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Thursday, September 3, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

General Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Keith Gotts, Alin Hamade, Johnnie Harris, Shelly Lummus, Stacy Deeble-Reynolds, Barbara VanRooyan, Cathy Stills

Members Absent: Lorraine Martinez, Milton Mucker, Roy Richardson

I. Opening at 9:05 a.m.

- Each board member and guest introduced themselves and their respective affiliations.

II. Approval of Minutes: Action Item

- **July 2, 2015**

The minutes of July 2, 2015 were approved with one amendment made by Stacy Deeble-Reynolds. Corrections will be made and placed on file.

Motion: Keith Gotts

Second: Barbara Van Rooyan

Vote: Approved, 8 yes/0 no

III. Committee Reports

- *Legislation – Keith Gotts and Roy Richardson*
 - No update.
- *Membership – Shelly Lummus and Lorraine Martinez*
 - Shelly reported that the Membership Committee has been working with Danielle on recruiting to fill the open vacancies. Currently four candidates are being recommended for appointment to the board by the Board of Supervisors. One vacancy will remain open.

- *Mental Health Board Liaison – Cathy Stills*
 - Cathy informed the opening of two additional wellness centers; one in South County and another in Huntington Beach. OC LINKS has been a great a success with an average of a 39% increase in monthly calls; more connections are being made.

- *Provider Meeting – Cathy Stills and Lorraine Martinez*
 - Cathy reported that the central wait list has been moving along with 1-2 week wait for intravenous drug users to obtain a bed and up to 4 weeks for non-intravenous drug users.

- *Community Collaborative Committee:*
 - *Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Task Force: Lorraine Martinez, Roy Richardson*
No report given.
 - *Orange County RX and OTC Coalition: Barbara Van Rooyan*
Will provide a report at the following meeting.
 - *Orange County Substance Abuse Prevention Network (OCSAPN): Stacey Deeble-Reynolds*
Next coalition meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2015 at the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE). Stacy proposed that members attend the OCSAPN Conference in lieu of the next ADAB meeting. The conference will take place on Thursday, October 1, 2015. Members agreed to this proposal. An email will be sent to all members with the conference information.
 - *Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Steering Committee: Cathy Stills, Shelly Lummus*
No report given.
 - *Orange County Tobacco Education Coalition (OCTEC): Stacy Deeble – Reynolds*
No report given. Will present on this topic at the following meeting.

IV. Old Business –

Barbara reported on the August 30, 2015 article from the OC Register in regards to the judge halts lawsuit. The ADAB board sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) commending this lawsuit; however this lawsuit has been dismissed. In 2007 the senate passed a bill to give the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) power to oversee drug advertising and labels and to restrict the distribution of certain medicines. Mr. Rackaukas said he is exploring his legal options in the mean time because the case can be re-opened. Barbara proposes to draft a letter to the BOS in support of the District Attorney's position with this lawsuit. The board agreed to draft this letter and send to Danielle for further approval and distribution.

V. New Business –

- ADAB October Meeting Schedule: **Action Item** (Stacy Deeble-Reynolds)
Members agreed to attend the OCSAPN conference in lieu of the regular October meeting.

VI. Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Update: Brett O'Brien and Mitch Cherness

Annette Mugrditchian

The south county Wellness Center is in Lake Forest and will open in November 2015 and the other will open in Huntington Beach in December 2015. She shared information on drug Medi-Cal and its waiver being approved. On October 28, 2015 there will be a regional waiver meeting in Garden Grove; Danielle will send out information.

Brett O'Brien

Touch Tones has gone through about \$150,000 in upgrades and plans on having an open house on October 14, 2015 from 11am-2pm. The program is looking to increase their staffing to serve higher needs. The BOS directed different County agencies to increase their emphasis and effort in the Civic Center area with regard to the homeless. In the past weeks, staff has been actively trying to link people to services, with its primary goal in housing. The Outreach and Engagement team did a Point in Time Survey in the Civic Center area; 406 people were approached and 369 were willing to participate in the survey. Survey indicated that 28% had substance abuse interfere in their life with in the past year, 42% reported a mental health condition, and 13% have served in the military at some point.

Mitch Cherness

The waitlist has been moving along for the intravenous drug user's (IDU); there is a 1-week wait for the IDU's and pregnant women, 3-week waitlist for the non- IDU's, and 4 to 6-week wait for those asking for a specific program. Unidos used to be co-housed with the Rock Center has gone from 64 to 150 beds. There is a waitlist phone number for beds (714) 834-3584. In addition, they have implemented a warrant check prior to entering treatment. Reminded for those who may have deaf and hard of hearing clients, the program is called "Awakenings", located in Norwalk and it is a 6 month program.

There is an MHSA online survey asking for feedback on needs gaps in the system, one option being dual-diagnosis residential treatment; hopes funding can be provided.

VII. Presentation

OC Prescription (RX) and Over the Counter (OTC) Coalition and DUI Task Force

By: Amy Buch, MA, Division Manager

Ms. Buch provided a comprehensive update on the OC Prescription (RX) and Over the Counter (OTC) Coalition and the DUI Task Force. She provided some history of the RX & OTC Coalition, information on its purpose and outcomes of the coalition, educational campaigning, and organizations they partner with. The group meets every other month and receives presentations such as drug abuse and pharmacist perspectives. Important campaign part of this coalition, "Monitor, Secure, Destroy" which provides practical tools to people in the community in keeping medication safe and destroying them while unused. The next meeting will be on September 17, 2015 at 3:30pm at OCDE.

DUI Task Force started in 2009 as a pilot in the City of Costa Mesa by Kathy Hendrick. Amy also shared information on those representing the task force, provided information on the evolution to community forum model, and campaigning.

If you have any questions about the RX & OTC Coalition or DUI Task Force, please contact Danielle Daniels at (714) 834-5481 or email ddaniels@ochca.com.

VIII. ADEPT Update: Amy Buch

- Amy shared information about the department's current and upcoming activities. The BOS approved the Faith Based Initiative contract with Community Services Program (CSP) last month, CSP will award mini grants and will be available once the request for proposal is released in the coming weeks. Also, Amy asked for groups to connect up with their 3 new media campaigns, Under Age Drinking, RX Drug Abuse Prevention, and Impaired Driving. Finally, Amy shared that her team would like to collaborate with existing groups to build forums.

For more information about our Alcohol & Drug Education & Prevention Team (ADEPT), please visit our webpage at <http://ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/promo/adept> or contact Danielle Daniels at (714) 834-5481 or email ddaniels@ochca.com.

IX. Public Comment:

Aimee Dunkle

Ms. Dunkle shared how training on overdose has saved a few lives and will continue to train organizations and many more. Ms. Dunkle shared a few success stories.

X. Adjournment: 10:15 a.m.

Note: Copies of all writings pertaining to items in these ADAB minutes are available for public review in the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Board Office, 405 W. 5th Street, Suite 671, Santa Ana, CA 92701, 714.834.5481 or Email: ddaniels@ochca.com