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## **ALCOHOL & DRUG ADVISORY BOARD**

**Hall of Administration  
Planning Commission Hearing Room  
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.  
Santa Ana, CA 92701**

**February 1, 2018  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Stacy Deeble-Reynolds, Margaret Fleitman, Johnnie Harris, Geoffrey Henderson, Lorraine Martinez, Lauren Slivinski, Frederick Williams, Nancy Wilson

**Members Absent:** Debra Kelsey, Fasi Siddiqui

### **I. Opening at 9:09 a.m.**

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

### **Approval of Minutes: Action Item**

- **January 4, 2018**  
The minutes of January 4, 2018 were approved and placed on file.  
Motion: Lauren Slivinski  
Second: Frederick Williams  
Vote: Approved, 8 yes/0 no

### **II. Committee Reports:**

- *Membership Committee- Lorraine Martinez, Debra Kelsey*
  - Few applications have been received and are currently being reviewed.
- *Nominating Committee- Lorraine Martinez, Debra Kelsey*
  - No Update.
- *Mental Health Board Liaison- Frederick Williams, Debra Kelsey, Stacy Deeble-Reynolds, Fasi Siddiqui*
  - The County is expected to purchase a large property in Orange, and it will include substance use disorder screening, co-occurring disorder services and other outpatient services.
- *Provider Meeting- Lorraine Martinez, Frederick Williams*
  - No Update.
- *Criminal Justice Treatment Committee – Geoff Henderson, Frederick Williams*
  - Senate Bill 65 on recreational marijuana makes driving under the influence of marijuana illegal.

- *Community Forum Planning Committee– Geoff Henderson, Lorraine Martinez, Debra Kelsey, Margaret Fleitman, Lauren Slivinski*
  - N/A
- Community Collaborative Committee:
  - *Drug Prevention Coalition: Margaret Fleitman*
    - Meets in Mission Viejo every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. At the last meeting, there was a presentation from HCA regarding the impact of marijuana legalization. The city of Mission Viejo is hosting an event at the Mission Viejo Christian Church on February 28, called Let's Talk Cannabis. Flyer for this event will be shared.
  - *Orange County RX & OTC Coalition: Margaret Fleitman*
    - At the last meeting, a pharmacist from Ralph's pharmacy came and talked about accessing and using Naloxone. There used to be a \$25 fee for training on usage, but it is currently waived.
  - *Orange County Substance Abuse Prevention Network (OCSAPN): Stacy Deeble-Reynolds*
    - Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at OCDE. Conversations have been taking place in-house regarding a training that took place for collective impact.
  - *Mental Health Services ACT (MHSA) Steering Committee: Lorraine Martinez, Stacy Deeble-Reynolds, Frederick Williams, Fasi Siddiqui*
    - There was discussion for allocation of funds for a new Innovation Project which would be a partnership with Los Angeles and Kern Counties. It is a phone app that would provide support and information to the user with mental health needs. Orange County would have unique components to its app.

### III. Old Business:

- Opioid Forum- Approximately 200 people attended the recent Opioid Forum, which was more than anticipated. Results of the prior surveys were presented, a data presentation on overdoses and deaths, as well as where we are in the process of developing a strategic plan. Public comment was provided by those in attendance in the areas of prevention, treatment, recovery support and harm reduction. A point was made regarding what to do when inaccurate information is shared, and what is the appropriate way to provide the accurate information. This event also allowed for gathering of public and private sector agencies/providers to come together and have a healthy dialogue, which does not happen often.

### IV. New Business:

- Geoff Henderson reminded everyone to review the goals and plans that the board came up with during the retreat. 1) Being more active in providing advice and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors (BOS), 2) Support Drug Medi-Cal ODS Plan for BOS approval and help develop Opioid Strategic Plan, 3) Increase communication/discussion amongst ADAB members, 4) Increase communication with the public. In addition, a discussion took place regarding drafting of a letter of support for Drug-Medi-Cal Plan by ADAB members in support of the plan as it will be going to the BOS.

### V. BHS Update:

*Mitch Cherness-* Addiction Recovery Collaborative could be a great source for collaboration and to receive recommendations from for ADAB. There are currently 195 people on our residential waitlist. We are working with our Co-Occurring Residential treatment provider, which was approved by the BOS few months ago. Services should be starting in a few months if things go as planned. We are reopening the residential treatment RFA on bidsync, and the residential detox (social model detox) is already on bidsync. Regarding Drug Medi-Cal, we have 4 residential treatment providers that are Drug Medi-Cal certified at this time. We have 1 adolescent program and no social model detox currently. We have 7 outpatient programs that have been certified, of which 5 will move forward. We have number of providers who submitted to the State to become certified, and there are will be more providers that will join in the future. We have at least 6 residential treatment providers and 3 detox providers who are considering applying for

certification. July 1, 2018 is the tentative rollout date for Drug Medi-Cal, and we are optimistic that more and more providers are going to come on board. AB 109 population will be allowed to be served under non-Medi-Cal programs, as far as residential services are concerned. Narcan is being distributed and used widely now, mainly through Solace. The needle exchange program has currently gone on hiatus, due to permit requirement from the City of Santa Ana. This is an important program that not only provides needle exchange, but also has a valuable educational piece.

*Sandra Fair-* Opioid Forum had a great turnout. It was broadcast live through Facebook Live, and was also recorded. The video should be on the HCA website soon. We had many interested community members wanting to provide additional feedback/input and recommendations. April 10<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for Drug Medi-Cal plan to go to BOS for approval. Once the plan is approved and if we decide to opt into the Drug Medi-Cal pilot project, the plan will go back to the State and they will send to the Federal Government CMS and when the State receives it back, they will execute the contract. The plan is to start in July of 2018. Under Drug Medi-Cal, substance use disorder services will be an entitlement program and will require MDs as directors and licensed clinicians to provide treatment. This will also shift the programs from social model to medical model. The day for the South County policy forum that Supervisor Bartlett and ADAB will be collaborating for has been postponed to a later undetermined date.

*Brett O'Brien-* There is a property on Anita St. that the county is looking to acquire and 80% of the costs will be funded through MHSA dollars. Services at this site will include Crisis Stabilization Unit – one for adults, one for children, SUD evaluation services with referral to internal and external services/programs, Co-Occurring Residential, Crisis Residential, and hopefully an FQHC.

#### **VI. Presentation:**

##### ***Finding Strength in Community to Rise, Recover, Live***

Presentation by: Patrice Denbeau, Program Coordinator, The Phoenix

Patrice Denbeau presented on The Phoenix, a sober active community for individuals with a substance use disorder and those who choose to live sober. She also shared the history, programs, funding, peer to peer model and outcomes.

For additional information on The Phoenix, please contact Karla Perez at [kperez@ochca.com](mailto:kperez@ochca.com).

#### **VII. ADEPT Report:**

Amy Buch- Amy talked about Youth Development and Red Ribbon Week Contest being a good prevention effort. She talked about this year's contest which was an art contest and many students will be awarded certificates. ADEPT will participate in an alcohol-free Super Bowl party in San Clemente, which will be a family event. This is an experimental alternative event for the San Clemente community.

#### **VIII. Public Comment:**

- Benjamin Fucanan- On May 19, there will be an event at Lake Forest called "Fit for Courage." This Wellness & Fitness Festival hosted by Rat Park is a tribute event for those who make difference. All proceeds will go towards helping those struggling with addiction and mental health issues.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

- **10:35 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. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 354, Santa Ana, CA 92701, 714.834.5481 or Email: [kamezquita@ochca.com](mailto:kamezquita@ochca.com)\*