

**County of San Diego Board of Supervisors
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT/TITLE:

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE XV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REGARDING THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY AND ADDING ARTICLE XVII REGARDING THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:

Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION §1000.1 REQUIRED:

Yes No

NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED:

Yes No

PROJECT UNDER CEQA:

Yes No

If Yes, approval of CEQA document required?

Yes No

DECISION WITHIN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308:

Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

August 26, 2025 (24): Established an ad hoc subcommittee of this Board, entitled the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Social Safety Net and Behavioral Health Systems Transformation ("Subcommittee"), and appoint Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer and Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe to explore, study, plan, and recommend actions to support and strengthen the County's social safety net and behavioral health system. The Subcommittee shall work with the CAO and County Counsel to report back to and advise the Board on the following:

- a. Developing a coordinated Countywide response to potential federal changes to eligibility systems for public benefits programs, including but not limited to Medi-Cal and CalFresh; and
- b. Transforming the Behavioral Health Services (BHS) department into a distinct organization and to initiate a multi-year transformation approach at the earliest date possible. This should also include an assessment and possible recommendation(s) to restructure the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). In conducting its work, the Subcommittee may consider, but will not be limited to, the following:
 - i. Advising the CAO on structural and operational changes needed to establish BHS as a standalone structure, including adjustments to governance, organizational alignment, staffing, and resource deployment;
 - ii. Supporting a plan for BHS to function as a managed Medi-Cal specialty behavioral health plan in compliance with evolving federal and State regulations;
 - iii. Working with the CAO and contracted parties to identify and pursue external consulting resources and technical assistance to support the transformation of BHS and to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the remaining HHSA structure and functions, excluding BHS, in comparison to statutory mandates, service delivery responsibilities, and local needs;
 - iv. Advising on organizational realignment opportunities that improve transparency, fiscal sustainability, and service effectiveness across County health and human service systems;

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):

N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Behavioral Health Services

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): N/A

INTERNAL REVIEW COMPLETED: YES NO

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