**PEER COUNCIL**

**MINUTES (51 participants)**

**August 20, 2024 | 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

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| Voting Council Seats: | |
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| Mary Jo O’brien (Co-chair) | Robert Forte (Co-chair) |
| Brad Stone | Devin Eshelman |
| Faye Saunders | Josh Roberts |
| Jeff Simpson | Light Moran |
| Zoe Kornweibel |  |

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| Activity | Presenter(s) | Items |
| Welcome | Mina Arthman | * *Mina did an icebreaker and short presentation on student mental health awareness* * *CDC's Youth Mental Health Information and Resources:*   [*Mental Health | DASH | CDC*](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/mental-health/index.htm)   * *CDC Status of Youth Mental Health:*   [*Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data Summary & Trends Report: 2011-2021 (cdc.gov)*](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/pdf/YRBS_Data-Summary-Trends_Report2023_508.pdf)   * *NAMI Student Mental Health Contract:*   [*BTS-Classroom-Mental-Health-Contract.pdf (nami.org)*](https://www.nami.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/BTS-Classroom-Mental-Health-Contract.pdf)   * *NAMI Back to School Resources:*   [*Back to School Resources | NAMI*](https://www.nami.org/your-journey/kids-teens-and-young-adults/youth-and-young-adult-resources/back-to-school-resources/) |
| Co-Chair Update | Mary Jo O’Brien, Robert Forte | * *Mary talked about SB43 and the listening sessions held on behavioral health transformation.*   [*Resources (ca.gov)*](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/BHT/Pages/Resources.aspx)  [*Stakeholder-Engagement (ca.gov)*](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/BHT/Pages/Stakeholder-Engagement.aspx)  [*SB 43 Information*](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/bhs/senate_bill_43/) |
| Staff Update | Sten Walker | * *The Policy Committee is up and running, all Peer Council Attendees are welcome. It takes place the second Tuesday of each month 12:30-1:30 PM.* * *A letter draft is written* * *Medi-Cal Peer Support Update* * *The Medi-cal Peer Support Specialist Exam is now available in six additional languages: Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Vietnamese.* * *If you are interested in sharing your organization with the Peer Council or in a Town Hall, feel free to use the link below* * [*Peer Council Guest Speaker Interest Form*](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-XV1U877y0OD7xWGZxPbVvidqZzhERtOvLqU009lfZFUN0MxMU0wTzNFWVpaNkk4RlRLSkk1VkxYRi4u) |
| County Update | Kendra Mackey | * *Kendra shared links regarding information expanding on the BHS director’s report*   [*2022 and 2023 Community Feedback*](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/bhs/documents/NOC/bhab/2024-august-bhab-meeting-materials-/general-meeting-/Community%20Engagement%20Recommendations%20Materials.pdf)  [*Community Experience Partnership*](https://www.communityexperiencepartnership.com/)  [*August 2024 Director's Report*](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/bhs/documents/NOC/bhab/2024-august-bhab-meeting-materials-/general-meeting-/August%202024%20Director%27s%20Report.pdf) |
| New Voting Seats Introductions | Brad Stone, Faye Saunders, Jeff Simpson, Zoe Kornweibel, Light Moran | * *5 new seats have been onboarded to the executive committee of the Peer Council.* * *4 seats were able to introduce themselves to the council today.*   *Brad Stone*  *Faye Saunders*  *Jeff Simpson*  *Zoe Kornweibel* |
| Advocacy Feature and Presentation | Rique Ramirez | * *Rique Ramirez shared their story.* |
| Disability Rights California Presentation | Sabrina Epstein, Caroline Valle | * *Disability Rights California did a presentation on the potential issues regarding Prop 1 and SB 43.* * *For more information on DRC’s stance regarding Prop 1 and SB 43, check out these links below.*   [*Prop 1 Information*](https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/latest-news/disability-rights-california-opposes-proposition-1)  [*SB43 Information*](https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/latest-news/sb-43-eggman-expanding-the-definition-of-gravely-disabled) |
| Community Updates, Feedback, Thank you! | Open,  NAMI | * *Community updates* * *Opportunity sharing* * *Thank you!* |

Next Council Meeting: September 17th, 2024, 2:00pm – 3:30pm