

Date:	Wednesday, October 21, 2026	
Time:	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	
Location	Manteca Library-McFall Room 320 W Center St Manteca, CA 95336	
Members:	Destiny Easter (Chair) Katrina Bambula-Santos (Vice Chair) Paul Akinjo Paul Canepa Toni Delgado Sabrina Flores-Eng Yamin Scardigli	Jeffrey Giampetro Anthony Grandon Anastassios “Tasso” Kandris Gertrud “Gertie” Kandris Jodie Moreno Dr. Chaun Powell
Vacancies	(1) Consumer Representative (TAY)	(1) Consumer
Minute Taker:	Board Secretary	

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Agenda

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1. Call to Order

- Moment of silence
- Pledge of allegiance
- Roll Call
- Housekeeping

2. Public Comment

The public is welcome to address the Advisory Board during this time on matters within the Board’s jurisdiction. Members of the public are encouraged to complete a Public Comment form, which can be found near the entry of the Board Room. Speakers are limited to three minutes and are expected to be civil and courteous. Public comment on items listed on the agenda may be heard at this time, or when the item is called, at the discretion of the Chair.

Except as otherwise permitted by the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950 et seq.), no deliberation, discussion or action may be taken by the Board on items not listed on the agenda. Members of the Board may but are not required to: (1) briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons addressing the Board; (2) ask a brief question for clarification; or (3) refer the matter to staff for further information.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of September 2026 minutes

4. Guest Presentations

- a. CARE Court (JCID Deputy Director Jeff Sabeen and Chief Mental Health Clinician Monique Brown)

5. BHAB Chair's Report

- a. BHAB Recruitment Presentation (Goal #2)
- b. Changing Quarterly meeting location (Tracy, Lodi, and Manteca)

6. Director's Update

- a. Follow up from Public Comment: Pathways from Jail→Psychiatric Hospital→Discharge
- b. DHCS BH CONNECT Incentive Payment of \$3.36
- c. November BHAB: Clinical Assistant Director, Tamara Weber will be covering

7. Liaison Reports

- a. QAPI (Tasso Kandris)
- b. Legislature (Gertie Kandris)
- c. Lethal Means (Katrina Bambula-Santos)
- d. Continuum of Care (Jeffrey Giampetro)
- e. Substance Use Network (Dr. Chaun Powell)

8. Sub-committee Reports

Reports must be submitted to the Board Secretary one day prior to the Executive Meeting, occurring the first Tuesday of every month

Goal 1: BHAB will develop a resource guide for families of BHS members (advance directive, planning for ongoing support)-**initial meeting held 4/22, under review as of 9/16**

Members: Jeff Giampetro, Katrina Bambula Santos

Goal 2: BHAB will do outreach at a minimum of 3 local government/special district meetings with the intention of recruiting more diverse membership from different areas of the county. -**initial meeting held 4/30/26, under review by BHAB**

Members: Destiny Easter

9. Action Items

10. Reminders

Next Advisory Board Meeting: 11/18/26
1212 N. California Street
Behavioral Health Services Conference Rooms B & C
Stockton, CA 95202

11. Local Events/Announcements

12. Board Comments

13. Adjournment

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Date:	Wednesday, September 16, 2026	
Time:	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	
Location	BHS, Conference room B/C 1212 N California St, Stockton Ca	
Members:	Destiny Easter (Chair) Katrina Bambula-Santos (Vice Chair) Paul Akinjo Cristopher Bunnell Paul Canepa Toni Delgado Sabrina Flores-Eng	Jeffrey Giampetro Anthony Grandon Anastassios “Tasso” Kandris Gertrud “Gertie” Kandris Jodie Moreno Dr. Chaun Powell
Vacancies	(1) Consumer Representative (TAY)	(1) General Interest
Minute Taker:	Board Secretary	

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Minutes

This meeting was broadcast via Zoom.

1. Call to Order 5pm

- a. Moment of silence
- b. Pledge of allegiance
- c. Roll Call
- d. Housekeeping

2. Public Comment

- a. Little Manila- Early Intervention

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of August 2026 minutes
The board voted and approved minutes from the August 2026 meeting 10-2. Board Member Jeffrey Giampetro- abstain. Board Member Jodie Moreno- abstain.

4. Guest Presentations

- a. BeWell (Genevieve)
- b. Data Notebook (Courtney)
The Board voted unanimously (12-0) to approve Data Notebook responses for submission to California Behavioral Health Planning Council.

5. BHAB Chair’s Report

- a. New member introduction- Chair Destiny Easter introduced newly appointed Board members Anthony Grandon & Jodie Moreno. Chair also reported on the recent resignation of former Board Member Cristopher Bunnell.

6. Director's Update

- a. Contracts report- No new contracts.
- b. Recovery Awareness Event. 9/25 10:30-2:30 at 1212 N California Street
- c. Follow up from Public Comment: Pathways from Jail→Psychiatric Hospital→Discharge- Director Fay Vieira requested to postpone this topic to October 21, 2026 meeting due to meeting running behind schedule. Chair Destiny Easter agreed to postpone.

7. Liaison Reports

- a. QAPI (Tasso Kandris)- Board member Tasso Kandris will attend the October QAPI meeting.
- b. Suicide Prevention Committee (Destiny Easter)- Per Chair Destiny Easter and Director Fay, committee is no longer meeting and will be removed from future agendas.
- c. Legislature (Gertie Kandris)- Board member Gertie Kandris provided information about AB2011 that passed State Legislature pending approval of Governor Gavin Newsom
- d. Lethal Means (Katrina Bambula-Santos) – Vice Chair Katrina Bambula-Santos will send information to Board Secretary
- e. Continuum of Care (Jeffrey Giampetro) No updates
- f. Substance Use Network (Dr. Chaun Powell)- Board member Chaun Powell will attend upcoming meeting in October 2026.

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Members: Chair Destiny Easter will review presentation provided by former Board Member Christopher Bunnell.

9. Action Items

- a. Approve Goal #1 for advancement to BHS Deputies Vote
Board voted and unanimously approved (12-0)

10. Reminders

- a. Next Advisory Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 5:00 pm
Location: Manteca Library-McFall Room
320 W Center St
Manteca, CA 95336

11. Local Events/Announcements

- a. Recovery Awareness Event September 25th 10:30-2:30 at 1212 N California Street
- b. Monthly Mental Wellness Workshop Series. Next workshop 10/6:
Finding Calm in the Chaos: Practical Skills for Everyday Stress.
Available in-person or virtual. See flyer for details

12. Board Comments

- a. Board Member Chaun Powell thanked BHS team for BeWell tour and presentations
- b. Board Member Anthony Grandon thanked the Board for welcoming him and Board member Jodie Moreno. Thanked Director Fay for sending him a personal welcome card.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm

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CARE ACT: LEGISLATIVE GUIDELINES

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CARE



**COMMUNITY
ASSISTANCE
RECOVERY
EMPOWERMENT**





The What...

What does the CARE Act do?

Through a one-to-two-year **Civil Court** process, the CARE Act provides a pathway for individuals, **Respondent**, with an untreated Schizophrenia Spectrum or Other Psychotic Disorders or Bipolar with Psychotic Features diagnosis, to access mental health treatment via county Behavioral Health Services under the oversight of a civil court judge.

The CARE Act authorizes specific adult persons, **Petitioner**, to petition a civil court to mobilize county BHS in Outreach & Engagement, implementation of a voluntary CARE Agreement or a court-ordered CARE Plan which may include mental health treatment, linkage to psychiatric care/medications, substance abuse treatment and housing resources, etc. for qualified Respondent[s].

It is NOT Criminal Court

It is NOT for all mental health conditions

It is NOT for individuals already stabilized in voluntary treatment

It is NOT for individuals who are NOT at risk of relapse or grave disability

SERVICE ELEMENTS OF THE CARE ACT

The CARE Agreement and/or Plan will contain various services and will be personalized in accordance with need.

Treatment:

- BHS will provide Intensive Outreach & Engagement
- Linkage to mental health and substance use disorder treatment services via **Full Service Partnership wrap-around care.**
- Treatment may include stabilizing medications, case management, therapy, support and linkage to community services.
- Psychiatric Advanced Directive

Other Support Services As Needed:

- Assistance with transportation
- Linkage to address healthcare needs
- Linkage to HSA services
- Assistance with obtaining needed documents, ID, payee services, etc.
- Assistance with Housing



CARE PLAN/MEDICATION ORDERS



Stabilization Meds: antipsychotic medications to decrease symptoms of hallucinations, delusions, and disorganized thinking.

Can be court ordered; however, cannot be forcibly administered; AND

The **Respondent CANNOT be penalized** for failure to comply with medication order.



————WHAT IF.....?

- What if the Respondent Fails CARE?

The Respondent has a right to self determination and may refuse all services and supports offered.

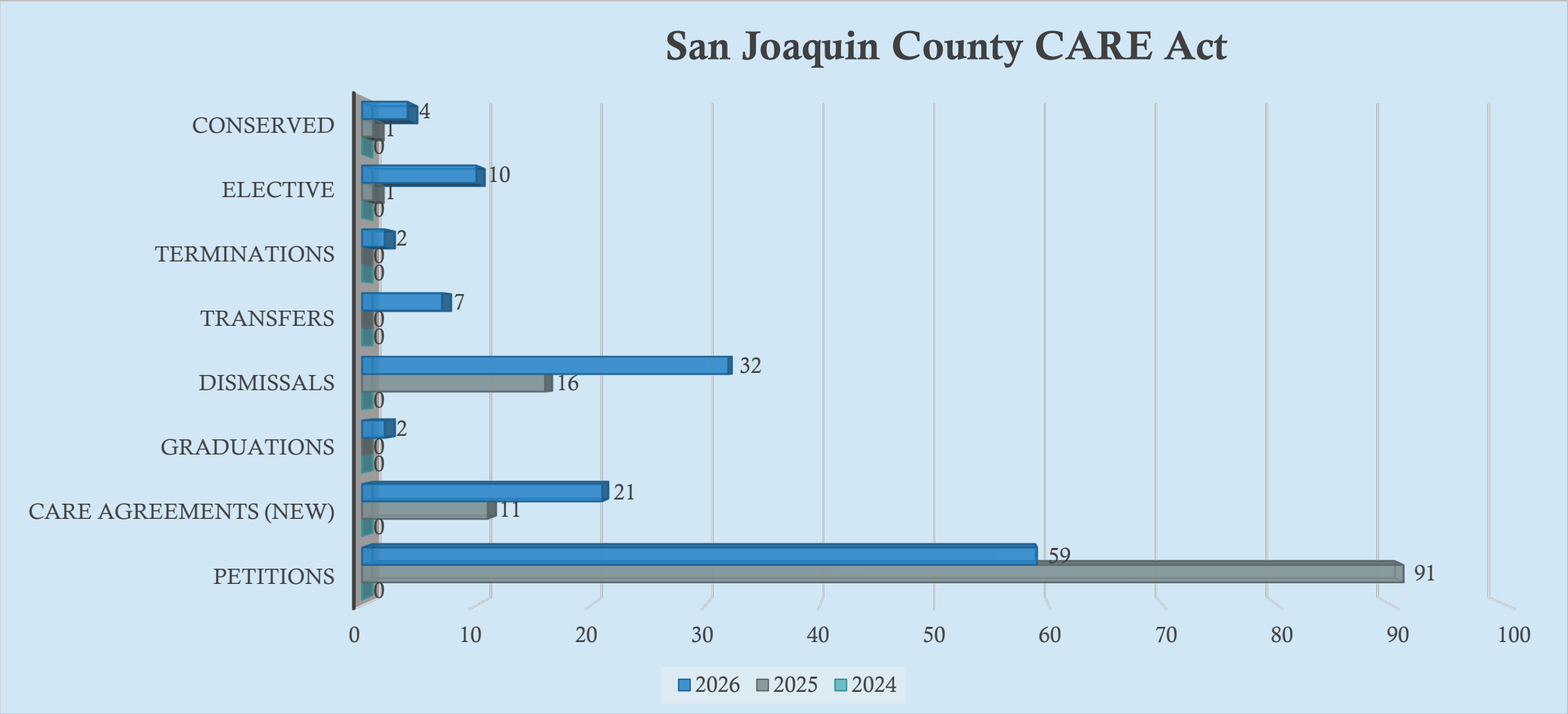
Failure to complete the CARE program may result in the case being Dismissed however it does not inevitably lead to Conservatorship and it doesn't mean we give up and stop trying.

- BHS encourages the Respondent to consider continuing with BHS services outside of the CARE process as an Elective member.
- A Respondent may be re-petitioned into CARE at a later time.
- If Conservatorship is pursued, efforts made by CARE may be considered and contribute to the court's determination.

CHANGES SINCE START UP

- Many modifications to the processes, definitions and language as well as data reporting requirements have changed.
- Practical Changes Include the following:
 - Expansion of the qualifying diagnoses to include Bipolar Disorder with Psychotic Features
 - Implementation of the CARE 102 form for use by licensed clinicians, doctors, etc. combines information formerly required in CARE 100 and CARE 101 forms to consolidate forms and reduce duplication

HOW ARE WE DOING? (DECEMBER, 2024 – SEPTEMBER, 2026)

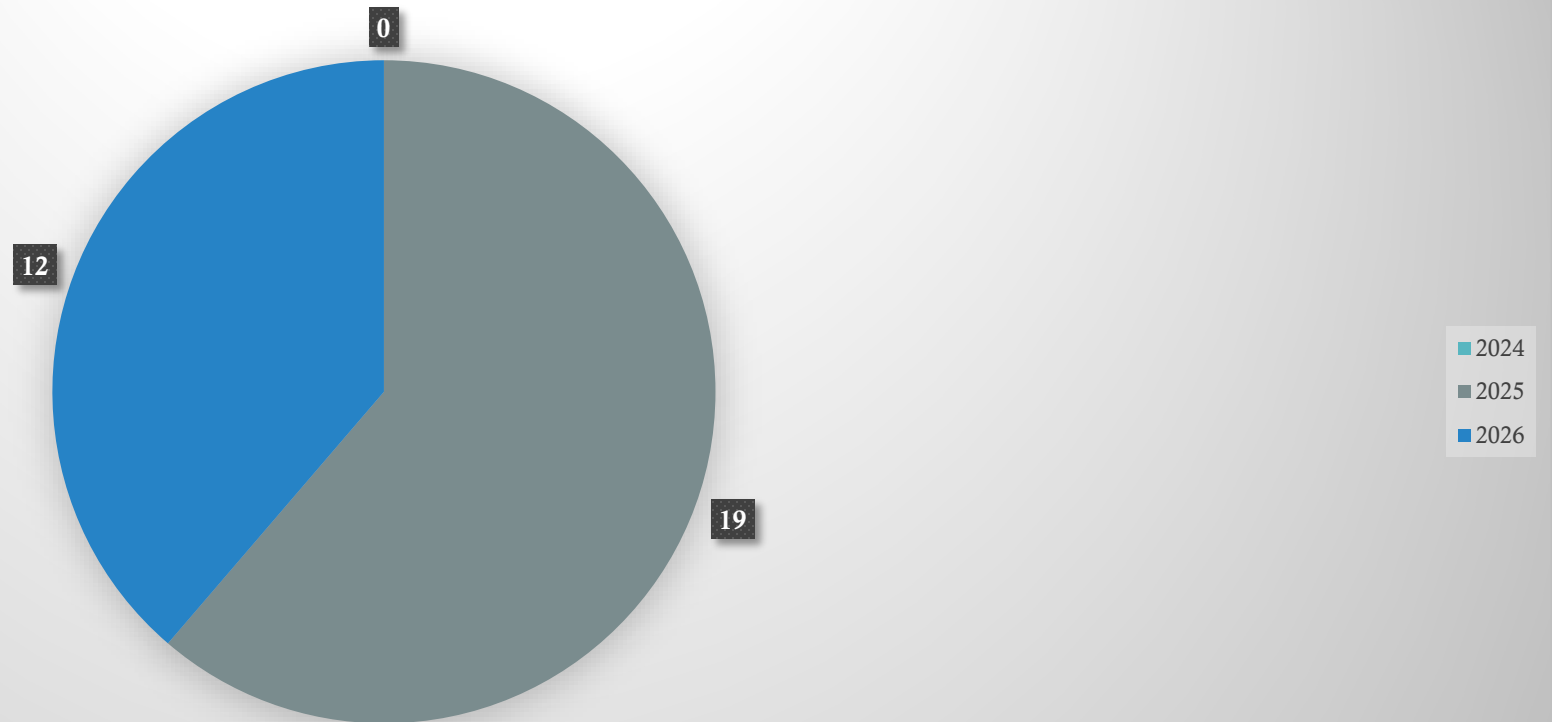


WHAT DOES THE DATA MEAN?

- 67 members who were petitioned into CARE are continuing to receive uninterrupted BHS services
- Of the 31 members whose petitions were dismissed by the courts, 14 are continuing to receive uninterrupted BHS services
- All petitioned members who continue to seek BHS services will receive tracked & reported services for a minimum of 2 years
- There are a projected total of 7 additional CARE graduations by December 31, 2026 for a total of 9 graduations for 2026

HOW ARE WE DOING?

CARE Respondent Housing Referrals Submitted



FOR MORE INFORMATION

- ❖ BHS Dedicated CARE phone (209) 468-8777 (M-F 8am-5pm)
- ❖ BHS Website sjcbhs.org/index.aspx

- ❖ San Joaquin County Court Self Help can be accessed via
[Superior Court of CA – County of San Joaquin – Superior Court of CA \(sjcourts.org\)](https://www.sjcourts.org)
 - ❖ Navigate to Self-Help link, select Pro Per clinic or navigate to
<https://www.sjcourts.org/self-help/self-help-pro-per-clinic/>
Or call (209) 992-5283

- ❖ CARE Act petitions may be filed in the Probate Division Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 217 W Elm Street, Lodi CA 95240

- ❖ CARE Act petitions may be filed in the Self Help Center Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., and Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at 180 E Weber Ave, Stockton CA 95202.

- ❖ California Courts – Judicial Branch of California <https://www.courts.ca.gov>

QUESTIONS?



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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Join the Behavioral Health Advisory Board

A stronger board starts with a broader range of community voices.

Presented to City Council



What is the Behavioral Health Advisory Board?

A community-led advisory body that supports San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services.

Established under state requirements, BHAB helps ensure community oversight, public input, and accountability.

Residents

People who understand local needs and community strengths.

Lived experience

People with personal experience navigating behavioral health services.

Family members

Loved ones who understand how services affect families.

Community voices

People bringing different perspectives, cultures, and experiences.

The goal: make sure the community has a meaningful voice in behavioral health decisions.

Why BHAB matters to San Joaquin County

Behavioral health connects to the issues families and communities face every day.

Public safety

Community wellbeing and crisis response

Schools & youth

Early support and pathways to care

Housing stability

Connections between behavioral health and homelessness

Families & workforce

Support that helps people and communities thrive

BHAB helps keep planning grounded in community needs, transparency, and accountability.

What does the board do?

REVIEW

- Mental health and substance use services
- County plans and funding opportunities
- Community needs and service gaps

ADVOCATE

- Underserved populations
- Culturally responsive services
- Access and equity across communities

CONNECT

- Bring community concerns forward
- Share perspectives with County leaders
- Encourage transparency and accountability

BHAB serves as a bridge between residents and County decision-making.

A COUNTY OF MANY COMMUNITIES

Diversity is more than one number.

San Joaquin County is made up of people with different identities, experiences, and day-to-day realities.

AGE & GENERATION

Youth, transitional-age young adults, working-age adults, and older adults

SOCIOECONOMIC REALITIES

Different incomes, employment situations, housing stability, and access to resources

GEOGRAPHY

Stockton and other cities, small communities, and rural or agricultural areas

RACE, ETHNICITY & CULTURE

Different racial and ethnic identities, languages, traditions, and cultural perspectives

LIVED EXPERIENCE

People who have used services, family members, caregivers, peers, and advocates

ACCESS & ABILITY

Different disabilities, transportation options, language needs, and barriers to care

A representative board listens across these differences—not just to the loudest voices.

Why broader representation matters

People experience behavioral health systems differently.

A young adult may face different barriers than an older adult.

When voices are missing...

Needs can be overlooked and solutions may not work for every community.

A rural resident may have different transportation challenges than someone in Stockton.

When more voices are included...

Planning can be more responsive, practical, and culturally informed.

A family's culture, language, income, or lived experience can shape how services are accessed.

Geography matters, too

Stockton is important—but the full county includes many cities and rural communities.

The goal is not to represent one group alone; it is to make room for the full range of county experiences.

What BHAB can do with broader community input

- 1 Expand outreach** Connect with neighborhoods, cities, and rural communities across the county.
- 2 Listen intentionally** Invite perspectives from youth, older adults, families, peers, and caregivers.
- 3 Identify barriers** Surface challenges related to transportation, affordability, language, access, and stigma.
- 4 Improve decisions** Bring a wider range of community experiences into recommendations and oversight.

The board's impact grows when its membership reflects the full county.

BRING YOUR PERSPECTIVE

Who is on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board?

The Board is comprised of 15 residents of San Joaquin County who represent the diversity of the client population. Members of the Board are placed into categories as required by the Welfare and Institution Code.

Consumers and Family Members

50% of board members should be consumers, or the parents, spouses, or adult children of consumers. At least 20% should be consumers and at least 20% shall be families of consumers.

Transitional Age Youth

At least one of the Consumer or Family Representative members should be a transitional age youth. A transitional age youth is a young adult representative (typically ages 18–25).

Veterans

At least one member of the Board should be a veteran or veteran advocate. A veteran advocate can be a parent, spouse, or adult children of a veteran, or an individual who is part of a veterans' organization.

Education

At least one member of the Board should be an employee of a local education agency

Your background, neighborhood, age, culture, and lived experience can help the board see what it might otherwise miss.

Who should apply?

San Joaquin County residents who:

- Care about mental health and community wellbeing
- Want to make a difference locally
- Bring different backgrounds, perspectives, or lived experiences
- Are willing to listen, learn, and work collaboratively

We especially welcome voices from...

- Communities outside Stockton
- Rural and agricultural areas
- Youth and older adults
- Families, caregivers, and people with lived experience
- Communities facing barriers to care

You do not have to speak for everyone who shares your background. Your own perspective matters.

The commitment—and the opportunity

MEET

Monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.

CONTRIBUTE

Share community perspectives and help identify service gaps.

INFLUENCE

Support informed recommendations, oversight, and accountability.

Your participation can help ensure decisions consider the realities of people across San Joaquin County.

HELP STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Make sure every community has a voice.

Apply to join the San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

CONTACT INFORMATION & HOW TO APPLY

[Link to Online Application](#)

209-468-8750



**YOUR VOICE
MATTERS**

Share this opportunity with someone whose perspective should be heard.