



## Department of Community and Human Services

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## King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

**May 1, 2025- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Meeting Attendees:** Archie Levine, Dan Floyd, David Sullivan, Denille Bezemer, Heather Venegas, Idabelle Fosse, Jasmeet Singh, Kathleen Murphy, Kelly Tongg, Kevin Host, Lyscha Marcynyszyn, Minh Phan, Monica De Leon C., Mustafa Mohammed, Nancy Dow, Rebecca Mendelsohn, Stacey Devenney, and Susan McLaughlin.

### **BHAB Board Meeting**

The King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting, including board members, staff, and the public, was called to order at 11:33 am.

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Nancy Dow welcomed everyone.

- Community members and guest introduced themselves.
- Public Comment Sign-up: Jasmeet Singh

### **Board Business**

#### **Approval of the Minutes for April 6, 2025.**

The board approved the April 6, 2025, meeting minutes. The April 6<sup>th</sup> Minutes were approved



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### **Approval of the BHAB Bylaws**

Kathleen Murphy explains the changes made to the bylaws, including updates to language around behavioral health conditions and the substance abuse block grant. Nancy Dow calls for a motion to approve the bylaws, which are also approved unanimously.

### **Governance**

#### **Administrative Items & agenda review**

Nancy Dow welcomes everyone and reviews the meeting agenda.

#### **Announcement on Crisis Care Center Levy**

- Susan McLaughlin announces the potential purchase of a building in the Capitol Hill neighborhood for the Central Regional Crisis Care Center.
- The building, formerly the Broadway Polyclinic, is owned by Optum and is being explored for its suitability as a crisis care center.
- The building is located near public transportation and hospital emergency departments, making it a good location.
- The purchase and sale agreement is in progress, and community engagement will be conducted with local businesses and associations.

#### **Discussion on Building Services and Community Engagement**

- David Sullivan asks if any services are currently being provided in the building, and Susan McLaughlin confirms Optum is operating two clinics there.
- Susan McLaughlin discusses the possibility of co-locating residential treatment beds and leasing out the rest of the building.
- David Sullivan suggests involving first responders and local impact groups in the community engagement process.
- Susan McLaughlin agrees and mentions plans to include various perspectives in the community event.



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### **Presentation of the Crisis Care Center Levy Annual Report**

- Kelly Tongg and Rebecca Mendelsohn present the first ever crisis care centers levy 2024 annual report.
- The report focuses on early levy successes and the progress made in each purpose area: establishing crisis care centers, restoring residential treatment beds, and strengthening the behavioral health workforce.
- Key accomplishments include opening the first round of procurement for crisis care center operators, expanding mobile crisis teams, and investing in the behavioral health workforce.

### **Discussion on Report Content and Certification Process**

- Lyscha Marcynyszyn asks if barriers and challenges are documented in the report, and Kelly Tongg confirms they are.
- David Sullivan asks about the certification process and the board's role, and Susan McLaughlin explains the importance of the board's input and feedback.
- Nancy Dow emphasizes the need for the board to have multiple opportunities to review and provide input on the report.
- The board agrees to review the report and provide feedback before the final certification meeting in July.

### **Public Comment and**

- No public comments are made during the meeting.

### **Upcoming Agenda Topics**

- Nancy Dow asks if there are any requests for upcoming agenda topics, and Michelle raises the topic of the new name for MID.
- Susan McLaughlin suggests discussing contingency planning around potential federal impacts on Medicaid funding.
- The board agrees to consider these topics for future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm