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BHS UPDATE

DATE: October 18, 2021

TO: Members of the County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

FROM: Jeffrey A. Nagel, Ph.D.
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Update for October 2021

Adult and Older Adult Behavioral Health Services (AOABH)

Collaborative Services: The Mental Health Collaborative Court team has been participating in working group meetings to develop the model and an implementation if a shared database. SCRAM is the name of the database that all collaborative court entities (probation/courts/telecare) will be utilizing. The non-clinical shared data will facilitate gathering and reporting outcomes for the court programs. We also learned that it is not clinical data. In September, a clinician started participating in the **pre-trial mental health diversion (AB 1810)** staffing and hearings at the Community Court Building 1 (CCB1). Since the transition over to CCB1 in August, our team has received 8 new AB 1810 referrals.

Housing and Supportive Services: Individuals continue to move into Buena Esperanza located in Anaheim. Twenty- three (23) people out of 35 have moved into MHSA units. Westminster Crossing property located in Westminster has 20 MHSA units and 14 residents have moved into those units. We expected that all 20 MHSA units will be filled by the end of the month. Altrudy is a new MHSA property that should be opening in December of 2021. Housing and Supportive Services is working with project partners to start matching Orange County's homeless individuals through Coordinated Entry System.

Residential Treatment Services would like to report that a request for application will open this month as the Health Care Agency is currently seeking a Perinatal Recovery Residence. All interested applicants are asked to apply via Bidsync.

Children, Youth and Prevention Behavioral Health Services (CYPBHS)

As part of the federal legislation, Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), youth being considered for placement in at **Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)** must now be assessed by a Qualified Individual (QI) before STRTP placement can be determined by the Juvenile Court. CYBH Clinical Evaluation and Guidance Unit at Orangewood Children and Family Center (CEGU OCFC) will be conducting these QI assessments for the youth at Social Services Agency or the OC Probation department considers placing them in a STRTP. QI assessments became required for all such placement determinations effective 10/1/21.

Prevention and Intervention: National Take Back Day is on 10/23/21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at numerous locations throughout Orange County. This initiative reminds us how we can safely dispose of unused prescription medications and how together we can keep our communities safe from prescription drug misuse. To locate a Take Back drop site near you, please visit the Drug Enforcement Administration’s website at www.DEATakeback.com or call 1 (800) 882-9539. Drop-off service is free and anonymous. To learn more about drug misuse prevention efforts in Orange County or to find local safe disposal locations available year-round, visit: www.ochealthinfo.com/adept. HCA will be promoting this effort through a press release and social media.

In addition, another Substance Use Disorder (SUD) prevention effort happening from 10/23/21 - 10/31/21 is **National Red Ribbon Week**, which is the largest substance use prevention campaign. The campaign educates and encourages youth to participate in drug prevention activities. This year’s theme is” Drug Free Looks Like Me.” The Alcohol and Drug Prevention Team (ADEPT) is partnering with the community in promoting Red Ribbon Activities, including interactive learning games and youth/parent workshops.

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

The **OC HCA MHSA Informational Meeting** was held on October 15 and covered Behavioral Health Navigation. HCA Staff walked through updates to OC Links as well as the new OC Navigator, including a live demonstration of the OC Navigator to the attendees. The November 15 MHSA Information Meeting will be focused on Housing. The December meeting has been canceled due to the holiday season.

The MHSA Office will be starting the community planning for the upcoming **MHSA Plan Update FY 2022-23** in the upcoming weeks. MHSA research staff has been working on updating survey questions to help continue addressing the strategic priorities first identified in the MHSA Three Year Plan FYs 2020/21 – FY 22/23. We plan to distribute the survey to all interested community stakeholders. Thanks to the different outreach opportunities/ideas that were sent to our office following the last BHAB meeting, the MHSA Office is working to find contacts for some of these new organizations/providers.

Board Date	Item	Amount
10/5/21	Charitable Ventures of Orange County for early childhood and youth mental health consultation services, 9/29/21 - 6/30/22	\$1,000,000
10/19/21	Regents of the University of California at Irvine for Behavioral Health System Transformation Project Evaluation services, 10/20/21 - 6/30/24	\$2,100,000
10/19/21	Medlin Workforce & Reentry Solutions LLC for Proposition 47 Grant Management services, 11/1/21 - 10/31/23	\$200,000