Gaurav Mishra, seconded by Aaron Byzak, BHAB approved the BHAB 2025 Priorities.

AYES: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1

VII. PRESENTATION: AUTHORIZE A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH SHARP HEALTHCARE FOR HOSPITAL-BASED CRISIS STABILIZATION SERVICES WITHIN SHARP CHULA VISTA MEDICAL CENTER

Piedad Garcia Ed. D., LCSW, Deputy Director, presented on Authorize a Single Source Contract with Sharp Healthcare for Hospital-Based Crisis Stabilization Services within Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center. The following was presented:

- Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs) provide services on a short-term basis for up to 24 hours. The following services are provided:
 - Crisis intervention
 - Mental health assessment
 - Medication assistance
 - Therapy and peer support
 - Resources and connection for ongoing behavioral health services
- In January 2024, Sharp Healthcare received one-time grant funding from the Department of Health Care Services to develop an Emergency Psychiatric Assessment, Treatment and Healing (EmpATH) model CSU within Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center. The EmpATH CSU will integrate CSU services within the emergency department to streamline care.
- The Board Letter will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on January 29, 2025, to authorize the single source contract with Sharp Healthcare to establish CSU services within the Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center.

VIII. ACTION ITEM: AUTHORIZE A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH SHARP HEALTHCARE FOR HOSPITAL-BASED CRISIS STABILIZATION SERVICES WITHIN SHARP CHULA VISTA MEDICAL CENTER

ON MOTION of Stuart Gaiber, seconded by Gaurav Mishra, BHAB approved to Authorize a Single Source Contract with Sharp Healthcare for Hospital-Based Crisis Stabilization Services within Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center.

AYES: 7 NAYS: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 1

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Luke Bergmann, Director, BHS, provided the following updates:

- A Board Letter brought forward by District 4, titled *Authorize an Assessment of the Behavioral Health Services Department to Optimize its Role as a Health Plan, an Assessment of Potential Impacts on the County Health and Human Services Agency, a Competitive Solicitation for Consulting Services to Support the Assessment, and a Report Back on Findings and Recommendations*, will be presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 10, 2024. The assessment within HHSA, set to begin with BHS, will be impactful as BHS operates the County's Behavioral Health Medi-Cal Plan (BHP).
- California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) presents a significant Medi-Cal payment reform. It will transition from a cost-reimbursement model to a fee-for-service model which will impact funding of services. Under this model, reimbursement is directly tied to the volume of services provided, creating opportunities to enhance Medi-Cal revenue.
- The Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), which will replace the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), will introduce changes in funding allocations and reporting requirements.
- The Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT) waiver is expected to receive federal approval by January. The BH-CONNECT waiver seeks to address the significant shift in the Institute for Mental Diseases (IMD) exclusion, which excludes Medi-Cal reimbursement to psychiatric facilities with 17 beds or more. If approved, the waiver will enable Medi-Cal reimbursement for facilities meeting specific conditions.
- Senate Bill (SB) 43 will take effect on January 1, 2025. BHS is collaborating with multi-sector partners and stakeholders to support the implementation efforts to ensure readiness by providing trainings to healthcare providers and law enforcements.
- BHS will realign the system of care council meetings and regional collaboratives starting in early 2025. The new structure will focus on more inclusive meetings organized around community

engagement, regional and sector-based programming, and behavioral health transformation initiatives. This approach aims to better align resources and efforts with the needs of diverse communities.

X. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Robin Sales shared that the January BHAB meeting will be dark due to the holidays. The January BHAB Executive meeting is scheduled to take place on January 16, 2025 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be extended to welcome the new BHAB Executive Officers.

Additionally, she stated if any BHAB members have roundtable recommendations, please send to Maria Molina-Melendez, BHAB Coordinator.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

XII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION of Amanda Berry, seconded by Gaurav Mishra, the BHAB meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.



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February 6, 2025
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Janice Luna Reynoso - District 1
Robert Alm – District 2
Julie Hayden, Member-At-Large – District 2
Serita Polinaire, 1st Vice Chair – District 2
Robin Sales, Chair – District 3
Stuart Gaiber – District 3
Minola Clark Manson – District 4
Kathy Watkins – District 4
Judith Yates, 2nd Vice Chair – District 4
Donald Romo - District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Stewart – District 1
Gaurav Mishra – District 1
Jessica Kramer – District 3
Amanda Berry, Member-At-Large – District 4
Aaron Byzak – District 5

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Joel San Juan – District 1

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)
Dania Barroso-Conde, Program Coordinator, BHS
Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator, BHS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) was called to order by Chair Robin Sales at 2:32PM in person and via Zoom. Chair Robin Sales introduced three (3) new BHAB members: Minola Clark Manson, Kathy Watkins, and Robert Alm.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Judith Yates, seconded by Julie Hayden, BHAB approved the meeting minutes from December 5, 2024.

AYES: 8 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 2

III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

In-Person Comments:

- Steve Dilly, Executive Director of Veteran's Art Project in Vista, CA commented to raise awareness of the Veteran's Art Project which has offered free art classes since 2009 for veterans, active duty, spouses, dependents, and care givers. He advocated that this program interrupts isolation and improves mental health choices.

E- Comments:

- No e-comments were made.

IV. PRESENTATION ITEM: INTRODUCTION TO BH-CONNECT

Tabatha Lang, LMFT, Operations Administrator, BHS presented on the following:

- BH-CONNECT: The California Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment.
- A transformative initiative to improve behavioral health services for Medi-Cal members. Eligibility and populations of focus for this program are individuals with significant mental health and substance use disorders which include individuals with justice-involvement, youth in or at-risk of child welfare involvement, and individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

V. ACTION ITEM: ESTABLISHING THE 2025 BHAB SUBCOMMITTEES

On motion of Joel San Juan, seconded by Serita Polinaire, BHAB approved establishing the 2025 BHAB subcommittees.

- Re-entry Support for Justice Involved Youth and Adults
- Pathways to Continuum of Care for Children, Youth, and Adults Impacted by Alcohol and other Drugs

AYES: 11 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

VI. PRESENTATION ITEM: WORKFORCE INNOVATION PROGRAM

Andy Hall, President and CEO of Trailhead Strategies presented on the Workforce Innovation Program highlighting the following:

- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation Program
 - Two components: Loan Fund Program and Upskilling Program
 - Goal: To attract and retain workers in the public behavioral health field by deploying funding to support individuals seeking a variety of training, tuition, upskilling, and incentive opportunities.
- Program Administrator: Policy & Innovation Center
 - Loan Fund Program: Hydie Hudson, Vice President, Impact Investments, Social Finance
 - Upskilling Program: Andy Hall, President and CEO, Trailhead Strategies

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Luke Bergmann, Director, provided updates on the following:

- Update on Senate Bill (SB) 43, implemented as of January 1, 2025. Trainings of internal and external stakeholders have been ongoing provided by Jewish Family Service of San Diego (JFS). A total of 162 introductory trainings have been conducted, among these 32 courses were conducted reaching over 1,000 law enforcement and Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams (PERT) clinicians.
- Enhancing Behavioral Health Accessibility: Establishing New Partnerships Across the Continuum of Care and A-72 Waiver Board letter.
- Sharp Healthcare for hospital based crisis stabilization services within Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center: In January 2024, Sharp HealthCare (Sharp) received one-time grant funding to support the design and development of a new Emergency Psychiatric Assessment, Treatment, and Healing (EmPATH) Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) within the Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center.
- Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Diversion and Community-Based Restoration Infrastructure Project Grant Funds: The IST Diversion and Community-Based Restoration Infrastructure Project grant (IST Infrastructure Grant) will provide funding for capital infrastructure to serve individuals

who have been charged with a felony, deemed IST, and who are identified by DSH as eligible for diversion or community-based services. With letters of support from the San Diego Superior Court, Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, and the County of San Diego (County) Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), the County applied for the maximum allocation of up to \$21,375,000 for Fiscal Years 2024-25 through 2027-28.

- San Diego County Suicide Prevention Council (SPC) Annual Report 2024: The data reveals a promising reduction in suicide mortality compared to five years ago. However, there was an increase in suicide rates over the past two years, particularly among older white men. Suicide attempts and ideation have risen among girls, women, and people of color. By analyzing patterns in the data, we can gain insights on emerging trends, risk factors, and vulnerable populations, allowing us to develop a more comprehensive understanding of suicide in our county.

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Robin Sales shared that the Executive Committee has agreed to recommend utilizing a consent calendar effective in March. BHAB members can pull items from the consent calendar and will be added to the meeting agenda as a discussion item by. Members can ask for an item to be added to a future meeting agenda for further discussion and/or presentation.
- If any BHAB member needs an ADA accommodation, BHS staff will work with the individual to implement accommodations as best as possible. For any requests or questions, reach out to Maria Molina-Melendez.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENT

- Registration is now open for the 2025 Critical Issues in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Conference (CICAMH). Happening April 25th at University of San Diego (USD).
- SB 43 Expanding Grave Disability Criteria Training
 - March 4, 2025, 9:00am – 10:30am presented by Mike Phillips, Director, Patient Advocacy Program, JFS.
- Stakeholder Input Sessions:
 - February 10, 2025
 - Child, Youth, and Families Council Meeting, 9:00am- 10:30am
 - Adult Council Meeting, 11:00am – 12:30pm
 - February 26, 2025,
 - Older Adult Council Meeting, 10:00am – 11:30am
 - Transition Age Youth Council Meeting, 11:00am – 12:30pm

X. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Serita Polinaire seconded by Stuart Gaiber and Minola Clark Manson, the BHAB meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.



June 5, 2025
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Stewart – District 1
Gaurav Mishra – District 1
Joel San Juan – District 1
Dr. Rosolyn Harper – District 2
Robert Alm – District 2
Julie Hayden, Member-At-Large – District 2
Robin Sales, Chair – District 3
Dr. Devesh Vashishtha – District 3
Stuart Gaiber – District 3
Minola Clark Manson – District 4
Kathy Watkins – District 4
Judith Yates, 2nd Vice Chair – District 4
Amanda Berry, Member-At-Large – District 4
Donald Romo – District 5

MEMBER PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Aaron Byzak – District 5

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IN PERSON

Janice Luna-Reynoso – District 1
Jessica Kramer – District 3

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Nadia Privara Brahms, Acting Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)
Dania Barroso-Conde, Program Coordinator, BHS
Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator, BHS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) was called to order by Chair Robin Sales at 2:30 p.m. in person and via Zoom.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

BHAB approved the following consent calendar item:

1. Approval Of the Meeting Minutes From the meeting minutes from May 1, 2025

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

Total of three (4) In-person comments and three (3) E-Comments

In-Person Comments:

- Jerry Hall encourages the board to consider rescheduling meetings that fall during holiday months such as January, July, and December. Jerry expressed encouragement for the board to use the next 60 days to further understand the responsibilities and duties of board service.
- Joe Banez, Senior Director of Engagement at Shadowproof, shared the national nonprofit id dedicated to addressing addiction across California and the United States. Working to promote equitable access to evidence-based addiction treatment and reduce stigma associated with addiction. He also shared information about a treatment locator tool, treatmentatlas.org, and has interest in collaborating with BHS in the future.
- Gaela Fernandez Florin shared the mission of leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) and technology to support people with serious mental illness, starting first with bipolar disease. Stated an interest in exploring opportunities to collaborate with BHS.
- John Brady stated the board to get a review of contracts and consider integrating trainings on the application of reasonable accommodation for both employees and clients.
- Brad expressed support for recent drug enforcement administration efforts, including a recently launched youth-focused marijuana awareness campaign. They encouraged the board to support public education and policy initiatives based on emerging scientific evidence.

E-Comments:

- Anonymous, expressed their concerns about programs like Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)/Laura's Law, noting limitations in their effectiveness for individuals who may lack insight into their illness or the ability to voluntarily seek help.
- Anonymous, shared concerns with the practice of removing individuals with severe mental illness from County programs when they are unable to voluntarily participate, emphasizing that untreated symptoms may impair their ability to engage and lead to further deterioration.
- James emphasized the need for licensed housing options with wraparound services and medication management, located in safe environments that protect individuals with severe mental illness from exploitation or eviction during periods of instability or medication adjustment.

IV. PRESENTATION ITEM: COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PROCUREMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

Public Comments: Total of one (1) in-person Public Comment was received.

- Jerry Hall encouraged greater transparency in upcoming contract procurements. He recommended BHS share a list of planned contracts in advance and include more detailed program metrics to support meaningful public input and evaluation.

PRESENTATION ITEM: COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PROCUREMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

Dr. Nicole Esposito, MD, Chief Population Health Officer, Population Health Unit, BHS; Sheena Figueroa, Chief, Procurement Services, Department of Purchasing and Contracting (DPC); and Maggie Ramsberger, Director, Agency Contract Support, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) provided the following overview of the County of San Diego's Procurement Process:

- Outlined the County's Behavioral Health Plan, which integrates Medi-Cal eligible residents into coordinated mental health and substance use treatment services through the Mental Health Plan (MHP) and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS), offering benefits such as crisis intervention, residential treatment, outpatient care, and peer support.
- Described the BHS network of care, which includes over 145 providers and more than 365 contracts.

- Detailed the three-phase procurement process, including planning (needs assessment, cost analysis, authority verification), solicitation (posting on BuyNet, pre-proposal activities), and award (source selection committee, negotiations, contract execution).
- Highlighted the County Administrative Code Section 401, which governs procurement authority levels, competitive bidding, single-source contracts, and contract extensions.
- Reviewed contract monitoring practices, noting a shift from contract-specific metrics to broader, network-level performance indicators aligned with statewide behavioral health goals.

V. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE

Dr. Sayone Thihalolipavan, MD, MPH, Public Health Services introduced himself as the new Public Health Officer for the County of San Diego and provided the following updates:

- Emphasized the importance of continued collaboration between Public Health and Behavioral Health Services.
- Highlighted joint efforts such as the Overdose Surveillance and Response Unit and discussed upcoming opportunities, including school-based behavioral health initiatives and new Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requirements for coordinated community health assessments across systems.

VI. PRESENTATION ITEM: GRANT PROGRAMS ENHANCING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNITY CARE EXPANSION-PRESERVATION (CCE-P) & BOND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (BHCIP)

Public Comments: Total Of One (1) In-Person Comment and Three (3) E-Comments:

In-Person Comment:

- Arousha Brocius, owner of Ranchi Digas adult residential facility, reported that CCE-P grant funding has enabled the preservation of their facility and continued housing for 49 residents.

E-Comments:

- Cyralynn Mabalot, administrator for Fancor & Orlando Guest Homes, shared that their adult residential facility, serving individuals with mental disabilities from the ages of 18-59+, received CCE-P grant funding from BHS. The funding supports the preservation of board-and-care facilities, such as Fancor & Orlando Guest Homes, as many have closed over the years.
- Steven Aron expressed appreciation for receiving County grant funding to support the remodeling of their assisted living facility and adult residential facility. The improvements enhanced safety, accessibility, and overall quality of life for residents by creating more comfortable and socially engaging living spaces.
- James Tran, Executive Director of Changing Options, stated that their adult residential care facility, operating four facilities in Ramona for over 38 years, was awarded CCE-P grant funding. The grant will support capital improvements and operating subsidies, helping to sustain operations and housing for 24 residents.

PRESENTATION ITEM: GRANT PROGRAMS ENHANCING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNITY CARE EXPANSION-PRESERVATION (CCE-P) & BOND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (BHCIP)

Megan O'Dowd-Schacht, Chief, Agency Operations, Strategy & Finance, Grant Development & Management, BHS, presented the following overview of the Community Care Expansion-Preservation (CCE-P) and Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) grants:

- Described the purpose of the CCE-P grant, which aims to prevent the closure of licensed adult and senior residential care facilities serving qualified residents with behavioral health conditions who are at risk of homelessness.

- Highlighted completed capital projects, including Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) installations, roof and flooring replacements, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades, and other infrastructure improvements across numerous Board and Care facilities.
- Noted that both BHCIP-funded projects target underserved regions and support the County's broader goals of infrastructure enhancement and access to care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Robin Sales, Chair, BHAB

- **Re-Entry Support for Justice-Involved Youth and Adults Subcommittee**
 - Robin Sales, Chair, reported that the Re-Entry Support for Justice-Involved Youth and Adults subcommittee was dark in May. The upcoming meeting, scheduled for June 23rd at 3:30 via zoom, will include a roundtable with the Probation Department focused on behavioral health care for adults and juveniles transitioning from incarceration to community settings.
- **Pathways to Continuum of Care for Children, Youth, and Adults Impacted by Alcohol and other Drugs Subcommittee**
 - Julie Hayden, Chair reported that the subcommittee met on May 12 to continue identifying gaps and areas for improvement within the current continuum of care.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nadia Privara, Acting Director, BHS provided the following update:

- New residential beds are being established as part of the Optimal Care Pathways model. These will be the first beds specifically designated for individuals with behavioral health conditions allocated to community-based organizations and the County's substance use residential treatment facility.

IX. CHAIR'S REPORT

Robin Sales, Chair, BHAB provided the following updates:

- Effort being made to fill BHAB Member seats and categories in alignment with the required categories outlined in the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC).
- A Peer voice roundtable will be planned for the August BHAB meeting.
- BHAB Executive members are actively involved in the selection process for a new BHS Director.
- BHAB Mid-Year Retreat will take place in lieu of the regular BHAB meeting, as the board will go dark in July.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bill Stewart reported on a meeting held on May 21, 2025, where one of the key topics of discussion was the role of Public Guardians and Public Conservators under the CARE Act. He also acknowledged BHS staff, Amber Irvine, for her valuable contributions during the meeting.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Robin Sales, seconded by Gaurav Mishra, the BHAB meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



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March 6, 2025
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Janice Luna-Reynoso – District 1
Gaurav Mishra – District 1
Joel San Juan – District 1
Robert Alm – District 2
Julie Hayden, Member-At-Large – District 2
Serita Polinaire, 1st Vice Chair – District 2
Robin Sales, Chair – District 3
Stuart Gaiber – District 3
Minola Clark Manson – District 4
Kathy Watkins – District 4
Judith Yates, 2nd Vice Chair – District 4
Amanda Berry, Member-At-Large – District 4
Donald Romo – District 5
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MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Stewart – District 1
Jessica Kramer – District 3

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

N/A

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)
Dania Barroso-Conde, Program Coordinator, BHS
Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator, BHS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) was called to order by Chair Robin Sales at 2:30 pm in person and via Zoom.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Joel San Juan seconded by Serita Polinaire, BHAB approved the meeting minutes from February 6, 2025.

AYES: 14 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Total of five (5) In-person and two (2) E-comments

In-Person Comments:

- Purita A. Javier, a community volunteer raised awareness of a home business that uses a ceramics kiln, leading to toxicity and creating health concerns in a populated residential community zone.

- Cesar B. Javier, a community volunteer raised awareness of a home business that uses a ceramics kiln in a residential area.
- Tom Packard, member of Showing Up for Racial Justice – North County and a professor at SDSU, requesting more data on implementation and evaluation of the MCRT, SB43, and CARE Act programs.
- Yusef Miller, from the North County Equity & Justice Coalition and am expressing concerns regarding Proposition 36 and the effect it will have on wrongfully policed people with mental health issues.
- Stuart Gaiber, BHAB member, expressing concerns regarding cutbacks for Medi-Cal, increasing the wait times and services at the VA Hospital. He would like to request the County develop a forecast to deal with the upcoming changes.

E- Comments:

- Megan Stuart, a person that works with youth, addresses the role of marijuana commercialization through marketing, kid friendly packaging, high potency, and availability, which hinders mental health wellness in youth. She expressed we advocate for strong prevention strategies to protect our youth.
- Sandra Robinson, NAMI member, comments for solutions regarding the homeless mentally ill problems. She suggests to strength CARE court and establish an excellent board and care program.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEM: DISTRICT 3 CHILDREN, YOUTH AND TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTINUUM FRAMEWORK BOARD MEMO

Public Comments:

- Cesar B. Javier commented on health concerns with toxins in air and water that impact our health. Local authorities and assigned leadership need to take accountability and need to have better problem-solving skills to address these issues.

DISCUSSION ITEM: DISTRICT 3 CHILDREN, YOUTH AND TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTINUUM FRAMEWORK BOARD MEMO

Nicole Esposito, MD, Chief Population Health Officer Population Health Unit, BHS led a discussion on the following:

- Optimal Care Pathways Model (OCP)
- Questions that were discussed:
 - Think about your best healthcare experience for your child.
 - What stood out?
 - What stood out when you had a bad experience?
- 2) What challenges have you had in accessing behavioral health care for youth?

V. DISCUSSION ITEM: SUBCOMMITTEE SUNSETTING REPORT OUTS

Public Comments:

- Cesar B. Javier commented that crime has a strong correlation between poverty and lack of education.

DISCUSSION ITEM: SUBCOMMITTEE SUNSETTING REPORT OUTS

Robin Sales, Chair, BHAB led a discussion on the following:

- The Participation of Partnership Subcommittee – Janice Luna-Reynoso, Chair
 - Including community-based organizations (CBOs) and how to support their need so they can support the community.

- Justice Nexus Subcommittee – Robin Sales, Chair
 - Received great support from BHS, Public Safety Group, Alternatives to Incarceration and Community members – how the systems are set up that enable folks to go into jail who have behavioral health issue and concerns of what kind of care they receive in jail.
- Substance Use Prevention Subcommittee – Bill Stuart, Chair
 - No report out on Substance Use Prevention Subcommittee at this time.

VI. PRESENTATION ITEM: BHS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES

Public Comments:

- Cesar B. Javier commented that the community of Asian Americans do not engage in behavioral sickness. These communities are targets for home invasion because they trust society. These communities are labeled as improvised.

PRESENTATION ITEM: BHS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES

Kat Briggs, MPH, Chief, Communication & Engagement Operations, BHS presented on the following Community Engagement Updates:

- Provided timeline updates for the final Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update report and upcoming Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Integrated Plan (IP).
- Discussed recently released updates on BHSA from the Department of Health Care Services, including the contents of an IP Template that will be provided to all counties and the increased stakeholder populations list.
- Reviewed the department's general approach for stakeholder planning.
- Promoted State resources for staying up to date on BHSA information.
- Discussed key areas/priorities identified by stakeholders through Community Planning Process (CPP) and other community engagement activities for more frequent, tailored engagement and future dialogues.
- Shared initial listing of planned 2025 discussions the department will hold based on key areas/priorities and BHSA.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Comments:

- Cesar B. Javier commented that money is always a problem. Everything that is transitional is through war.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Luke Bergmann, Director, provided updates on the following:

- Update on Enhancing BH Accessibility
 - BHS developed OCP model outlining the existing and optimal future capacity necessary across community crisis diversion services, subacute care, and within community-based care based on data and lengths of stay more optimal for patient care.
 - The County continues pursuing partnerships across the region that will enhance the continuum of care
- BH-CONNECT Waiver
 - the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorize agreements and documents required to implement BH-CONNECT, receive additional Medi-Cal funding through BH-

CONNECT, and pursue additional funding opportunities to support successful BH-CONNECT implementation

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Public Comments:

- Cesar B. Javier commented that they did their share as soldiers for 30 years and sacrificed. They are here to inspire and accompany the burden of protecting our people.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Robin Sales shared that Julie Hayden gave a tour of the East County Transitional Living Center that is a private owned supportive living environment for the homeless community.
- Chair, Robin Sales had the opportunity to attend the Cal Voices' Annual Statewide ACCESS Conference, Forging the Future, on Friday, February 28th, 2025, in Sacramento.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENT

None.

X. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Serita Polinaire, second by Stuart Gaiber, the BHAB meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.



May 1, 2025
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Stewart – District 1
Janice Luna-Reynoso – District 1
Gaurav Mishra – District 1
Joel San Juan – District 1
Dr. Rosolyn Harper – District 2
Robert Alm – District 2
Julie Hayden, Member-At-Large – District 2
Serita Polinaire, 1st Vice Chair – District 2
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Robin Sales, Chair – District 3
Dr. Devesh Vashishtha – District 3
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Judith Yates, 2nd Vice Chair – District 4
Amanda Berry, Member-At-Large – District 4

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IN PERSON

Donald Romo – District 5
Aaron Byzak – District 5

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Stuart Gaiber – District 3

STAFF TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Nadia Privara Brahms, Acting Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)
Dania Barroso-Conde, Program Coordinator, BHS
Maria Molina-Melendez, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Coordinator, BHS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) was called to order by Chair Robin Sales at 2:31PM in person and via Zoom. Chair Robin Sales introduced one (1) new BHAB member: Dr. Rosolyn Harper.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- BHAB approved the meeting minutes from April 3, 2025.
 - AYES: 15 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1
- Robin Sales, Chair, has requested a consent item: Approval of BHS Procurement and Extensions Board Letter to be pulled. Item has been pulled as an action item in this agenda.

III. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

Total of zero (0) In-person comments and seven (7) E-Comments

E- Comments:

- Mary Jo O'Brien, Co-Chair of San Diego Peer Council, suggested Behavioral Health Services can utilize the support of certified peer support specialists.
- Steve Dilly, Director of the Veterans' Art Project (VetArt), commented that his organization provided free art classes to veterans, dependents, their families, and caregivers. He expressed the need to allocate support and early prevention funds for more organizations like VetArt. Having community-based arts can help reduce isolation, promote healthy well-being, and healing through expression.
- John Brady, a community member, expressed concerns in the misuse of crisis response units, as well as individuals being refused 911 services. He praised BHAB board member, Jessica Kramer, for being a part of a 13-member panel for a statewide disability group.
- Shelley Mattimore from Carlsbad Intensive Outpatient Program, invited BHAB members and members of the public to an opportunity to connect in Carlsbad on May 15th from 11:30am – 5:30pm to learn more about the program.
- Anonymous individual, expressed the urgent need for a behavioral health continuum of care that includes safe and permanent housing for those that suffer with serious mental illness (SMI). They expressed concerns for SMI individuals being threatened with eviction or being removed from a program suggesting converting the empty buildings in the County and surrounding areas to proper living areas with services provided.
- Angela Rowe advocated for recovery residence funding for families. She appreciates the funding for substance use disorders (SUD) providers but expressed the need for additional funding to support the needs of the community.
- Shannon Spain, on behalf of the Vista Hall Parent Care Programs, advocated to increase funding and availability for Recovery Residences.

IV. PRESENTATION ITEM: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-26 CAO RECOMMENDED OPERATIONAL PLAN

Nadia Privara, Acting Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) presented on the Behavioral Health Services, CAO recommended Operational Plan for FY 2025-26. The following were the updates:

- Provided an overview of essential BHS services and highlighted key accomplishments from the previous year, including the launch of the SmartCare electronic health record system, progress on the ELEVATE Behavioral Health Workforce Fund, and expansion of opioid settlement-funded activities.
- The total recommended BHS budget for FY 2025-26 is \$1.3 billion, reflecting a 91% increase over seven years.
- Highlighted over \$100 million in new investments supporting community outreach and education, youth engagement, crisis services, housing, substance use and mental health treatment, and children and youth services.
- Outlined current efforts part of Behavioral Health Transformation, including the launch of BH-CONNECT, redesign of the Psychiatric Hospital, and planning for BHSA implementation.
- Reviewed the FY 2025–26 budget timeline, including opportunities for public engagement and hearing dates in June 2025.

V. PUBLIC HEARING: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) ANNUAL UPDATE FY 2025-26

Public Comments: Total of one (1) In-Person Public Comment was received.

- Jerry Hall expressed the need for dedicated funding to support inclusive community involvement in the MHSA planning process, citing Los Angeles County as a model for robust engagement.

PUBLIC HEARING: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) ANNUAL UPDATE FY 2025-26

Maria Molina, BHAB Coordinator shared that the MHSA Public Hearing was conducted from April 1st, 2025 through May 1st, 2025. Currently there are a total of four (4) comments for the MHSA annual update.

VI. PRESENTATION AND ACTION ITEM: MHSA ANNUAL UPDATE FY 2025-26

Erendy Fong, Chief, BHS, and Dania Barroso-Conde, Acting Chief, Communication and Engagement Team, BHS presented on the following Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update for Fiscal Year 2025-26:

- Discussed the department's ongoing efforts in Community Program Planning (CPP), which gathers stakeholder input and feedback through focus groups, interviews, community events, and online forms.
- Provided a budget overview for the FY 2025-26 MHSA Annual Update, highlighting a total allocation of \$303.1 million across core components including Community Services and Supports (CSS), Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), Innovation (INN), and Workforce Education and Training (WET).
- Discussed upcoming increases in CSS and PEI programming, such as crisis stabilization units, housing support, consumer advocacy, and youth engagement efforts.
- Shared budget updates on the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), including the 5% reduction in overall funding, realignment of prevention funding to the State, increase in funding for housing interventions, and increased flexibility for substance use services.
- Presented the recommendation to approve the MHSA FY 2025-26 Annual Update and authorize submission to the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and the Department of Health Care Services.

ACTION ITEM: MHSA ANNUAL UPDATE FY 2025-26

On the motion of Bill Stewart, seconded by Serita Polinaire, this item was approved.

AYES: 13 NAYS: 2 ABSTENTIONS: 1

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM: BHAB'S ROLE IN THE BHS DIRECTOR SELECTION PROCESS

Amanda Berry, Member-At-Large, brought forward the following discussion for feedback:

- Robin Sales met with the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)'s Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO), Dr. Kimberly Giardina, regarding the vacant BHS Director position and discussed the qualities BHAB would like to see in the next BHS director. The BHAB Executive Committee requested input from BHAB members.
- Amanda Berry presented a draft list of qualities and asked BHAB members for their input to support in the selection of the future BHS Director.

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Robin Sales reported that the subcommittee for Re-Entry Support for Justice Involved Youth and Adults presented last month with a guest speaker Dante Dauz who shared professional accounts and insights into both the successes and challenges of interventions with justice-impacted youth. The subcommittee discussed best practices for supporting and engaging justice-involved youth with behavioral health needs as well as strategies to reduce youth recidivism. This subcommittee's meetings are held every 4th Monday of the month at 3:30pm.

Julie Hayden reported that the subcommittee, Pathways to Continuum of Care for Children, Youth, and Adults Impacted by Alcohol and other Drugs brainstormed what is incorporated and what are the

weaknesses in their continuum of care and continuity of care. They also discussed the education process of when someone needs help, whether it is the person experiencing it or their families.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nadia Privara, Acting Director, BHS gave the following updates:

- May is Mental Health Matters Month (MIMHMM). There is a free community event on May 15th located in Chula Vista, CA 91911, the event will run from 6PM to 7:30PM.
- Update on Staffing updates, such as, Diane Ashton, was appointed as Interim Public Conservator of the County of San Diego.
- Enhancing Behavioral Health Accessibility Board Letter was passed in April by the Board of Supervisors that provides stability within the BHS workforce and introduces new service lines including Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHP) and Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP).
- BHS is partnering with City of San Diego for HomeKey+ (Prop 1) to apply for a renovation to an 81-unit facility, 49% of those units will be designated for Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) eligible individuals.
- BHCIP grant was submitted, and results are still pending.

X. CHAIR'S REPORT

Robin Sales, BHAB Chair, waived her Chair's Report for consent calendar item on BHS Procurement and Extensions Board Letter.

XI. ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF BHS PROCUREMENT AND EXTENSIONS BOARD LETTER

Public Comment: We have a total of one (1) in-person public comment.

In-Person

Jerry Hall, former BHAB member, suggested that BHAB members request a list of BHS contracts that will be expiring this year for their review for potential renewal. He suggested that funds could be adjusted by program and that BHAB members can visit facilities such as jails and treatment centers to see what is happening at a programmatic level.

ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF BHS PROCUREMENT AND EXTENSIONS BOARD LETTER

On motion of Amanda Berry, seconded by Dr. Devesh Vashistha, this action item was approved.

AYES: 8 NAYS: 4 ABSTENTIONS: 4

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Let's Talk About: Connecting South Bay to Mental Health Resources – Upcoming Community Event
 - Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025
 - Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
 - Location: Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee (MAAC) Community Center (1387 Third Ave, Chula Vista, CA 91911)
 - Cost: Free
- Understanding the County of San Diego Budget
 - The 2025-27 Recommended Budget will be released May 1.

XIII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Serita Polinaire, seconded by Robin Sales, the BHAB meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



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**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**June 18, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid
Virtual Meeting/In-person**

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Others Present
Zohir Chowdhury Jesse Conner Kevin Sabellico Mike Vizzier Laura Walsh LaRosa Watson Jared Wilson	Quinnton Austin Cliff Hanna Scott Snyder Toby Roy	Ana Becker, DEHQ Heather Buonomo, DEHQ Joseph Chan, DEHQ John-Ross Glueck, DEHQ Amy Harbert, DEHQ Zoraida Moreno, DEHQ Deb Mosley, DEHQ Tony Nguyen, DEHQ Dolores Scruggs, DEHQ Larry Valenzuela, DEHQ	Cesar Javier Purita Javier

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m., with seven active EHQAB members present.

II. STATEMENT (JUST CAUSE) AND/OR CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY (EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES) BY A BOARD MEMBER (POSSIBLE ACTION, IF APPLICABLE)

III. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

MOTION TO APPROVE THE May 14, 2025, MINUTES – Board member LaRosa, 2nd Board member, Vizzier.

ALL IN FAVOR – 6-0-1

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cesar Javier and Purita Javier attended having interest in environmental health.

V. ADJOURNMENT –

Vice Chair Kevin Sabellico adjourned the meeting at 8:40 A.M.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

5530 Overland Avenue
2nd Floor, Conference Room 241 & 242
San Diego, CA 92123

CSA 128 4/1/25

Attending: Rolland Slade, Carl Kasimatis, Tina Carlson, Josh Chavez, Joe Diehl, Kelly Daniels and Bob Eble

Absent: Jakalya Daniels and Chris Pierson

Remote participation: None

Guests: Jennifer Teitelbaum, Steffi Becker, Angelica Camargo all had issues with the homeless in the parks.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:43pm by Chair Rolland Slade
- II. Public Communication
None
- III. Minutes tabled to next month.
- IV. Park and Recreation Staff reports:
 - a. Kelly:
 - i. Jakalya Daniels is on Jury Duty, has been for 4 weeks and has 3 more weeks before her return, she also has been promoted to Gym/Teen manager replacing Kevin Payton.
 - ii. Mold remediation at SVC has been completed and we were back in our offices.
 - iii. HVAC replacement at Goodland Acres has started, should be finished 3/15/25.
 - iv. Budget is right on track, were anticipating an increase due to many rentals.
 - v. Parks will be attending SV Day.
 - vi. Calavo Park, grading has been taking a little longer than anticipated, due to rain and boulders, should be done at the end of April and completion of the park Fall of this year. We agreed that we would like an update in August.
 - b. Joe:
 - i. New trees at Lamar & Goodland Acres.
 - ii. All regular maintenance has been performed.
 - iii. AC is done at Goodland Acres.
 - iv. The County purchased a new mini excavator to clean out drainage ditches.
 - v. Parks will have a table on SV Day.
 - vi. New wood fiber chips will be installed at 2 parks.
 - c. Josh:
 - i. Mold remediation is complete.
 - ii. We have been hosting the Sheriff's Rise Above project, it is an 8-week class.
 - iii. Zumba will be starting back at the center.
 - iv. Fit class has been very successful, with over 50 participants.

- v. Gardening classes will be starting up, we will also have some educational classes via the county for gardening.

V. PLDO – no update.

VI. Old Business –
Fence at Bancroft Park/Bancroft Ranch House – * Not being funded, we will leave under old business so we can follow to see if funding will become available. NO UPDATE

VII. New Business: none

VIII. Announcements: none

IX. Adjournment at 7:36 pm. M: Tina C. S: Bob E. All in Favor.

CSA 128 3/4/25

Attending: Rolland Slade, Carl Kasimatis, Jakalya Daniels, Tina Carlson, Josh Chavez, Joe Diehl, Chris Pierson, Kelly Daniels and Bob Eble

Absent

Remote participation: Lisa Stewart

Guests: Jason Hemmens, SDSU students observing

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Rolland Slade
- II. Public Communication
None
- III. 2/4/25 minutes approved with corrections M: Chris P. S: Carl K., All in favor
- IV. Park and Recreation Staff reports:
 - a. Kelly:
 - i. Mold remediation at SVC has been completed and we were back in our offices.
 - ii. HVAC replacement at Goodland Acres has started, should be finished 3/15/25.
 - iii. South locals received their first electric truck.
 - iv. Budget is right on track, were anticipating an increase due to many rentals.
 - v. Sweetwater Loop trail was presented at the Spring Valley Planning Group, 2 weeks ago, Carl stated that he would have gone to the meeting but wasn't told about it and asked for an update. Moa is in the works with Sweetwater Authority for connectivity with the trails.
 - vi. Parks will be at SV Day.
 - b. Joe:
 - i. New trees at Ildica and Estrella.
 - ii. All regular maintenance has been performed.
 - iii. Installed a new slide at Lamar.
 - iv. We will be having a cleanup in April at Lamar.
 - v. SWL ball fields, cleaning up and getting ready for opening day this weekend.
 - c. Josh:
 - i. The center this last month has been light due to mold remediation.
 - ii. We have been hosting the Sheriff's Rise Above project, it is an 8-week class.
 - iii. Zumba will be starting back at the center.
 - iv. Walking Club is twice a week.
 - v. Pickle Ball is back, gardening club will be starting.
 - vi. We will be hosting the registrar of voters for the District 1 vote.

d. Jakalya:

- i. The rentals are going well.**
- ii. All fields are rented.**
- iii. Teen camping trips and hiking continue.**
- iv. We are having a tree planting event for the kids at Sweetwater.**
- v. Hosting youth basketball in the month of March.**

V. PLDO – no update.

VI. Old Business –

Fence at Bancroft Park/Bancroft Ranch House – * Not being funded, we will leave under old business so we can follow to see if funding will become available. NO UPDATE

VII. New Business: none

VIII. Announcements: none

IX. Adjournment at 6:48 pm. M: Rolland. S. S: Tina C. All in Favor.



PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 13th, 2025

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Public Present
In-Person Doug Goad, Chair, District 3 Rob Hutsel, Vice-Chair, District 3 Susan Hector, District 4 Paul Davis, District 5 Jeffry Jones, District 2	Nicole Honstead, District 2 Susie Murphy, District 1 Jonathan Kimble, District 4	Jason Hemmens Cynthia Robles Crystal Benham Sean Hill	Peter Hulburt (virtual) Jeffrey Brown

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 9:04 am
2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION DISCLOSURE
 - None
3. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK
 - Jeffrey Brown expressed concerns about the closure of El Capitan Preserve to hiking and climbing
 - Peter Hulburt joined the meeting virtually and shared that he is continuing to discuss the implementation of the Sycamore Canyon RMP
4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES
 - MOTION TO APPROVE THE May 9th, 2025, MEETING MINUTES – Committee Member Hector, 2nd Committee Member Davis.
ALL IN FAVOR – 5-0-0
5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA
 - Committee member Jones expressed community concerns regarding noise complaints of events being held late hours at Dianne Jacob Equestrian Center
 - Committee members expressed concerns regarding member attendance and participation
6. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Jason Hemmens, Director, gave the department report, which included notifications about the following upcoming items related to Parks:

 - Archery Range at Kumeyaay Valley in Lakeside opened May 14th, 2025
 - Community gardens at Collier Park in Ramona have now been completed
 - Movies in the Park commenced May 24th, 2025, at Waterfront Park and will end the first week of November 2025
 - Department of Parks & Recreation hosted the biannual Warrior Hike Challenge on

- Memorial Day weekend, over three hundred people attended
- Gramping Event was held at Dos Picos County Park from May 31st – June 1, 2025, over seventy people attended
 - Budget will come forward with the opportunity to be adopted on June 24th, 2025

7. DPR ITEM PRESENTATIONS

- El Capitan Preserve/BLM Lease – Crystal Benham, Chief of Department of Parks & Recreation, gave a presentation on a new lease agreement with BLM and discussions regarding concerns for climbing and access

8. ADJOURNMENT – 10:05 am

- MOTION TO ADJOURN - Committee Member Hutsel, 2nd Committee Member Hector.
ALL IN FAVOR – 5-0-0



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Rohida Khan
Amy Nantkes

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Counsel
Heather Murray

MINUTES

July 11, 2025

Regular Meeting

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Vice Chair Idara Ogunsaju: Meeting was called to order at 12:09 PM.

Agenda item #1 – Commissioner Roll Call:

Members Present In-person:

Mary Davis	Kimberly Keen
Idara Ogunsaju	Monica Martinez
Kelly Jenkins-Pultz	Amy Nantkes

Members Absent:

Kristine Custodio Suero	Lauren Welty
Vernita Gutierrez	Rohida Khan

Agenda item #2 – Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner (Comm.) Davis motions to approve minutes. Seconded by Vice-Chair (VC) Jenkins-Pultz. Comm. Martinez abstained, all others in favor of motion. Motion passed.

Agenda item #3 – Public Comments:

No public comments.

Agenda item #4 – Committee Reports:

- a. Civic Engagement: VC Jenkins-Pultz provided update on the County of San Diego Office of Child Support's invitation to attend their Super Saturday event, August 9th in the morning, Kearny Mesa area. VC Jenkins-Pultz will table event, invites other commissioners to join her in this outreach. Considering doing a Women's Equality Day Proclamation, if anyone has any past experience doing proclamations, please reach out to her. Looking at applications that are pending to the Commission

and reviewing how to act on them.

Q: Comm. Nantkes – If you would like to volunteer to Super Saturday event, but are not apart of the commission what are next steps?

A: VC Jenkins-Pultz can provide email with details, or asks that you show up to event/table.

Welcomes you to bring any other resources that you'd like to share to this event.

- b. Governance: No report out.
- c. Policy: VC Ogunsaju shared that the committee met on drafting statements in general and specifically on Immigration and where help is warranted. Continued support to organizations and groups that support these efforts doesn't require the Commission to make a statement. If in future as things arise, if we want to gather more information we can bring to the Commission and solicit from the group to share other resources. Next meeting in August.
- d. Executive: VC Ogunsaju stated this meeting generally meets prior to this main meeting, with next meeting to be scheduled between now and August meeting with report out occurring then.

Old Business:

Agenda item #5 – Initiative Updates and Liaison Reports:

- a. CEDAW Advisor: Comm. Nantkes for Parisa Ijadi-Maghsoodi, appreciates the work with Office of Equity and Racial Justice (OERJ) that are continuing to answer questions regarding data for each program and service. Shared data tracker spreadsheet (as example), asks for public input.
- b. CEDAW Rising: Comm. Nantkes shared what CEDAW Rising is, anyone can be apart of the committee, public including the public. Learn more at CEDAWRising.org. Requests to complete survey if you attended last meeting. No date for next meeting. Currently in process of developing an online system where judications can do information sharing and input their own CEDAW efforts that are underway. More substantive information sharing. 70 people attended the first convening from all over U.S.

Agenda item #6 – Strategic Planning – Process Discussion: Information gathering for recommendations/position statements.

VC Ogunsaju reiterated what she shared for the Policy committee, #4c. Also stated that they identified three things in wanting to follow-up on issues that are impacting women in general and in support of the overall well-being of women and girls in the county.

- 1. Identify and share information resources within the community
- 2. Support and promote local agencies that are already doing the work.
- 3. Attending [Board of] Supervisor meetings to remain informed on ongoing issues and perspectives on the topics.

New Business

Agenda item # 7 – Guest speaker: Lori Saldana

Provided a brief introduction on herself. Presented a slideshow (attached).

Q: VC Ogunsaju – Do we have information on what practices they put in places that made it such that they were able to address the backlog?

A: They allocated additional funding, a policy choice... had pressure from nonprofits and people from the community. San Diego has not generated that level, unfortunately.

Q: VC Ogunsaju – What is current backlog [in San Diego]?

A: At Public Safety Committee in May, they claim they have cleared all their kits and have no backlog. They will not get certain funding if they don't comply. 540 matches have been made on CODIS, but follow-up and charges need to come from County DA and not City Attorney office.

Q: Comm. Martinez: Any deadlines required?

A: Not aware of any audit requirements, only compliance. That is a step we are looking at, how do we track compliance? It takes people asking questions and requesting audits and showing us numbers because otherwise we wouldn't have known about matches or backlog.

Q: Comm. Martinez: When you say it is not a funding issue, but it's a choice... is there anything that was shared as to why that was not a choice?

A: For years advocates have pushed back for all these reasons, we understand people are hesitant to report, but it doesn't serve public safety or criminal justice if we don't identify and hold them accountable.

Q: Comm. Nantkes: What is the conversation between the County and City as far as when rape kits are procured?

A; They have their own distinct crime labs, once completed they have to be referred for prosecution. Someone from those offices would be great to come in and answer or to have a whole presentation on what next steps are after rape kits are completed.

Q: Comm. Nantkes: You mentioned private crime lab?

A: No, there is a private lab that developed DNA testing method that is much more detailed. Local company received a \$1,000,000 grant from DA office.

Q: Comm. Nantkes: 1. Is funding going to continue to be a priority for the County? 2. The DA, will those prosecutions go forward? 3. What are the results that are being founded? 4. How are we protecting the immigrant population?

A: That is a great summary, I gave a chronology of how we got here. How do we do a better job at protecting public safety? Vulnerable residents who maybe at greater risk because of the current immigration situation.

VC Ogunsaju thanked Ms. Saldana for her presentation, and plans to reach out again to touch base again, perhaps in October. Comm. Martinez suggests perhaps following up with County and/or City like Ms. Saldana suggested for them to present. VC Ogunsaju says: how can we respond to the issues that have been addressed? It is the what and the why and what action we can take.

Agenda item #8 – Commissioner Round Table and Upcoming Events

VC Ogunsaju shared that the Civic Engagement Committee is meeting after this meeting to discuss upcoming events and guest speakers to present. She also attended D4 Grants Workshop, learned processes How well is it serving the people of that district? That is how they will base funding. Our Commission can apply, a protentional source of funding. Website update: Will be moving from current location to FG3 on the County website.

Agenda item #10 – ADJOURNED: This meeting is closed at 12:57 PM.

Information Items:

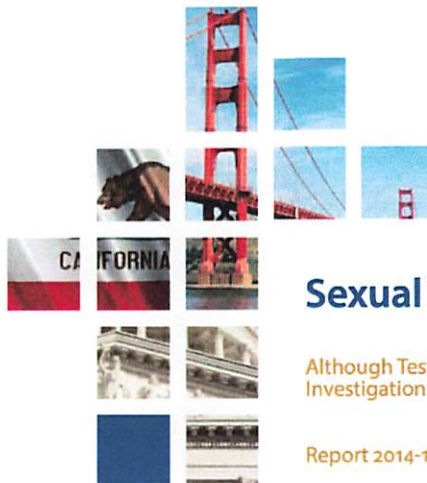
- **2025 Meetings:** August 1st, September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th

NOTE: The Commission on the Status of Women and Girls jurisdiction is established by action of the Board of Supervisors as follows: The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego declares that it is the policy of the County to take action to identify needs and problems of women in the County that are affected by public policy decisions; and furthermore, to eliminate the practice of discrimination and prejudice on the basis of sex within the County. In order to promote this policy and to provide an open forum for discussion and action, there is hereby established a San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women in the Chief Administrative Office. County Code of Administrative Ordinances, Section 85.

20 years & 1000s of **UNTESTED** Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEKS) in the San Diego Police Department Crime Lab

Year	Number of Kits Impounded	Number of Kits Tested by Laboratory
2005	376	213
2006	348	196
2007	334	160
2008	368	186
2009	353	163
2010	365	189
2011	334	152
2012	345	138
2013	383	208
2014	423	194

2014: First
State Audit of
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Sexual Assault Evidence Kits

Although Testing All Kits Could Benefit Sexual Assault Investigations, the Extent of the Benefits Is Unknown

Report 2014-109

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- The audit looked at San Diego, Sacramento and Oakland – and found the agencies **tested less than half of the kits they collected.**
- After that audit, San Diego stood by its decision not to automatically test all kits, while **the other two cities changed their practices.**

2015:
2,800 Rape
Kits identified
as **Untested** in
San Diego

2,800 Rape Kits Sit Untested in San Diego

By Nicole Gomez and R. Stickney • Published May 19, 2015
• Updated on May 19, 2015 at 4:46 pm

San Diego has close to 3,000 untested rape kits in police storage, the largest backlog of five cities profiled in a study released Tuesday.

The Joyful Heart Foundation uses public records requests to [determine how many untested rape kits](#) are sitting in police custody around the U.S.

The organization released data for five cities Tuesday: Charlotte, North Carolina; Jacksonville, Florida; Kansas City, Missouri; Portland, Oregon and San Diego.

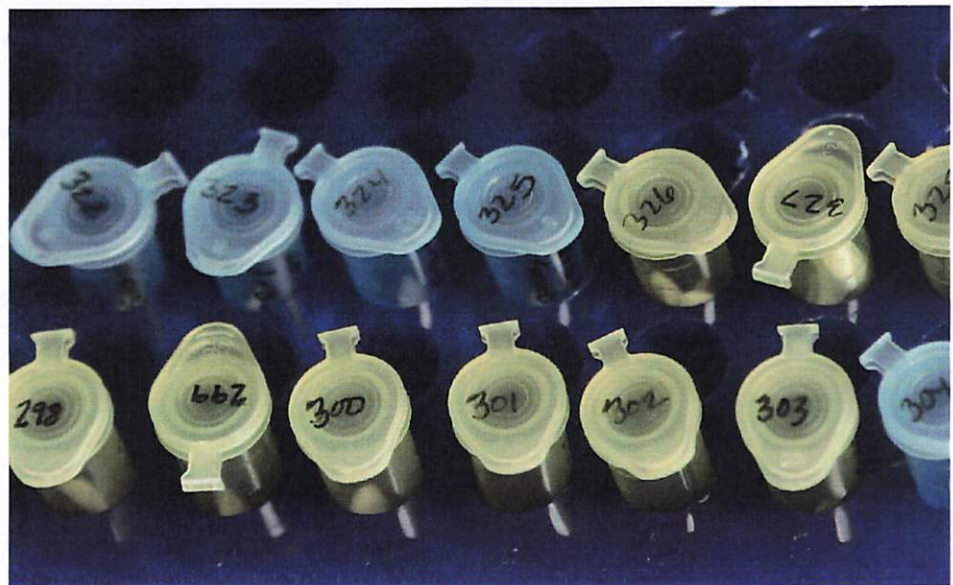
Each of the four cities listed along with San Diego has fewer than 2,000 rape kits that have not been tested.

2015:
2,800 Rape
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- "The 2800 cases represent **25 years** of rape kits that have been collected in sexual assault cases which were not forwarded to our crime laboratory for analysis." - Scott Wahl
- A recent audit suggested that California legislators should set a two-year deadline for the kits to be tested.
- **In San Diego, the evidence dates back to the early 1990s.**

2016:

"SDPD has said it has about **2,400 rape kits** that have not been sent to the crime lab to get analyzed."- KPBS



2016: in Alameda

County:

"Of the first 319 kits tested using funds from a federal grant — kits that had previously been shelved — 124 yielded profiles that were uploaded to CODIS and 55 of those profiles resulted in a "hit," meaning a match to a known offender."



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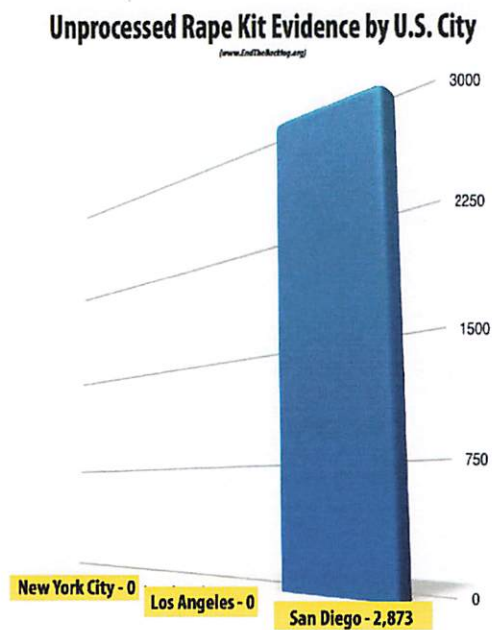
PUBLIC SAFETY

SDPD Doubles Down on Decision to Leave Some Rape Kits Untested

by Kelly Davis September 8, 2016



2016-17:
Los Angeles,
Detroit & New
York clear their
backlog of
SAKS.
**San Diego
does not.**

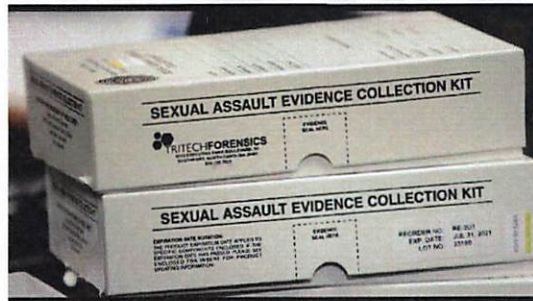


2017: "The total of **untested rape** kits held by the city of San Diego is approaching **2,900**, and each one should be examined"- City Attorney Mara Elliott

NEWS

Over 2,500 untested rape kits held by the city of San Diego

The total of untested rape kits held by the city of San Diego is approaching 2,900, and each one should be examined, City Attorney Mara Elliott said Tuesday.



Over 2,500 untested rape kits held by the city of San Diego

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2020 Audit: "The San Diego Police Department has more untested rape kits than any other law enforcement agency in the state."

PUBLIC SAFETY

SDPD Has the Most Untested Rape Kits in the State – by Far

A state audit published this week illuminates the extent to which SDPD has treated rape kits differently than its fellow law enforcement agencies across the state.

REPORTING AGENCY	KIT 2015 OR EARLIER	KIT 2016 OR LATER	KIT DATE UNCLEAR	TOTAL KITS
Escondido Police Department	3	-	12	15
National City Police Department	9	4	-	13
Oceanside Police Department	6	6	-	12
San Diego Police Department	3	3	1,627	1,627
San Diego Sheriff's Department Crime Lab	311	77	-	388
San Diego State University Police Department	3	2	-	5
TOTAL SAN DIEGO	338	101	1,639	2,078

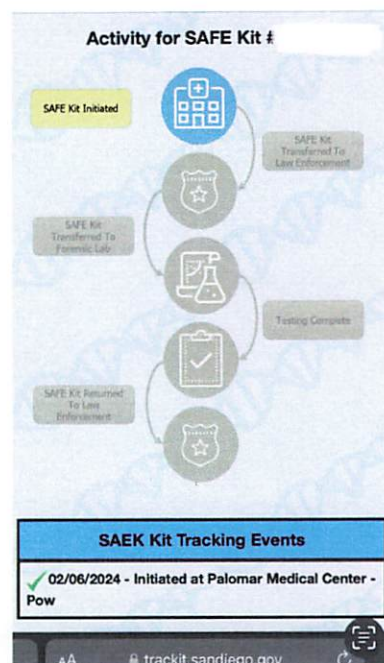
2021-25:
Pushing for
Progress in
California

- California has achieved five of six pillars of rape kit reform. To reach comprehensive rape kit reform, the state must mandate the testing of previously untested kits. - *EndTheBacklog.org*
- A crime lab has 120 days to process sexual assault evidence and upload qualifying profiles to CODIS or 30 days to transmit the evidence to another lab.
- Under California Civil Procedure Code § 340.16, adult victims of sexual abuse and assault can file a lawsuit within 10 years of the incident. Alternatively, they may file within three years of discovering an injury or illness caused by the assault.

New Law:
Agencies must
Preserve
SAEKs, Audit
untested
evidence

- **Bill: Enacted**
- **SB464 enacted in California** In 2023, legislators in California enacted SB464. This bill requires all law enforcement agencies, medical facilities, crime laboratories, and any other facilities that receive, maintain, store, or preserve sexual assault evidence kits to conduct an audit of all untested sexual assault evidence kits in their possession. With this new inventory, we will have a better understanding of the extent of the backlog in the state.

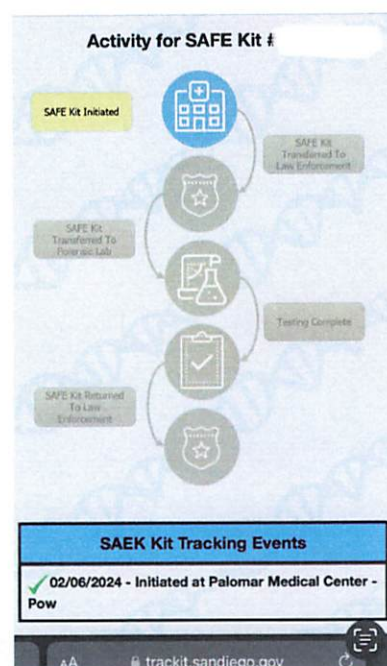
After one
February 2024
assault: It took
a survivor in
San Diego
7 months to
get their
results.



Sources of information shown in previous slides

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- <https://voiceofsandiego.org/2016/09/08/sdpd-doubles-decision-leave-rape-kits-untested/>
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- Image of tracking data from SAKS app

Next: A survivor discusses their experience after an assault & SAEK exam in San Diego



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION**

**1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, ROOM 166
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 MEETING

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Michel Anderson, Secretary; Joan Bracci, Chief Financial Officer; Chris Herrera, Director

Staff Present: Andrew Potter, Secretary; Samantha Weisman, Debt Finance Manager; Dianson Wong, Debt & Capital Finance Officer; Laura Dolan, Senior Deputy County Counsel; RC Kinzly, Chief Investment Officer

Staff Present via Teleconference: Tracy Drager, Auditor & Controller; Louis Choi, PRAG Advisors; Damien Quinn, Director, Office of Financial Planning; Julie Bjerke, Manager, Auditor & Controller; Judy Ying, Group Finance Director.

3. Approval of the September 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

ON MOTION of Director Bracci, seconded by Director Herrera, the Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation Board of Directors approved the Minutes of the September 11, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

AYES: Anderson, Bracci, Herrera

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Annual Election of Officers

Pursuant to Article VI of the Bylaws of the Corporation, the officers of the Board shall be chosen annually.

ON MOTION of Director Bracci, seconded by Director Anderson, the San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation Board of Directors selected Director Chris Herrera as Chair, Director Michel Anderson as Secretary, and Director Joan Bracci as Chief Financial Officer.

AYES: Anderson, Bracci, Herrera

6. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Audited Financial Report Prepared by Eide Bailly CPAs & Business Advisors

The San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation Board of Directors received the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Audited Financial Report.

7. Approval of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Expenses

ON MOTION of Director Herrera, seconded by Director Bracci, the San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation Board of Directors approved the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Expenses.

AYES: Anderson, Bracci, Herrera

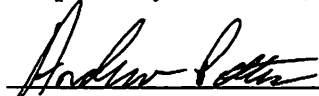
8. Update on Tobacco Securitization Revenues and Market Conditions

The San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation Board of Directors received a report by Debt Finance Manager Samantha Weisman on Tobacco Securitization revenues and market conditions.

9. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Potter", is written over a horizontal line.

By Andrew Potter, Secretary

Official Records of the Authority are maintained in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, County of San Diego, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 166, San Diego, CA 92101.

cc: Communications Received for the Board of Supervisors Official Records



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**NOTICE AND AGENDA
MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION**

Thursday, September 11th, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 301, San Diego, California 92101

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the September 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes
4. Public Comment
5. Annual Election of Officers
6. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2023-24 audited financial report
7. Approval of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Expenses
8. Update on Tobacco Securitizations and Market Conditions
9. Adjournment



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**NOTICE AND AGENDA
MEETING OF
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THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION**

Thursday, September 11th, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 301, Large Conference Room, San Diego, California 92101

1. Call to Order

Michel Anderson, Secretary:

Good afternoon. I will now call to order the September 11, 2025, meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation.

2. Roll Call

Michel Anderson, Secretary:

CLERK PLEASE CALL THE ROLL

3. Approval of the September 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Secretary: We will begin with the approval of the minutes for the Meeting of September 11th, 2024.

Is there a motion to approve?

PAUSE FOR MOTION.

CHAIR: There is a motion by Director _____, seconded by Director _____.

Please vote.

CLERK CALLS RESULTS OF VOTE.



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VACANT
Chair

MICHEL ANDERSON
Secretary

JOAN BRACCI
Director

4. Public Comment

Secretary: Next on the agenda is for the Board to take **communication from the public**. This is an opportunity for the public to address the Board on matters within this body's jurisdiction.

Clerk, do we have any requests to speak?

IF THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS, THEN STATE: There are no requests for public communication, so we'll proceed with our agenda.

5. Annual Election of Officers

Secretary: Next on our agenda is the Annual Election of Officers. Pursuant to Article VI of the Bylaws of the Corporation, the Officers of the Board shall be chosen annually.

Is there a motion to nominate a Chair?

PAUSE FOR MOTION.

CHAIR: There is a motion to nominate _____, as Chair by Director _____, seconded by Director _____.

Please vote.

Is there a motion to nominate a Secretary?

PAUSE FOR MOTION.



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Secretary

JOAN BRACCI
Director

CHAIR: There is a motion to nominate _____, as Secretary by Director _____, seconded by Director _____.

Please vote.

Is there a motion to nominate a Chief Financial Officer?

PAUSE FOR MOTION.

CHAIR: There is a motion to nominate _____, as Chief Financial Officer by Director _____, seconded by Director _____.

Please vote.

CLERK CALLS RESULTS OF VOTE.

**6. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24
AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT PREPARED BY EIDE
BAILLY CPAs & BUSINESS ADVISORS**

CHAIR: Next on our agenda is to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2023-24 audited financial report by Eide Bailly CPAs & Business Advisors. I will turn it over to Joan Bracci, Chief Financial Officer.

JOAN: Pursuant to Article VII of the Bylaws of the Corporation, an annual audit of this Corporation has been conducted in



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conjunction with the annual audit of the County of San Diego. The Authority contracted with Eide Bailly CPAs & Business Advisors, an independent audit firm, to audit the financial records of the Authority for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The written independent auditor's report is presented as Item 6 and reflects an opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority as of June 30, 2024, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Corporation had several transactions during Fiscal Year 2023-24, which can be found on page 8 of the financial statements:

Under Revenues, there were:

- \$28.7 million of Tobacco Settlement Revenues (TSRs) received from tobacco companies.
- \$1.8 million in interest income earned on funds held by the Trustee.

Under Expenditures

- \$29.0 million in principal and interest payments on the Tobacco Securitization Authority of Southern California loan
- \$5.9 million of Reimbursement of debt amortization and accretion expenditures to the Authority and
- \$0.2 million (\$224,000) in operating expenses related to administering the 2006 and 2019 Bonds



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The transactions incurred in Fiscal Year 2023-24 resulted in a net decrease of \$5.2 million in overall assets of the Corporation.

The pace for paying off the outstanding bonds depends on the amount of TSRs received, which continue to fluctuate year to year. Overall, the pace for paying off the bonds is faster than the most recent projections prepared for the 2019 Tobacco Bonds over the 5-year period since the bonds were issued. However, in 2 of the 5 years, including this past year, the pace was lower than the projections. The pace has also been well below the original projections from 2006.

It should be noted that future TSRs remain difficult to predict, and it is possible that revenues could fall sharply as it had done in the past. TSRs vary depending on cigarette shipments and inflation. TSRs decrease when cigarette shipments decline, but these decreases are somewhat offset by a growth factor equal to the greater of 3% or the rate of inflation. Lastly, TSRs can be adjusted upward for operating profits of tobacco companies.

Considering this, staff maintains Note 10, *Contingencies and Concentration of Risk*, in the financial statements and continues to monitor how information related to TSRs is presented in these financial statements.

7. Approval of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Expenses

CHAIR: Next on our agenda is the approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Expenses. I'll turn it back to Joan.



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JOAN: In the current fiscal year, Corporation staff anticipates incurring approximately \$246,600 of operating expenses related to administering the securitization. A list of the specific operating costs has been included in your agenda packet.

CHAIR: Is there a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Expenses?

PAUSE FOR MOTION.

CHAIR: There is a motion to approve the Operating Expense budget by Director _____, seconded by Director _____.

Please vote.

CLERK CALLS RESULTS OF VOTE.

8. Update on Tobacco Securitization Revenues and Market Conditions

CHAIR: Next on our agenda is the update on tobacco securitization revenues and market conditions, and I will turn it over to Debt Finance Manager, Samantha Weisman, to provide that update.

9. Adjournment

Having no other business before the San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, we will now adjourn.

CLERK WILL STATE THE DATE/TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Approval of the September 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION**

**1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, ROOM 301
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 MEETING

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Dan McAllister, Chair; Joan Bracci, Interim Chief Financial Officer

Member Absent: Michel Anderson, Secretary

Staff Present: Andrew Potter, Secretary; Laura Dolan, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Michele Light, Debt Finance Manager; Chris Herrera, Chief Investment Officer; RC Kinzly, Investment Officer

Staff Present via Teleconference: Tracy Drager, Auditor & Controller; Julie Bjerke, Manager, Auditor & Controller; Michelle Issa, PRAG Advisors; Louis Choi, PRAG Advisors; Kevin Foley, Investment Officer; Lisa Keller-Chiodo, Debt & Capital Finance Officer

3. Approval of the September 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

ON MOTION of Director Bracci, seconded by Director McAllister, the Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation Board of Directors approved the Minutes of the September 13, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

AYES: Bracci, McAllister

ABSENT: Anderson

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Annual Election of Officers

Pursuant to Article VI of the Bylaws of the Corporation, the officers of the Board shall be chosen annually.

ON MOTION of Director Bracci, seconded by Director McAllister, the San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation Board of Directors selected Director Dan McAllister as Chair, Director Michel Anderson as Secretary, and Director Joan Bracci as Chief Financial Officer.

AYES: Bracci, McAllister

ABSENT: Anderson

6. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Audited Financial Report Prepared by Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP

The San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation Board of Directors received the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Audited Financial Report.

7. Approval of Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operating Expenses

ON MOTION of Director Bracci, seconded by Director McAllister, the San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation Board of Directors approved the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Expenses.

AYES: Bracci, McAllister

ABSENT: Anderson

8. Update on Tobacco Securitization Revenues and Market Conditions

The San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation Board of Directors received a report by Debt Finance Manager Michele Light on Tobacco Securitization revenues and market conditions.

9. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By Andrew Potter, Secretary

Official Records of the Authority are maintained in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, County of San Diego, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 166, San Diego, CA 92101.

cc: Communications Received for the Board of Supervisors Official Records

AGENDA ITEM 5

Annual Election of Officers

Excerpt from

BYLAWS OF

SAN DIEGO COUNTY TOBACCO ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION

a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

(f) the appointment of any other committees of the board of directors or the members of these committees;

(g) the expenditure of corporate funds to support a nominee for director after there are more people nominated for director than can be elected;

(h) the approval of any self-dealing transaction, as such transactions are defined in Section 5233(a) of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law;

(i) any matter described in Article IV of the articles of incorporation or Article IV, Section 18 of these bylaws; or

(j) distributions of this corporation's funds.

Any such committee must be created, and the members thereof appointed, by resolution adopted by a majority of the authorized number of directors then in office, provided a quorum is present, and any such committee may be designated by such name as the board shall specify. The board may appoint, in the same manner, alternate members of any committee who may replace any absent member at any meeting of the committee. Any Executive Committee shall include a member who is an Independent Director and any alternate member for such Independent Director shall also be an Independent Director as defined in the articles of incorporation of this corporation. The board shall have the power to prescribe the manner in which proceedings of any such committee shall be conducted. In the absence of any such prescription, such committee shall have the power to prescribe the manner in which its proceedings be conducted. Unless the board or such committee shall otherwise provide, the regular and special meetings and other actions of any such committee shall be governed by the provisions of Article IV hereof applicable to meetings and actions of the board. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of each committee.

Section 2. Advisory Committee. Advisory committees may be appointed from time to time by the board of directors. Advisory committees' membership may consist of both directors and non-directors or non-directors only. Advisory committees have no legal authority to act for this corporation but shall report their findings and recommendations to the board of directors.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this corporation shall be a Chairman of the board, Secretary, and Chief Financial Officer. This corporation may also have, at the discretion of the board of directors, one or more vice presidents, one or more assistant secretaries, one or more assistant treasurers, and such other officers as may be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of this Article VI. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, except as provided in the articles of incorporation or in these bylaws and except that neither the Secretary nor the Chief Financial Officer may serve concurrently as the Chairman of the board.

Section 2. Election. The officers of this corporation, except those appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 or Section 5 of this Article VI, shall be chosen annually by the board of directors, and each shall serve at the pleasure of the board, subject to the rights, if any, of an officer under any contract of employment.

Section 3. Subordinate Officers. The board of directors may appoint, and may authorize the Chairman of the board or another officer to appoint, any other officers the business of this corporation may require, each of whom shall have the title, hold office for the period, have the authority, and perform the duties specified in the bylaws or determined from time to time by the board of directors.

Section 4. Removal and Resignation. Any officer may be removed, with or without cause, by the board of directors at any time or, except in case of an officer chosen by the board of directors, by an officer on whom such power of removal may be conferred by the board of directors. Any such removal shall be without prejudice to the rights, if any, of the officer under any contract of employment of the officer.

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to this corporation. Any resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of that notice or at any later time specified in that notice; and, unless otherwise specified in that notice, the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Any resignation is without prejudice to the rights, if any, of this corporation under any contract to which the officer is a party.

Section 5. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause shall be filled only in the manner prescribed in these bylaws for regular election or appointment to that office, provided that such vacancies shall be filled as they occur and not on an annual basis.

Section 6. Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the board shall preside at meetings of the board of directors and exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may be from time to time assigned to him by the board of directors or prescribed by the bylaws.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall attend to the following:

(a) Book of minutes. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at the principal executive office a book of minutes of all meetings and actions of directors, and committees of directors, with the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, and, if special, how authorized, the notice given, the names of those present at such meetings, and the proceedings of such meetings.

(b) Notices, seal and other duties. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the board of directors required by the bylaws to be given. The Secretary shall keep the seal of this corporation in safe custody. The Secretary shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors or the bylaws.

Section 8. Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall attend to the following:

(a) Books of account. The Chief Financial Officer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, at the principal executive office, adequate and correct books and records of accounts of the properties and business transactions of this corporation, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses, capital, retained earnings, and other matters customarily included in financial statements. The books of account shall be open to inspection by any director at all reasonable times.

(b) Deposit and disbursement of money and valuables. The Chief Financial Officer shall deposit all money and other valuables in the name and to the credit of this corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the board of directors; shall disburse the funds of this corporation as may be ordered by the board of directors; shall render to the Chairman of the board and the directors, whenever they request it, an account of all transactions as Chief Financial Officer and of the financial condition of this corporation; and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors or the bylaws.

Section 9. Compensation. Officers may receive such compensation, if any, for their services, and such reimbursement for expenses, as may be fixed or determined by the board.

ARTICLE VII RECORDS AND REPORTS

Section 1. Corporate Records. This corporation shall keep:

- (a) Adequate and correct books and records of accounts;
 - (b) Written minutes of the proceedings of its board and committees of the board;
- and
- (c) The original or a copy of the articles of incorporation and bylaws, as amended, to date.

Section 2. Annual Report.

(a) Financial statements shall be prepared as soon as reasonably practicable after the close of the fiscal year. The financial statements shall contain in appropriate detail the following:

- (1) The assets and liabilities, including trust funds, of this corporation as of the end of the fiscal year;
- (2) The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during the fiscal year;
- (3) The revenue or receipts of this corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for the fiscal year;
- (4) The expenses or disbursements of this corporation, for both general and restricted purposes during the fiscal year;
- (5) Any transaction during the previous fiscal year involving Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more to which this corporation or a subsidiary was a party and in which any directors or officers of this corporation or subsidiary had or has a direct or indirect material financial interest. The report must disclose the names of the interested persons involved in such transaction, stating such person's relationship to this corporation, the nature of such person's interest in the transaction and, where practicable, the amount of such interest; and

AGENDA ITEM 6

Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Audited Financial Report

San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation

**A Component Unit of the County of San Diego, California
Financial Statements**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)

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CPAs & BUSINESS ADVISORS

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors of the San Diego County
Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation
San Diego, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, and the general fund of the San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (Corporation), a component unit of the County of San Diego, California (County), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and the general fund of the Corporation, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Corporation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 8, 2025, on our consideration of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Eide Bailly LLP

Rancho Cucamonga, California
January 8, 2025

Basic Financial Statements

Statement of Net Position - Governmental Activities

June 30, 2024
(In Thousands)

Assets:	
Tobacco settlement receivable	\$ 14,205
Interest receivable	149
Total assets	14,354
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	3
Accounts payable for reimbursements due to the Tobacco Securitization Authority of Southern California (Authority)	92,591
Interest payable to the Authority	1,228
Note payable to the Authority	
Due within one year	6,238
Due in more than one year	350,727
Total liabilities	450,787
Net position (deficit):	
Unrestricted (deficit)	(436,433)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (436,433)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Statement of Activities - Governmental Activities

For the year ended June 30, 2024
(In Thousands)

Program expenses:	
Interest expense	\$ 15,459
Professional services	224
Reimbursement of debt amortization and accretion expenses to the Authority	5,948
Net program expenses	21,631
General revenues:	
Tobacco settlement revenues	26,974
Interest income	1,822
Total general revenues	28,796
Change in net position	7,165
Net position (deficit) – beginning of period	(443,598)
Net position (deficit) – end of period	\$ (436,433)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Basic Financial Statements

Balance Sheet - General Fund

June 30, 2024
(In Thousands)

Assets:	
Tobacco settlement receivable	\$ 14,205
Interest receivable	149
Total assets	14,354
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	3
Accounts payable for reimbursements due to the Authority	92,591
Total liabilities	92,594
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Unavailable revenue	14,205
Total deferred inflows of resources	14,205
Fund balance:	
Unassigned (deficit)	(92,445)
Total fund balance (deficit)	(92,445)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	\$ 14,354

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - General Fund to the Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

(In Thousands)

Total fund balance (deficit)	\$	(92,445)
Tobacco settlement receivable is not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, is reported as unavailable revenue in the General Fund and recognized as revenue in the statement of activities.		14,205
Accrued interest payable to the Authority to reimburse its accrual of interest to bondholders is not recognized in the General Fund.		(1,228)
Note payable is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the General Fund.		(356,965)
Net position (deficit)	\$	(436,433)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Basic Financial Statements

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance - General Fund

For the year ended June 30, 2024
(In Thousands)

Revenues:	
Tobacco settlement revenues	\$ 28,698
Interest income	1,822
Total revenues	30,520
Expenditures:	
Current:	
Professional services	224
Reimbursement of debt amortization and accretion expenditures to the Authority	5,948
Debt service:	
Principal	13,987
Interest	15,529
Total expenditures	35,688
Net change in fund balance	(5,168)
Fund balance (deficit) – beginning	(87,277)
Fund balance (deficit) – ending	\$ (92,445)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance - General Fund to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(In Thousands)

Net change in fund balance	\$	(5,168)
Accrued interest expense to reimburse the Tobacco Securitization Authority of Southern California (Authority) for its accrual of interest to bondholders is not recognized in the General Fund.		70
Principal paid on the note payable to the Authority has the affect of reducing fund balance because current financial resources have been used. However, in the government-wide financial statements such payment reduces the note payable.		13,987
Revenues that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the General Fund (deferred inflows) but are recognized as revenue in the statement of activities.		(1,724)
Change in net position	\$	7,165

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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NOTE 1

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (Corporation) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

The Reporting Entity

On August 15, 2000, the Corporation was incorporated under the California nonprofit public benefit corporation law. In November 1998, the Attorney General of California signed a Master Settlement Agreement (the Agreement) with the four major tobacco companies.

The Corporation was established to purchase the County of San Diego's (County) future Tobacco Settlement Revenues (TSR). The Corporation has purchased from the County its rights, title and interest payments to be received under the Master Settlement Agreement, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Agreement Regarding Interpretation of Memorandum of Understanding (ARIMOU) or from any other source (the TSR). The Corporation received a loan from the Tobacco Securitization Authority of Southern California (the Authority), also a component unit of the County, to finance the purchase of the TSR.

In compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity* (as amended by GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*), and GASB Technical Bulletin 2004-1, *Tobacco Settlement Recognition and Financial Reporting Entity Issues*, the Corporation is a blended component unit of the County and is reported as if it were part of the primary government. Although the Corporation is legally a separate entity, the County appoints and can change a majority of the Board of Directors. Additionally, the Corporation almost exclusively benefits the County even though it does not provide services directly to it, and the TSR are used exclusively for the repayment of a loan received from the Authority.

The assets, debts, liabilities and obligations of the Corporation are separate from the County. The Corporation is governed by a Board of Directors

consisting of three members, two of whom are employees of the County and one independent director who is not an employee of the County.

Basis of Presentation

The Corporation's basic financial statements include entity-wide and fund financial statements. The statement of net position and the statement of activities are government-wide financial statements that present the Corporation's assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. The Corporation reports only one fund, the General Fund, which is a major fund in its basic financial statements.

The balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and change in fund balance are governmental fund financial statements presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available to finance operations of the current period. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Corporation considers this to be within 180 days following the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule are that principal and interest on long-term debt are recognized in the fund financial statements when due. Annual budgets are not required to be adopted for the Corporation.

Use of Estimates

Certain amounts presented in the Corporation's basic financial statements are based on management's estimates. Actual amounts could differ.

NOTE 2

Tobacco Settlement Receivable

According to GASB Technical Bulletin 2004-1, *Tobacco Settlement Recognition and Financial Reporting Entity Issues*, paragraph 15, "Because annual TSR payments are based on cigarette sales from the preceding calendar year, governments should estimate accrued TSRs that derived from sales from January 1 to their respective fiscal year-ends." Therefore, the Tobacco Settlement Receivable of \$14.205 million included in the statement of net position and the General Fund balance sheet represents the accrual of TSR revenues for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2024 projected to be

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

(Amounts Expressed in Thousands Unless Otherwise Noted)

received by the Authority in April 2025. However, since the revenues are not available to pay liabilities of the current period, the Tobacco Settlement Receivable is offset by unavailable revenue in the General Fund's balance sheet.

NOTE 3

Accounts Payable for Reimbursements Due to the Authority

Accounts payable for reimbursements due to the Authority represents the June 30, 2024 balance of the underlying activity between the Authority and the Corporation. Such activity includes the balances of TSR and interest earned from the Trustee that are owed to the Corporation, reimbursement to the Authority from the Corporation for costs incurred in relation to the issuance of debt and ongoing debt servicing activities and administrative expenditures.

NOTE 4

Deferred Inflows of Resources: Unavailable Revenue

In March 2012, GASB issued Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. Previously, the Corporation reported its TSR that were accrued from January to June of each fiscal year as deferred revenue under the liability section of the fund balance sheet. With the implementation of GASB Statement No. 65, the TSR accrued is now reported as unavailable revenue under the deferred inflows of resources section of the General Fund balance sheet. A deferred inflow of resources represents an acquisition of net assets by the government that is applicable to a future period.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, it is not enough that revenue has been earned if it is to be recognized as revenue of the current period. Revenue must also be susceptible to accrual; it must be both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current fiscal period. If assets are recognized in connection with a transaction, but those assets are not yet available to finance expenditures of the current fiscal period, then the assets must be offset by a corresponding deferred

inflow of resources. This type of deferred inflow is unique to governmental funds, since it is tied to the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is used only in connection with governmental funds.

NOTE 5

Note Payable to the Authority

The minimum payments under the Secured Loan Agreement are based on and vary with the collection of TSR, which is affected by cigarette consumption, inflation, and the financial capability of the participating manufacturers. The principal payments on the note payable to the Authority are made by the Corporation in proportion to the bond principal payments made by the Authority to the bondholders and the note payable is reduced accordingly. Interest rates on the note range from 2.25% to 5.00% and are payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The note will be fully paid within 48 years from date of issuance (May 31, 2006).

Note payable activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

Table 1				
Note Payable to the Authority				
Beginning Balance at July 1, 2023	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance at June 30, 2024	Amounts Due Within One Year
\$ 370,952	-	13,987	356,965	\$ 6,238

In fiscal year 2001-02, the Authority issued \$446.86 million of 2001 Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, in order to fund the Authority's loan to the Corporation, pursuant to a loan agreement between the Authority and the Corporation.

The Corporation used the net proceeds of the loan, \$411.913 million, to purchase from the County all of the County's right, title and interest in and to and under the Agreement, as agreed to in the MOU and the ARIMOU among the State of California, all California counties and four California cities, including the right of the County to receive Tobacco Settlement Payments (also known as Tobacco Settlement Revenues - TSR).

In May 2006, the Authority issued \$583.631 million of Series 2006 Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds to refund the outstanding principal of the original 2001 Bonds and to loan an additional \$123.515 million to the Corporation. The Bonds are limited obligations of the Authority, maturing in fiscal year 2045-46, and are

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payable solely from certain funds held under the Indenture, including payments of TSR, and earnings on such funds (collections).

In the following table, the principal and interest payments are presented as if there are no turbo payments made on the Authority's Series 2006 Capital Appreciation Bonds and 2019 Bonds (together now known as the "Bonds").

In November 2019 the Tobacco Securitization Authority of Southern California (Authority) issued \$405.964 million Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 Senior Bonds as follows: 1) \$252.345 million Series 2019A Class 1 Senior Current Interest Bonds (Serial Bonds and Term Bonds) that carry a fixed coupon rate of 5.00% along with projected yield rates ranging from 1.20% to 2.97% and maturity dates ranging from June 2020 through June 2048; 2) \$120.000 million Series 2019B-1 Class 2 Senior Current Interest Bonds (Turbo Term Bonds) that carry a fixed coupon minimum rate of 2.25% and a maximum coupon rate of 5.00% along with projected yield rates ranging from 2.25% to 3.375% and final maturity dates ranging from June 2029 through June 2048; and, 3) Series 2019B-2 Class 2 Senior Capital Appreciation Bonds (Turbo Term Bonds) issued at the initial principal amount of \$33.619 million with a projected yield rate of 5.625% that mature in June 1, 2054 with a maturity value of \$228.795 million.

The bonds noted above were issued with a premium of \$63.492 million. This premium, along with bond proceeds of \$405.964 million and \$45.067 million from funds held by the 2006 Indenture trustee accounts (trustee) were distributed as follows: 1) \$448.112 million (consisting of \$405.964 million of new bond proceeds, \$22.527 million of bond premium, plus \$19.621 million of funds held by the trustee) was transferred to the escrow agent to refund, on a current basis, the outstanding \$438.155 million 2006A Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds plus related interest; 2) \$37.837 million from bond premium funded the purchase and cancellation of a portion of the Series 2006D CABs; 3) \$25.446 million of funds held by the trustee were used to fund the Class 1 and Class 2 Senior Liquidity Reserve accounts; 4) \$3.128 million from bond premium to fund a cost of issuance account to pay cost of issuance incurred in connection with the Series 2019 Tobacco bonds consisting of \$2.093 million of Underwriter's Discount and \$1.035 million of Cost of Issuance.

This refunding resulted in decreasing the County's principal and interest payments by \$1.682 million over the expected life of the bonds resulting in an economic gain of \$113.392 million (i.e. the difference

between the present value of the debt service payments on the refunded debt and the refunding debt). The Bonds are limited obligations of the Authority.

Due to the fact that the principal payments on the note payable are in proportion to the bond redemptions made on the Bonds, no assurance can be given as to the final maturity on the note payable.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the note payable to the Authority are presented as follows:

Table 2			
Debt Service Requirements to Maturity			
Fiscal year ending June 30:			
Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 6,238	\$ 14,704	\$ 20,942
2026	6,553	14,321	20,874
2027	6,831	13,919	20,750
2028	6,958	13,501	20,459
2029	7,035	13,075	20,110
2030-2034	35,181	58,891	94,072
2035-2039	41,685	47,606	89,291
2040-2044	36,791	35,211	72,002
2045-2049	142,397	19,742	162,139
2050-2054	67,296	-	67,296
Total	\$ 356,965	\$ 230,970	\$ 587,935

NOTE 6

Pledged Revenue

Pledged revenue for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

Table 3				
Pledged Revenue				
Debt Pledged	Final Maturity Date	Pledged Revenue to Maturity	Fiscal Year 2024	
			Principal and Interest Paid	Pledged Revenue Received
Series 2006 & 2019 Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds	2054	\$1,145,200	\$32,309	\$28,474

As shown in Table 3, TSR pledged represent the debt service requirements to maturity of the Bonds at June 30, 2024. According to the loan agreement between the Authority and the Corporation, the Corporation has pledged and assigned and granted to the Authority, a first priority perfected security interest in all

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rights, title, and interest of the Corporation, the TSR the Corporation purchased from the County, and future TSR.

NOTE 7

Tobacco Settlement Revenues

The TSR represent the initial payment in January 2002 and annual payments in April made by tobacco manufacturers. It is recorded based on the cash received plus the estimate of the amount to be received for the first six months calculated by the State of California being subject to numerous adjustments such as reductions for domestic cigarette shipments, inflation in an amount of not less than 3% per year, changes in the relative population of the County, and other aspects as described in the MOU, ARIMOU and the California Escrow Agreement.

NOTE 8

Fund Balance

The Corporation's fund balance classifications are comprised of a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the Corporation is bound to honor constraints on specific purposes for which amounts of the Corporation's General Fund can be spent. These classifications include: nonspendable; restricted; and the unrestricted classifications of committed, assigned and unassigned. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, fund balance is generally depleted by restricted resources first, followed by unrestricted resources in the following order: committed, assigned and unassigned.

The fund balance classifications are defined as follows:

Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, for example, inventories and prepaid amounts.

Restricted fund balance - amounts with constraints placed on their use that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance - amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's

highest level of decision-making authority (the Board of Directors). Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Corporation removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit those amounts.

Assigned fund balance - amounts that are constrained by the Corporation's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent should be expressed by the highest level of decision making authority (the Board of Directors), or by a body or official to which the governing body has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. For the Corporation, the intent is generally expressed by the Board of Directors.

Unassigned fund balance - the residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The General Fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount.

The Corporation did not have nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances at June 30, 2024.

NOTE 9

Net Position

In the government-wide financial statements, net position is reported in three categories, as applicable. The first category is "Net investment in capital assets" (which does not apply to the Corporation since it does not own any capital assets). The second and third categories are restricted net position and unrestricted net position, respectively. Restricted net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities related to those assets. Net position is considered restricted when constraints on their use are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments. Unrestricted net position consists of net position that does not meet the definition of net investment in capital assets or restricted net position.

NOTE 10

Contingencies and Concentration of Risk

The Corporation purchased the County's rights, title and interest in future TSR through a loan agreement with the Authority. In return, the Corporation is obligated to pay all TSR it receives to the Authority.

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The Authority has issued bonds payable primarily from pledged TSR to be received from the Corporation. There are a number of risks associated with the amount of actual TSRs the County receives each year, including litigation affecting the participating manufacturers and possible bankruptcy as a result thereof, increased growth of non-participating manufacturer's market share, disputed payments set-aside by the participating manufacturers into an escrow account, a decline in cigarette consumption materially beyond forecasted levels, reduction in investment earnings due to unforeseen market conditions, and other future adjustments to the calculation of the TSRs.

The Authority's financial existence is contingent upon receiving the TSR from the Corporation. No assurance can be given that actual cigarette consumption in the United States during the term of the Bonds will be as assumed in the Base Case, or that the other assumptions underlying these Base Case assumptions, including that certain adjustments and offsets will not apply to payments due under the MSA, will be consistent with future events. If actual events deviate from one or more of the assumptions underlying the Base Case, the amount of TSRs available to make payments, including Turbo Redemption Payments will be affected. No assurance can be given that these structuring assumptions, upon which the projections of the Bond payments and Turbo Redemptions are based, will be realized.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Board of Directors of the San Diego County
Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation
San Diego, California

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (Corporation), a component unit of the County of San Diego, California (County), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Corporation's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 8, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Corporation's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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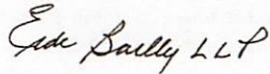
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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Corporation's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Corporation's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Rancho Cucamonga, California
January 8, 2025

AGENDA ITEM 7

Approval of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Expenses

EXHIBIT A

TOBACCO SECURITIZATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

\$405,964,138 Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Refunding Bonds, Series 2019

\$ 31,581,455 Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2006 (unrefunded)

(San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation)

Estimated Operating Expenses

Fiscal Year 2025-26

Month	Services	Payee(s)	Amount
December	Directors & Officers Insurance	Alliant Insurance Services (Houston Casualty Ins)	115,000 ⁽¹⁾
January / May	Annual Credit Surveillance	Standard and Poor's	20,000
Ongoing	Financial Advisory / Debt Service Schedules	PRAG	14,000
April	Post-Issuance Compliance (Analysis, Arbitrage, Continuing Disclosure), Series 2019 & 2006	BondLogistix	35,000
	Trustee Administration, Series 2019 & 2006	Bank of New York Mellon	12,600
Feb	Tobacco Authority and Corporation F/S Audits	MGO CPA	30,000
		Total Operating Account (Restated 2019 Indenture, Section 5.01 (d))	226,600 ⁽²⁾
	Miscellaneous	Total Operating Contingency Account (Restated 2019 Indenture, Section 5.01 (f))	20,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES			\$ 246,600

Notes

⁽¹⁾ The current policy for the Tobacco Corp expires 11/28/2024. Estimate reflects insurance premium costs for both the Tobacco Corp and Authority.

⁽²⁾ Per the Restated 2019 Indenture, the annual increase of the Operating Account is based on the greater of CPI-U (3.35%) or 3%

AGENDA ITEM 8

Update on Tobacco Securitizations and Market Conditions

Tobacco Securitizations and Market Conditions



Annual Update

September 11, 2025

Tobacco Bond Market Update

- Annually, the Board and the Authority are updated if there are any refunding opportunities related to the County's tobacco bonds
- Based on market conditions and the credit quality of tobacco bonds in general, there have been no tobacco bonds issued since December 2022
- Municipal bond market conditions have been mixed, with high interest rates not conducive to new tobacco bond issuance
 - Through July 2025, the Federal Reserve has remained cautious about reducing interest rates due to persistent inflation, mixed economic signals, and uncertainty surrounding the inflationary impact of international tariff policies
 - From August 2024 through the end of July 2025, the 30-year tax-exempt interest rate index has increased by 105 basis points
 - Interest in municipal bonds and specifically, high-yield municipal bonds (which includes tobacco bonds), has grown, as bond funds have experienced significant net inflows from investors
 - \$47.6 billion¹ into all bond funds
 - \$9.6 billion¹ into high-yield funds specifically

¹EPFR, monthly reporting funds through June 2025 and weekly reporting funds thereafter

Recent Tobacco Credit Developments

- **Menthol Ban**

- Over the last several years, the FDA considered implementing a potential federal ban on menthol flavored cigarettes which would have had a negative impact on consumption and ultimately reduced TSRs
 - In 2024 however, amid political concerns, the Biden administration delayed finalized of the menthol ban
 - On January 21, 2025, the Trump administration ultimately rescinded the proposed FDA rule
- On the state level however, the California menthol ban remains in effect after voters upheld the state's ban of all flavored tobacco products (including menthol) in the November 2022 election
 - In January 2025, California expanded its law to ban products that produce a "cooling sensation" to address "non-menthol" products that mimic menthol's effects

Cigarette Shipments and Payments Update

- **Actual Shipments:**

- ✓ Total market cigarette shipments decreased 6.8% in 2024
- ✓ Reports indicate that 1st half 2025 shipments declined by estimated 8.5%

- **Shipment Forecasts:** Done only in connection with new tobacco financings; last forecast was prepared in 2022 for another issuer, and it showed a 3.3% average shipment decline through 2032

- **MSA Payments:** Payments for sales year 2024 (received in 2025) decreased by 5.1% (\$28.6MM to \$27.2MM)

- ✓ Higher than expected consumption declines, normalizing inflation and no operating profit adjustment resulted in lower 2025 payments on a net basis
- ✓ Payments generally lower than the 2006 forecast, and, for the two most recent years, the 2019 forecast as well
- ✓ *Most recent TSR projections indicate that some of the 2006 Bonds may not be repaid prior to their 2046 scheduled maturity dates*

