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Executive Committee Meeting
Notes

October 7, 2021

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

*Times are approximate and subject to change

Meeting Location

Zoom Teleconference Meeting

Members Present: Michael Rose, Supervisor Katrina Foley, Dr. Jeff Nagel

Members Absent: Frederick Williams

Welcome & Introductions

- Roll call was taken for members of the Executive Committee
- Dr. Rose noted that Supervisor Katrina Foley will be attending later in the meeting

Public Comment*

**At this time members of the public may address the Chair regarding any item within the subject matter of this board's authority provided that no action is taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three to five (3-5) minutes per person.*

N/A

Agenda items for 2021

- Michael Rose noted that the Executive Committee is the time to discuss agenda setting for Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) meetings. She stated that agenda items come from BHAB member input, action items and requests from the BHAB meetings and from planning, discussion and development during the annual BHAB retreat. Calls and email planning sessions are done throughout the year and have been done in lieu of Executive Meetings.
 - October: Dr. Rose stated that in the October BHAB General meeting, the Orange County Sheriff's Department will present an introduction to the OC Sheriff Department's Behavioral Health Bureau. They will discuss the mental health and substance use disorder efforts of this bureau inside the OC Jails.
 - November: Dr. Rose stated that in November BHAB General Meeting Katie Kalvoda from Advance OC will discuss health and equity. The discussion will include sharing the public facing Health Equity Tool that has been spearheaded by the HCA and Dr. Chau and will look at data around the social determinants of health. Dr. Nagel stated that Hieu Nguyen, the HCA Director of Population and Health Equity should be included to comment on equity and that BHAB member Duan Tran who is on the Behavioral Health Equity Committee can comment from his perspective, also. The county voice reporting to the Board of Supervisors will be the Office of Population of Health Equity and the BHAB will report on Behavioral health issues.

- BHAB member Steve McNally suggested that additional topics to include in future agendas should be the implementation of Peer Certification to plan for budgeting and implementation in Orange County and to make the topic more visible. Dr. Nagel noted that HCA has over 200 peers and peer certification will ensure a common level of training and continuing education has been met. HCA will be partnering with CalMHSA on this certification process. Tracking of the certification will be done locally, and Dr. Nagel is excited to see this certification moving forward and stated he would be glad to present on this important topic. Dr. Chau responded that the county does need to be heavily involved to help educate both public and private OC providers who bill for MediCal about this coming mental health professional work force, potential changes to public income for peers who are now entering the work force and to encourage hiring by community providers. Steve McNally also emphasized the importance of discussing what new funding is coming, what the plan is for where it is going and making sure that Orange county gets a fair share of any available money.
- Dr. Rose stated that any additional ideas for agenda topics can be sent to Karla Perez.

Items for discussion:

- **Bylaws clarification on MHSA Committee**

- Dr. Nagel stated that the Bylaws were written at the direction of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Mental Health Ad Hoc to make modification to pull the MHSA Steering Committee into the BHAB. This has been looked at from both a statutes and operations perspective. The challenges with this have been that the BHAB has a role in the MHSA Annual Plan. They are required to hold a public hearing and HCA must respond to their comments. The BHAB being both the developer and the reviewer of the plan creates a conflict since they are reviewing their own creation. The focus has been on integrating care and in integrating meetings to include input from public health, correctional health, physical health, etc. for a broader perspective. HCA is working on how to integrate the MHSA Steering Committee with the BHAB and resolving any conflict while still having the BHAB involved in the MHSA Plan. Dr. Chau noted that he would like to see meetings consolidated and to have all stakeholders attend to address issue from a whole person perspective and that this is the direction that the state human health services is moving towards. He would like to move towards incorporating all county stakeholder meetings into one larger meeting to create a comprehensive and integrated community stakeholder process. Dr. Rose stated that this type of integration may lead to a higher attendance at the meetings since there will be fewer, but more robust meetings.

- **Committee Chair Appointments**

- Dr. Nagel clarified that this item was about identifying the Chair and Co-Chair for the MHSA Committee and discussing how they could modify the By- Laws so as not to violate them by incorporating the MHSA Steering Committee into the Health Improvement Partnership (HIP) rather than the BHAB due to the previously mentioned conflict. Appointments would be made instead of having chair appointments to the MHSA Committee, BHAB can participate in HIP.

- **MHSA Community Planning**

- Brad Hutchins reported noted that the MHSA office is developing a survey to distribute to the community to kick off the next round of community planning for the next MHSA Annual Plan update. Dr. Nagel asked if there were any concerns about getting the next plan to the BOS on time and Brad stated he did not foresee any problems with meeting the timeline at this time.
- BHAB member Steve McNally noted that the MHSA is only 25 percent of mental health funds. He has concerns that the OC Health Care Agency (HCA) does not want community input and participation and is not following the WIC code by not having the BHAB approval for certain things. He stated that HCA needs to make sure that more stakeholders know when and how community planning is being conducted, that community stakeholder input is given, and that specifics on this process and attendance are provided to the BHAB. Dr. Nagel disagreed that the OC HCA does not want community input. He noted that OC is working with CalOptima on their member needs assessment to include mental health questions to survey thousands of people and is

also partnering with San Diego County on a large-scale regional veteran needs assessment and that recent community planning and engagement has been robust. Dr. Rose noted that we can continue to find out how to involve more people in community planning while still acknowledging the work that has been done around community engagement and planning and that perhaps an ad hoc committee could be formed to further discuss this.

Adjourn

- **Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.**

Next Meeting:

BHAB SOC Meeting

October 13, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Zoom Teleconference

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