



**COUNTY OF ORANGE
HEALTH CARE AGENCY**

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**Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder
System of Care Meetings
NOTES**

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Teleconference meeting via Zoom

By Computer: <https://zoom.us/j/819682651>

By Phone: +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 819-682-651

Members Present: Karyl Dupee, Supervisor Katrina Foley, Matthew Holzmann, Mara James, Steve McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Michael Rose, Courtney Smith, Nita Tewari

Members Absent: Lauren Deperine, Geoffrey Henderson, Jim Taylor, Duan Tran, Frederick Williams

I. Welcome & Introduction: Michael Rose

- Meeting began at 9:04 a.m. Members of the BHAB introduced themselves via roll call.

II. Public Comment

- Christine Tolbert:
Ms. Tolbert thanked the BHAB members for listening to all of the public comments and for all of the work that they do out in the community.

III. Authorization for Residential Treatment (ART) Team Update

- Glenda Aguilar provided a comprehensive update on the ART Team. The ART Team was recently implanted in March 2021, it is the County's process for assessing and referring Medi-Cal or uninsured clients to a residential treatment provider. The goal of the program is to schedule assessment appointments within the next business day instead of the required 10 days and reduce waiting period for client's admission to residential treatment. Glenda provided outcomes for the program and referring information.
- Member of the BHAB requested funding information for this program be provided.

IV. SUDSOC and MHSOC Breakout Sessions

Substance Use Disorder System of Care (SUDSOC)
Mental Health System of Care (MHSOC)

- **SUDSOC Breakout session:**

Matthew Holzmann informed the group on the rise of overdose numbers, there has been a 47% increase in overdoses in the United States. This is a current crisis locally and nationwide in which needs to be addressed. Matt recommended to write a letter of recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to support more efforts on overdose prevention. The members expressed a need for more naloxone distribution to programs and clients; they requested BHS provide an update on the number of naloxone being ordered and distributed in Orange County. The recent increase in fentanyl has had a great impact on overdoses, April Thornton suggested providing a distribution on fentanyl test strips out in the community. Orange County Sheriff's suggested there has been an increase in fentanyl of 1000% in OC. Mark Lawrenz stated BHS is working on an opioid substance use prevention campaign with the youth, which will be released in September for Recovery Happens month.

- **MHSOC Breakout Session:**

Dr. Rose provided a Be Well update and included information on a suicide prevention initiative. The suicide prevention leadership group is planning a conference for Suicide Prevention in the Community that will be on in October and carry over through various other events from October – May. The first stop is the 2-day virtual event (3hrs per day) 10/14/ - 10/15, 3rd day 10/16 “Out of Darkness” Walk at Mile Square Park. There will be an things happening in September to help spread the word on the “Tour Spots” and will collaborate with other organizations that can connect with specific groups in the community to help get the message across the County to help with promotion of events. Supervisor Foley requested data that would show suicides demographically based on data collected, Dr. Rose will provide for her. Supervisor Foley suggested doing a walk at Fashion Island to reach the demographics of concern. The group engaged in more discussion around reaching out to schools and students and connecting with the youth and foster youth.

V. Feedback from Breakout Sessions:

- The members returned to the main session and shared some of the items and topics that each committee discussed during their breakout sessions.

VI. System of Cares Shared Items:

Public Comment (s) Received:

- Member of the public questioned when and how the County utilization of CA State Senate Bill 855 will be implemented and utilized in Orange County.
 - (Item Tabled)

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 10:46 a.m.