

# Board of Supervisors

Meeting Time: 03-24-26 09:00

## eComments Report

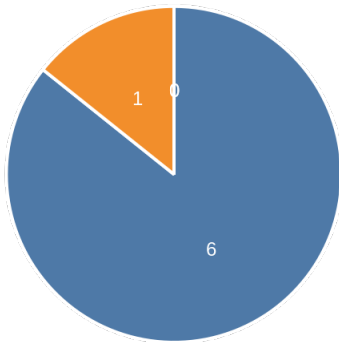
Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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### Sentiments for All Meetings

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Support (85%)   Oppose (14%)   Neutral (0%)  
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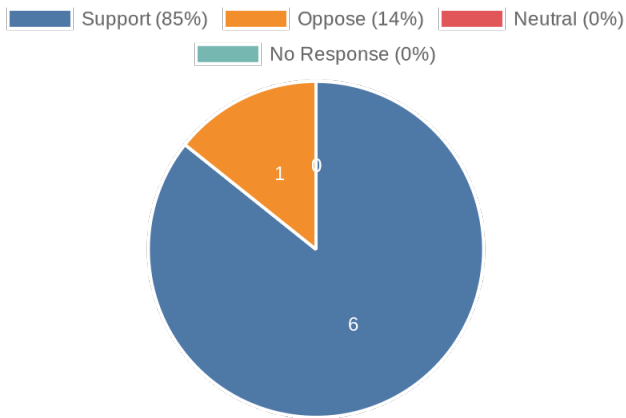
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
28. RECEIVE THE UPDATE ON CREATING A CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND TRANSITION AGE YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTINUUM FRAMEWORK FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY; AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENTS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES; DIRECT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DATA-SHARING AGREEMENTS AMONG COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DEPARTMENTS; AND DIRECT FORMAL DISCUSSION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DATA-SHARING AGREEMENTS AMONG LOCAL HOSPITALS AND MANAGED CARE PLANS TO IMPROVE CARE COORDINATION FOR YOUTH IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY	7	6	1	0

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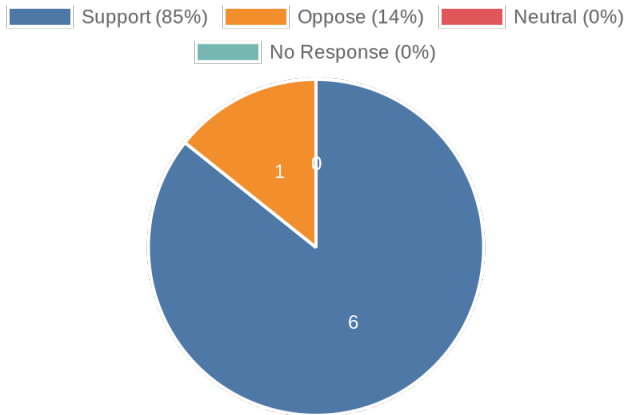
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Overall Sentiment



**Dante Golden**

Location: 92104, San Diego  
Submitted At: 4:13pm 03-24-26

I am submitting this comment on behalf of the San Diego Housing Federation as apart of the Basic Needs Coalition.

We are in strong support of Item #28, which takes a critical step toward building a comprehensive behavioral health continuum for our children, youth, and transition age youth. We know that stable housing and behavioral health are inextricably linked; a child cannot thrive academically, socially, or emotionally if they lack a safe and secure place to call home. The expansion of school-based early intervention services, crisis response, and family-centered care outlined in this framework will help ensure that our most vulnerable young people receive the support they need before a crisis escalates. We especially appreciate the focus on equity-driven strategies that prioritize communities and populations historically left behind, including youth of color and LGBTQ+ youth who face disproportionately high rates of mental health challenges.

**Kimberly Molin**

Location: 92116, San Diego  
Submitted At: 3:13pm 03-24-26

I want to emphasize the importance of including early childhood prevention in the Optimal Care Pathway. I grew up in San Diego with mental health challenges that were not addressed until much later in life. Looking back, I know that early support at home, in school, and in the community could have impacted my wellbeing, and reduced years of struggle.

Prevention is more than early treatment. It includes proactive support like parent education, early childhood mental health consultation, developmental screenings, and community-based programs that build resilience before crises occur. For young children, mental health “crises” look different, and identifying concerns early is

itself prevention.

I encourage the County to ensure the pathway reflects the needs of children ages 0–5 and 5–12, centers families and schools.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to our children and families.

**Lucia Garay**

Location: 91910-4909, Chula Vista

Submitted At: 8:58am 03-24-26

A responsive, equity-driven behavioral health system cannot leave out an entire population of San Diegans. While I recognize BHS's effort in the development of the behavioral health Services Optimal Care Pathway, I must emphasize in the current plan over-emphasizes crisis intervention and most importantly, young children and youth (under age 10) are completely absent. This is unacceptable! Particularly, when the directive was to develop a plan for children and youth! A true optimal care pathway invests in the youngest ages in order to mitigate some of the needs for more significant intervention in later years. I ask that this board direct the revision of the plan to include Young Children within the plan and seek data on their services through better collaboration with departments and systems addressing those needs such as CFWB, First 5, school districts and resource centers. The plan must address prevention and early intervention by embracing young children and their caregivers. Thanks

**Briana BashawWood**

Location: 92019, El Cajon

Submitted At: 3:01pm 03-23-26

As a child therapist, I support the development of a Children, Youth, and Transition Age Youth Behavioral Health Continuum Framework. I want to raise a concern that children ages 0–8 need more explicit consideration. Young children are not developmentally able to independently use mental health skills learned in traditional therapy. Their progress depends on consistent support from caregivers and other adults in their daily environments. Without this relational support and providers trained in early childhood, interventions are unlikely to be sustained.

I urge the Board to include developmentally appropriate, relationship-based approaches—such as Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation—and ensure specialized early childhood expertise is embedded in this framework.

**Shelby Gomez**

Location: 92111, San Diego

Submitted At: 2:09pm 03-23-26

It is important and laudable that our County is creating a Children, Youth, and Transition Age Youth Behavioral Health Continuum Framework and Optimal Care Pathway. The promise of what we can build atop such a framework inspires new hope for how we grow a next generation of healthy and well San Diegans. Unfortunately, the recommended strategies in this update are missing a critical component – early intervention for the youngest San Diegans. Serving young children before they enter the K-12 system with powerful interventions like Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation offers powerful returns on investment, supporting the strong foundations that set youth on a positive trajectory from the start. This is the essence of an optimal care pathway. I ask that you please include this gem of an intervention and others targeted for very young children where they need to be – at the start of our County's Optimal Care Pathway.

**Kim McDougal**

Location: 92116, San Diego, CA 92116

Submitted At: 1:41pm 03-23-26

While in support of the development of the Behavioral Health Services Optimal Care Pathway for Youth, the plan in it's current iteration neglects a critical population, children under 10. We must invest in the youngest ages in order to mitigate some of the needs for more significant interventions in older years. The plan must be revised to include younger children by identifying services and systems that support prevention and early intervention, supporting coordination of these services and systems, and funding a system responsive to community needs.

**Paul Henkin**

Location: 91902, Bonita

Submitted At: 1:28pm 03-18-26

I was looking forward to a report/presentation on some real progress. Instead, there is a Board Letter. What have we got for our money?

We get phrases like 'Utilization of specialty mental health services is anticipated to increase by 4,754 young people annually...anticipated to increase utilization by 288 young people annually, representing a 43% increase over FY 2024-25.' or 'Based on the experience of comparable populations using best practice models, estimated use of mobile crisis response could reach 11,387 episodes across all payers.'

On page 13, the Board Letter says the County was awarded \$8.0 million Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure grant funding to build a new Children's Crisis Care facility, which will add 16 new beds within the Polinsky Center building. With all the crimes at the Polinsky Center, 16 more beds is a waste of money. 18 months without positive results. Who's profiting? I look forward to a report with actual results.