



County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, February 23, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Meeting Location:
Zoom Teleconference Meeting

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Matthew Holzmann

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Lauren Deperine

Karyl Dupee, LMFT

Mara James

Stephen McNally

Kristen Pankratz, MSW

Courtney Smith

Jim Taylor

Nita Tewari, PhD

Duan Tran, MSW

Frederick Williams, LMFT

Members Present: Karyl Dupee, Matthew Holzmann, Stephen McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Duan Tran, Mara James, Jim Taylor

Members Absent: Lauren Deperine, Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Nita Tewari, Courtney Smith, Fred Williams,

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Matt Holzmann who then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Introductions

- Each member introduced themselves via roll call.
- There was a discussion on the process of how to apply for a position on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) and a request for a list of all who had applied for a BHAB position. It was noted that Karla Perez can follow up on any who have applied for a position on the BHAB.

Approval of Minutes

- The January 2, 2022, and the November 24, 2021, minutes were approved with some minimal changes. It was noted that the November 24, 2021, minutes did not include discussion around Karin Kalk's presentation, but the scheduled presentation was postponed until the December 8, 2021, System of Care Meeting due to time constraints.
- It was also noted that the BHAB By-laws have still not been updated and that the issue needs to be resolved.

Public Comment

- Chase Wickersham asked for support from the BHAB for a program that would outreach to older veterans and provide socialization opportunities and services to help prevent suicide. He emphasized that Orange County has the 4th largest veteran population in the state and many of these older veterans have little to no social support and access to firearms. He estimated that this program would cost about 2 million dollars for a 2-year program and that it could be a public/ private partnership with the Veterans Administration.



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HEALTH CARE AGENCY

**Veronica Kelley, Ph.D.,
Chief**

Mental Health & Recovery Services

**Annette Mugrditchian, LCSW
Director of Operations**

Mental Health & Recovery Services

**Karla Perez
Staff Specialist**

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- Michael Arnot noted that he met with Dr. Kelley and was encouraged by her partnership with Community Based Organizations (CBO's). He noted that there are many county policies and structures that present a challenge when wanting to work with the county. He noted that smaller agencies don't have the resources to engage with the county on multimillion dollar projects and he would like for them to develop a way to work with smaller agencies.

MHRS Chief's Report – Dr. Veronica Kelley

- Dr. Kelley noted that Orange County submitted two No Place Like Home applications for MHSA housing projects. She noted that the MHSA Community Engagement Meetings (CEMS) for general community members started in February and will continue through March 3, 2022, and that they conducted meetings on two potential Innovation projects- Clinical High Risk and Early Psychosis and Young Adult Courts. She gave an update on applying for BHCIP grant funds that can be used to provide infrastructure and mobile crisis infrastructure, but also noted the process to obtain and use the funds is complex. She also stated that the Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory Committee advises the Department of Health Care Services on the changes to Medi-Cal and she encouraged those with lived experience to speak at the meetings about what is needed. BHAB members asked what a realistic projection of cost for new permanent supportive housing would be. She stated that there is about \$15,000,000 left to allocate and that new housing can cost \$600,000 per unit. They could request a presentation from Lisa Row for more information on housing. She clarified that this money is separate from the Board and Care money and there is other money from Community Care Expansion. She noted that she is not sure how the breakout of funds will be since it has to be the same among the other large counties. She also mentioned that challenges for building housing when many communities do not want it in their area. This will impact where we can build. She also discussed the beds needed for those in custody who are incompetent to stand trial.

Old Business

- The BHAB confirmed that the letter of recommendation on the Older Adult project had been sent to the Board of Supervisors.
- Jim Taylor asked about the status of the PADS Innovation Project and the Innovation Program Manager sent an update in the chat noting that the project is going to the Board of Supervisors for approval on March 8, 2022.
- There was discussion about the Swallows festival in San Juan Capistrano on March 12. There will be a table there to promote mental health and HCA will provide a tablecloth, pamphlets, staffing if needed, and can send out a flyer about the event.



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New Business

Veterans Outreach Innovation Program. – Matt Holzmann asked for support for the older adult veteran program idea noted by Chase Wickersham. Karyl Dupee and Matt Holzmann agreed to work on drafting a letter to the Board of Supervisors in support of the program

Systems of Care Meeting Structure Action Item: The BHAB voted on the structure of the Systems of Care meeting Mental Health and SUD portions. They voted to extend the Systems of Care meetings 30 minutes to have the mental health and SUD meetings one after the other instead of having separate meetings.

Committee Reports

Executive committee-no updates at this time

Older adult Ad Hoc Committee - Committee will meet again on March 16. A CEMS discussion was held on February 16. The Committee will come together with OC Aging Service Collaborative and will focus on how to integrate mental health services with the state master plan on aging

Finance and Resource Ad Hoc- a brief budget update will be given today by Julia Rinaldi

SUD System of Care- Dr. Kelley will assist in getting the Narcan counts for the county. She noted that a certain grant requires a report on how many people are saved with Narcan. Al Jabbar will check to see if schools have a policy on the use of Narcan. Orange County Supervisors will hold a public meeting on Fentanyl on March 3. There is a move to work with south county to get Narcan and to provide training and education.

MH System of Care- no new updates

Data notebook- This will be tabled until closer to the time to update the notebook for 2022

Liaisons- Duan Tran noted that he invited those interested in health equity to the Steering Committee in error and noted that the Behavioral Health Equity Committee was the correct committee. He noted that anyone interested in the equity work groups can reach out to him.

Pediatric and Young Adult- Kristen Pankratz was not available for an update

Assignments- Al Jabbar, Deputy Chief of Staff for Supervisor Chaffee, introduced himself and noted that he is looking forward to working with the BHAB.



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Updates and Presentations

Presentation

Brief Budget Update

By Julia Rinaldi, Orange County Health Care Agency

Julia Rinaldi gave an update on additional information received following release of the Governor's Fiscal Year 2022-23 proposed budget which shows another significant increase in revenue over the current budget of MHSA. She shared that the county reached out to the county's MHSA consultant and that there is an increase of approximately 200 million dollars. She also added the HCA and CEO Budget have begun discussion regarding the use of the revenue that will go towards the county's Strategic Plan priorities. She stated she will present the updated revenues projection with the recommended increased in expenses once the community planning process has been completed. Matt Holzmann asked for a written summary from Julia Rinaldi to be provided to the BHAB members

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Officially submitted by: Terri Styner

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