



# AGENDA STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 06/23/2026  
**LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION:** Board of Supervisors  
**SUBMISSION BY:** Chair Chaffee  
**NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY (DEPT):** Health Care Agency  
**DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S):** Veronica Kelley, 714-834-7024  
 Lorraine Daniel, 714-834-4418

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Orange County Behavioral Health Advisory Board

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
N/A	N/A	CONSENT CALENDAR 3 Votes Board Majority

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

1. Appoint Virginia Arvizu to the Orange County Behavioral Health Advisory Board

**City & Zip:** Stanton, 90680  
**Position Slot, if applicable:** Consumer  
**Name of incumbent being replaced:** Danielle Sena  
**Terms Years:** 3  
**Dates:** 03/10/2026 to 03/09/2029  
**Vacancy created by:** Expiration of Term  
**Remarks:** N/A  
**Registered Voter:** Yes, County of Orange

2. Reappoint Stephen McNally to the Orange County Behavioral Health Advisory Board

**City & Zip:** Costa Mesa, 92627  
**Position Slot, if applicable:** Family Member  
**Name of incumbent being replaced:** N/A  
**Terms Years:** 3  
**Dates:** 03/10/2026 to 03/09/2029  
**Vacancy created by:** Expiration of Term  
**Remarks:** N/A  
**Registered Voter:** Yes, County of Orange

3. Reappoint Michell Fernandez to the Orange County Behavioral Health Advisory Board

**City & Zip:** Laguna Niguel, 92677

**Position Slot, if applicable:** Family Member

**Name of incumbent being replaced:** N/A

**Terms Years:** 3

**Dates:** 03/10/2026 to 03/09/2029

**Vacancy created by:** Expiration of Term

**Remarks:** N/A

**Registered Voter:** Yes, County of Orange

**SUMMARY:**

Approval of the appointment of Virginia Arvizu and the reappointments of Michell Fernandez and Stephen McNally will ensure that three seats on the Orange County Behavioral Health Advisory Board remain filled and will assist in advising the Board of Supervisors and Behavioral Health Services Director as to any aspect of the local behavioral health programs.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Orange County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) is authorized by the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act, Section 5600 et. seq., California Welfare and Institutions Code, to advise your Honorable Board of Supervisors (Board) and the County Behavioral Health Services Director on any aspect of the local behavioral health program. The BHAB consists of one member from the Board and 14 members appointed by the Board that include consumers of behavioral health services, family members and professionals who have knowledge and experience of the behavioral health system.

The Health Care Agency (HCA), Behavioral Health Services (BHS) has complied with procedures, as directed by the Board, in nominating appointments for Boards, Commissions and Committees and requests that the Board approve the recommended appointment of Virginia Arvizu and reappointments of Michell Fernandez and Stephen McNally to the BHAB.

Virginia Arvizu currently works at Sacred Path Indigenous Wellness Center as the Care Project Director. Ms. Arvizu is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who graduated from the California State University, Long Beach in 2018. She remains an active advocate for mental health and Substance Use Disorders (SUD) and is currently part of various advisory committees in the community. Ms. Arvizu has lived experience and brings a wealth of knowledge to the BHAB. She fills a Consumer slot that is being assumed midterm due to an unfilled vacancy. Ms. Arvizu will be eligible for her first three-year term for the BHAB if reappointed in March 2028. She is a resident of Orange County and is registered to vote.

Michell Fernandez is a realtor in Orange County and dedicates her time volunteering as an advocate for indigent patient support and Veteran community assistance. As a Family Member and Mother to a child who had schizophrenia, she would like to help families that struggle through similar challenges that she encountered when navigating the mental health system. Ms. Fernandez fills a Family Member slot and if reappointed, she will begin her first full term on the BHAB. She is a resident of Orange County and is registered to vote.

Stephen McNally has been a member of the BHAB since 2020. He is an advocate for mental health and facilitates family support groups through National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). He received his

Bachelor of Science in Finance from Florida State University and has received multiple certificates in mental health. If reappointed, Mr. McNally will continue to serve as a Family Member slot for the BHAB for his second three-year term. He is a resident of Orange County and is registered to vote.

<b>Name</b>	<b>OC Resident (Y/N)</b>	<b>Registered Voter? (Y/N)</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Term</b>
Virginia Arvizu	Yes	Yes	Consumer	3 Years
Michell Fernandez	Yes	Yes	Family Member	3 Years
Stephen McNally	Yes	Yes	Family Member	3 Years

HCA requests the Board approve the appointments to the BHAB as referenced in the Recommended Actions.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A – Virginia Arvizu Application, and Resume\_Redacted
- Attachment B – Stephen McNally Application, and Resume\_Redacted
- Attachment C – Michell Fernandez Application, and Resume\_Redacted
- Attachment D - WIC 5604 - 5604.5