



# County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, July 28, 2021  
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Meeting Location:  
Zoom Teleconference Meeting

## MINUTES

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### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Andrew Do, Chairman**  
First District

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### BHAB MEMBERS

Matthew Holzmann

Supervisor Katrina Foley  
Second District

Lauren Deperine

Karyl Dupee, LMFT

Stephen McNally

Kristen Pankratz, MSW

Michael Rose, DrPH, LCSW

Courtney Smith

Jim Taylor

Nita Tewari, PhD

Duan Tran, MSW

Frederick Williams, LMFT

**Members Present:** Lauren Deperine, Karyl Dupee, Matthew Holzmann, Mara James, Stephen McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Michael Rose, Courtney Smith, Jim Taylor, Nita Tewari, Duan Tran, Frederick Williams

**Members Absent:** Supervisor Katrina Foley

Call to Order at 9:03 a.m. by Michael Rose

### Welcome and Introductions

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Each member introduced themselves and their respective affiliation.

### Approval of Minutes – Action Item

- June 23, 2021
  - Stephen McNally made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2021 meeting and Matthew Holzmann seconded the motion with no corrections. The minutes were approved for the record. Yes 12 /0 No.

### Public Comment

N/A

### MHB / ADAB Member Update – Courtney Smith

Courtney Smith shared about the organization she founded, Glimmering Bridges and the current three projects they currently have active. The volunteer organization was established in 2019, with the hope to improve the lives of vulnerable individuals living in the US. Courtney touched on their 3 projects, Call Contact which provides weekly phone calls to individuals in isolation, Holiday Cards which provides hand drawn holiday cards to seniors in the US, and lastly Music and Care which provides free music players with personalized music playlists for people in vulnerable situations.



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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

### Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Director's Report – Jeff Nagel

Dr. Nagel took questions in reference to the Behavioral Health Services (BHS) update memo that was sent out to the board via email. He highlighted a few additional items, including SUD admissions are at the highest levels in the last four months. National statistics show that there was an increase in utilization of substances, but a decreased utilization of services during the pandemic which is now shifting to an increase of services. In addition, there was a change in policy from DHCS in the benefits structure for Drug MediCal, changing the limit of two episodes of care in a calendar year to multiple episodes of care, but the state is looking to have an average length of care of 30-days. Moreover, in crisis services, HCA has their teams back in squad cars with law enforcement. A two-day conference was held last week with cities, city managers, law enforcement, NAMI and Hospital Association invited. The conference provided an overview of our current crisis response system as well as the strengths of our system, the opportunities, and aspirations. Furthermore, HCA has added 55 new Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) units for permanent supportive housing. Finally, yesterday there was a convening of Huntington Beach city staff, faith communities, chief police and fire, and the mayor all met at the Anita campus to talk about homeless services, and shared about their plans to build a two to three story building that will be at 80,000 -120,000 square feet of programming for the homeless and looking at the whole person care approach. Dr. Nagel also shared he is working on pulling information together on the distribution of Naloxone to present to the BHAB at the next meeting.

### Old Business: Action Item

- <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/bhs/about/pi/mhsa/updates>

### New Business:

#### • Site Visits:

Dr. Rose shared the BHAB will begin to start planning site visits as soon as it is safe to do so and will begin doing site visits to those programs that are open and willing to accommodate the board members. Dr. Rose asked the members to send in any recommendations for sites to visit. Members suggested Project RENEW as a possible site visit.

### Committee Reports:

- SUD System of Care: Matthew Holzmann sent a letter via email to the BHAB members for their review, this letter is a recommendation letter to the Board of Supervisors with regard to overdose prevention and awareness of fentanyl. Some of the points addressed in this letter were increasing Naloxone distribution in the community and areas of need and awareness of fentanyl and how its affecting the overdose rates. Dr. Rose suggested the SUD committee continue working on additional edits as well as checking in with Supervisor Foley's staff to see what would be their added suggestions to facilitate action.



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## Committee Reports: *Continued*

- Older Adult Committee: Karyl Dupee addressed the older adult training the committee put together last year, this training was presented during this year's Meeting of the Minds conference and will also be presented this Friday at 10:30 a.m., registration is still open and we currently are at 140 attendees signed up. In addition, the committee is working on a proposal to find a way to bridge the gap between older adults who have a mental health concern and also have a neurocognitive flash dementia, Alzheimer's issues as well.
- The Provider meeting took place on July 20<sup>th</sup>, where Dr. Nagel presented on a team project and a second presentation was provided on Clean Path which is a 28 bed residential for women.
- Executive Committee: The committee has not met, however a change to the bylaws committee is forthcoming with dissolving the executive committee and change to planning meeting quarterly.
- Finance and Resource: Steve McNally reported the CEO budget demonstrated available funds for investment. We would like to see the funding and outcomes into a one page document, so that the funding plan is easier to understand and demonstrate the actual difference for the funding outcomes and cost per outcome. He suggested there will be extra funding in the future that will become available and would hope to focus on reinvesting it before it gets taken away.
- CALBHB/C: Steve McNally reported there is a training by CALBHC on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Training information is available on their website. In addition, CALBHB/C will be sending out the new Data Notebook sometime in August or September.
- Legislation: Steve McNally reported there is a lot of legislation on SB 988, he will send out additional information on this via Email.

## Presentation

### *MHSA Fund Balance Projections*

By: Julia Rinaldi, Administrative Manager II  
County Executive Office/ Budget

Julia Rinaldi provided a comprehensive update and overview of MHSA fund balance projections. She included information on the role of CEO's office in overseeing the MHSA budget and provided a summary of MSA funds projected with actuals through June FY 2020-21. These summaries included projections by components.

## Adjournment

- 10:54 a.m.

**Officially submitted by: Karla Perez**

*\*\*Note: Copies of all writings pertaining to items in these MHB minutes are available for public review in the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Board Office, 405 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701, 714.834.5481 or Email: OCMentalHealthBoard@ochca.com \*\**