



**COUNTY OF ORANGE
HEALTH CARE AGENCY**

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

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Teleconference meeting via Zoom

By Computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/99364554212>

By Phone: +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 993-6455-4212

Members Present: Matthew Holzmann, Mara James, Steve McNally, Courtney Smith, Duan Tran, Frederick Williams, Karyl Dupee

Members Absent: Jim Taylor, Lauren Deperine, Kristen Pankratz, Supervisor Doug Chaffee

I. Welcome & Introduction

- Matt Holzmann began the meeting at 9:03 a.m. Members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) introduced themselves via roll call.

II. Public Comment

- Linda Smith:
Ms. Smith expressed her support of the Innovation projects that were being presented and noted that the community is also strongly in support of them. She discussed the importance of research and the knowledge that could be acquired from these projects. Ms. Smith also expressed the importance to have all BHAB members involved in all community meetings with regard to Innovation projects, to be informed and show their support.
- Sara Marquez:
Ms. Marquez provided information on the Meeting of the Minds Conference. She would like to get more organizations and attendees involved. In addition, she noted the BHAB will have another listening session this year.
- Stacy Dagleish:
Ms. Dagleish noted that she follows the Behavioral Health model that Orange County has and would like to build something similar in LA.

III. Presentations- Innovation Project Proposals

- ***Improving the Early Identification of Youth at Clinical High Risk for Psychosis and Increasing Access to Care***

Dr. Sharon Ishikawa introduced Dr. Schiffman and Theresa Nguyen from the University of California Irvine who presented information about the proposed Clinical High Risk Youth Innovation project. They noted that the goal of this project is to increase adult wellness by reaching those with psychosis earlier. They noted that there is a gap in care for early intervention and the project would enact changes to improve early identification and increase access to clinical high-risk care (HRC) supported by specialists in HRC. The project would include trainings to health care workers, youths, social networks, campus resources, etc. This would enable all providers, not just behavioral health providers, to enhance their quality of care when trained by specialists in evidence based best practices. The project will have a mental health screening and support space and will provide linguistically appropriate psycho educational materials to those who are not ready for treatment. The budget for the project is not to exceed \$38 million dollars over 5 years and will include program management, responder and provider training and screening and assessment.

The BHAB members noted their excitement about the program and were very supportive. The members inquired about underserved groups, cost of the project, how it will coordinate with existing programs and staff availability. It was noted that those who fall into this high-risk category are underserved and that project materials will be tailored to resonate with differing groups. The project will include training to youth named in a participant support plan to better assist when a crisis arrives. The project will be a specialty clinic that will offer comprehensive screening, assessment and consultations that provides early intervention wraparound care to youth who are clinically high risk for psychosis.

- ***Examining Whether Integrating Early Intervention Services into a Specialized Court Improves the Well-being of Justice involved Young Adult Men: A Randomized Control Trial***

Dr. Sharon Ishikawa introduced Dr. Elizabeth Cauffman from the University of California Irvine who presented information about the proposed early intervention for justice involved young men Innovation project. Dr. Cauffman noted that this will be the first randomized trial of a young adult court. The project will be a 2-year specialized court program that will provide mental health and other support services with a focus on 18–25-year-old males with a low-level felony to assess how they reengage with the community. It is a post plea program where the crime does not have to be linked to a mental health condition. She gave preliminary outcome information for a pilot program and noted that the Innovation project will help expand and extend the program model, measure long term impacts, explore how the model works, examine if the program reduces racial disparities, and find out what is missing within the model to reduce depressive and anxiety symptoms. The model will include tailored and individualized treatment, housing and transportation vouchers, childcare resources, literacy training, apprenticeships, and the opportunity for program graduates to become paid peer mentors to new participants. The budget for 5 years is not to exceed \$12 million.

BHAB members expressed their support for the project proposal. Steve McNally had questions about the District Attorney's office and their support. Elizabeth Cauffman noted that the District Attorney's office is in support of the court since they are looking for alternative programs to enhance public safety by reducing recidivism. In addition, Steve McNally requested a calendar of information regarding the project's timeline.

IV. New Advocacy Issues or Follow Up Items

N/A

V. Announcements

N/A

VI. Adjourn

- The meeting ended at 11:14 a.m.
- The next meeting will be the BHAB General Meeting March 23, 2022.