



County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Thursday, June 10, 2021
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Meeting Location:
Zoom Teleconference Meeting

Special Meeting and MHSA Public Hearing

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Members Present: Matthew Holzmann, Mara James, Stephen McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Michael Rose, Courtney Smith, Duan Tran, Frederick Williams

Members Absent: Lauren Deperine, Karyl Dupee, Supervisor Katrina Foley, Geoffrey Henderson, Jim Taylor,

Call to Order at 5:34 p.m. by Michael Rose

Welcome and Introductions

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Each member introduced themselves via roll call.

Public Comment

Patricia Hansko-

Ms. Hansko expressed a need for a funding increase for the children's full services partnership (FSP), as there will be an increase in need for services for children and youth. She suggested to increase funding for the Parent Education Services Program, increase suicide prevention efforts to expand into schools and offer to conduct workshops for staff and students. Furthermore, expand and promote cultural competency trainings to include inclusion, equity tolerance and diversity, conduct more community outreach meetings to include topics of depression, eating disorders and suicide, and divert MHSA funding from the jail system. Ms. Hansko also provided Innovation project ideas.

Open of MHSA Public Hearing

Opening Remarks and Overview of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan Update and HCA Responses to Public Comments received: Sharon Ishikawa

- Dr. Ishikawa thanked the guests in attendance and the members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, provider partners and Community Based Organizations, BHS staff, and the community members who took part in participating in the community planning process. She explained the purpose of today's Public Hearing, which included a brief overview and all public comments received during the 30-day public comment period.



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HEALTH CARE AGENCY

Jeff Nagel, Ph.D.,
Deputy Agency Director
Behavioral Health Services

Annette Mugrditchian, LCSW
Director of Operations
Behavioral Health Services

Karla Perez
Staff Specialist
Behavioral Health Services

- Dr. Ishikawa provided a detailed presentation which included an overview of the MHSA Plan Update and information on how to navigate the plan. The overview included information on MHSA programs and budget expenditure proposals for MHSA components as a result of the community planning. She provided a snapshot summary of the emotional well-being in Orange County during the pandemic, which was gathered through a COVID-19 Survey. The surveys were provided in various languages and distributed to adults or parents of children ages 4-17, with a total of 7,400 adults and 1,428 parents of children completing the surveys. Furthermore, Dr. Ishikawa provided a summary of process and findings from the Community Engagement Meetings (CEM) held during February and March of 2021. Through these CEMs, the MHSA office received feedback on outreach strategies, clinic environment, telehealth access and digital literacy. Furthermore, Dr. Ishikawa provided a copy and HCA responses to all public comments received during the 30-day public comment period for the MHSA Plan Update. There were a total of 9 substantive submissions received by the MHSA Office.

Public Comments:

- Nicole Albie-
Ms. Albie shared information about the STAY program and its services. It is an MHSA Full Service Partnership (FSP) serving youth ages 16-25 who have a severe and persistent mental illness and are either homeless or in risk of homelessness. Their services includes a personal services coordinator, therapy, substance counseling, education, housing services, psychiatry, and much more.
- Meghan Wee-
Ms. Wee shared information about the MHSA FSP Project RENEW, which serves children ages 0-18 who have a mental health disorder. They provide intensive in need of in-home mental health and case management services and try to be a one stop shop for their families.
- Lisa Burk-
Ms. Burk shared information for First 5 Orange County. She applauded the MHSA plan for its focus on Prevention and Early Intervention. Urges the MHSA office to seek input from pregnant women and caregivers of young children, during the next planning process. In addition, she offered their support in collaboration with adding information to the Stigma Free OC Website that is targeted to infants and children.
- Christian Ramirez-
Mr. Ramirez expressed his gratitude towards the STAY program. The STAY Program has helped him accomplish his goals, through his education, mental health, and getting a second chance at life. He thanked his care coordinators for helping guiding him over the time he has been at the program and for helping him set goals for the future.



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Public Comments: *Continued*

- Ashley Martinez-
Ms. Martinez is a peer navigator for Strong Families Strong Children, working with the Family Resource Centers serving the veteran and military connected community. She shared her experience from the Community Engagement Meeting for Veterans.
- Jim Farrell-
Mr. Farrell expressed a need for further assessment for children in the schools. He suggested to assess prior to providing funding to the schools. In addition, he expressed concern for the after care of individuals being released from treatment at Be Well OC.
- Lisa Lee-
Ms. Lee shared about her wonderful experience with Cambodian Family, they have been beyond helpful with helping her mother with providing mental health services and linkage to services.
- Johanna Figueroa-
Ms. Figueroa is a Family Resource Center (FRC) Coordinator in Lake Forest, she shared information about the services provided at their FRC. They focus on the most vulnerable population in trying to provide services in their language. She also shared her experience with the Community Engagement Meeting.

BHAB Discussion

- Matthew Holzmann thanked Dr. Ishikawa for an excellent presentation.
- Steve McNally thanked Dr. Ishikawa for her presentation and overview. He provided some comments and suggestions: 1) Full Service Partnerships tend to underspend every year and would suggest a collaborative courts expansion 2) The UCSD Study showed that nearly half of all populations are not receiving services and showed concern for language capabilities 3) Would like more information from the office of Suicide Prevention 4) expressed a need for tracking of outcomes and budgets overtime.
- Frederick Williams would like to see more information on tracking of outcomes for the homeless population and linkage to services. In addition, would like to see more information on programs that address domestic violence.
- Dr. Ishikawa addressed some of the concerns raised by members.



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BHAB Recommendations and Vote:

- Dr. Rose called on members for any substantive recommendations on the MHSA Annual Plan Update. No recommendations were provided by any of the 8 members present at the meeting.
- Dr. Rose called for a motion for their vote in support to move forward with the MHSA Annual Plan Update FY 21–22. The Board supported moving forward with the Plan for the approval of the Board of Supervisors, with a 7 yes/ 0 No / 1 abstain vote.

1st Motion: Matthew Holzmann, 2nd Motion: Frederick Williams

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain |
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| Supervisor Katrina Foley | | | |
| Lauren Deperine | | | |
| Karyl Dupee, LMFT | | | |
| Geoffrey Henderson | | | |
| Matthew Holzmann | X | | |
| Mara James | X | | |
| Stephen McNally | | | X |
| Kristen Pankratz, MSW | X | | |
| Michael Rose, DrPh, LCSW | X | | |
| Courtney Smith | X | | |
| Jim Taylor | | | |
| Nita Tewari, PhD | | | |
| Duan Tran | X | | |
| Fred Williams | X | | |

Adjournment

- 7:28 p.m.

Officially submitted by: Karla Perez

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