I. Welcome and Introductions

Luis Martinez called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Members of the committee took turns introducing themselves around the room.

II. Updates

1. Behavioral Health Director Mary Hale updated the committee that Innovations Co-Chair Rick Francis has accepted a new job and is no longer on the Steering Committee.

2. For No Place Like Home, Mary updated the committee that the County should be receiving the Technical Assistance money by the end of June. The draft guidelines have been released, the County is looking at putting together the application for the non-competitive dollars.

3. Prop 47 update included 10 committees have been meeting in collaboration with Sheriff Hutchens and Sup. Spitzer.

4. Mary discussed MHSA in terms of reversion of dollars and the timeline associated with it in terms of funding of programs and creation of the prudent reserve. It was under the guidance of the state consultant Mike Geiss to use the Prudent Reserve to transfer $11 million, now the OAC is showing that Orange County has $11 million to be reverted. Obviously the County would like to keep that money, but we will keep the Steering Committee up-to-date with this situation. In addition, Mary said that they State is able to keep up to 5% of MHSA funds, recently they have kept more. A new development is the proposal to allocate an additional $20 million on an on-going basis for University of California/Cal State/Community Colleges students for mental health needs. Counties have taken the position that this would be seen as duplicative given that colleges offer health care services on the campuses.
5. Mary presented the Steering Committee with the Public Comments received for the MHSA 3-Year Plan. The Mental Health Board voted on May 24 to accept the Plan. The Plan will now be sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval on June 27.

6. MHSA Coordinator Sharon Ishikawa updated the committee with the upcoming schedule: July will be no meeting due to the 4th of July Holiday. At the August 7 meeting, our state MHSA consultant Mike Geiss will be presenting on the state/county estimates and how funds are expected to come in/be released.

7. The MHSA office sent out a survey to the Steering Committee members in relation to the UCSD cost-benefit study in order to vulnerable population groups. The first report on this study will be March 30, 2018.

8. A new Steering Committee membership survey will be distributed within the next month to update our statistics of our stakeholders to be included in the FY 2018/19 Plan Update.

9. Sharon announced that starting in 2018, the Steering Committee meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month in order to prevent conflicts with the current CHDA meetings which take place the same time as the steering committee meetings.

10. Community Action Advisory Committee President Denise Cuellar updated the committee on the recent presentation by the WIT Program. In addition Denise announced the CAAC elections were going to be held at the June meeting and thus, this would be her last update to the committee as President of CAAC.

III. MHSA Office Research Analyst Kyle Chang presented on Demographics.

1. Kyle’s presentation was on MHSA programs only, no outside BHS programs with outside funding were a part of the presentation.

2. This was the first type of presentation on Demographics so it’s a good first stepping stone as we eventually will get a full report from UCSD’s CBA.

3. The presentation looked at gender, age, language and ethnicity and used comparison groups from the most recent census, the state department of finance and medical beneficiaries. It gives a good glimpse at what MHSA is doing in comparison.

4. At the completion of the presentation, Kyle looked at what this report is in terms of future directions, which included incorporation into the MHSA annual updates, eventual incorporation of non-MHSA BHS consumers, use within the aforementioned UCSD Needs-Gaps Analysis and the use of a data warehouse and business intelligence usage.

IV. Community Action Advisory Committee MHSA Program Survey
1. CAAC member Paul Jordan introduced the initial purposes of the survey and the process of sending members of the community out to the different sites to see how they are meeting the five core principles of MHSA.

2. Kyle Chang explained the methodology of the survey in terms of fidelity, feedback, learning and guidance. He further explained how the tool was created, how the data is collected and changes that were made as the survey was rolled out in order to become more effective.

3. Min Suh presented the results of the survey, which included visitations/interviews of 62 programs. The Qualitative Results of each of the five principles was looked at to show how the programs collectively are effective to the Behavioral Health System of Care.

4. By visiting and listening to the program directors, members of CAAC were able to see where there are still important needs/gaps in the system. Paul Jordan went over the recommendations compiled by the CAAC to show HCA Division Managers what is missing and how programs could be more effective.

V. Public Comment

1. The first speaker asked to look at the MHSA Budget and funds that are being under-utilized. Asked that the Steering Committee take a closer look at budgets more than on an annual basis.

2. The second speaker from CAAC had questions about meeting schedules and updated on events/conferences they attended.