



County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, October 27, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Meeting Location:
Zoom Teleconference Meeting

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Matthew Holzmann

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Kristen Pankratz, MSW

Michael Rose, DrPH, LCSW

Courtney Smith

Jim Taylor

Nita Tewari, PhD

Duan Tran, MSW

Frederick Williams, LMFT

Members Present: Karyl Dupee, Supervisor Katrina Foley, Matthew Holzmann, Mara James, Stephen McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Jim Taylor, Nita Tewari, Duan Tran, Frederick Williams

Members Absent: Lauren Deperine, Michael Rose, Courtney Smith

Call to Order at 9:03 a.m. by Fred Williams

Welcome and Introductions

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Each member introduced themselves via roll call.

Approval of Minutes – Action Item

- September 22, 2021
 - Matt Holzmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2021 meeting and Jim Taylor seconded the motion with no corrections. The minutes were approved for the record. Yes 8 /0 No and 1 abstention. Stephen McNally abstained from voting and requested a more detailed description of the meetings be reflected in the minutes.
 - Per Nita Tewari, Supervisor Foley will be attending the meeting late and requested that she give her presentation under New Business.

Public Comment

- Linda Smith:
Ms. Smith noted her concerns that during the time that it is taking to make changes to the MHSA Steering Committee structure and by-law revisions, there was not a structure in place or meetings held in which the community could be updated, provide input on, and ask questions about Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) programs and available funding. Without community input, she inquired if the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) or whom would now be asking the “tough” questions regarding MHSA programs.



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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

- **Jim Farell**
Mr. Farell announced that he is starting a public online meeting called CORE for the community to learn about and compile a list of resources regarding SUD and Co-Occurring treatment. A meeting will be held on November 4. To register send an email to core.oc.ca@gmail.com.
- **Michael Arnot:**
Mr. Arnot also questioned who will provide oversight of the MHSA programs if not the BHAB. He mentioned the changes to the MHSA Planning Committee and the Health Improvement Partnership (HIP) and stated that after the ending of the MHSA Steering Committee there was a year with no public engagement process. He asked why the MHSA Steering Committee was cancelled prior to having a structure in place to replace it.
- **Stacy Dagleish:**
Ms. Dagleish is Chair of the LA County Mental Health Commission and wanted to acknowledge the innovative work that Orange County has been doing and to thank Orange County for the opportunity to attend our meetings and to learn from them.
- **BHAB member Matt Holzmann** agreed with both Michael Arnot and Linda Smith's comments and noted his concerns that there has been no community input regarding MHSA programs and budgets over the last 18 months and requested that this be a topic of discussion.

MHB / ADAB Member Update – Jim Taylor

Jim Taylor shared his diverse professional speaking experiences that led him to become a speaker and advocate for Suicide Prevention. He speaks and is the Master of Ceremony at numerous large community events in addition to working at individual mental health booths. He is particularly interested in discussing mental health at events that are not centered around mental health, such as music festivals. His goal is to decrease suffering by reducing the stigma around mental health and by helping guide others to needed resources. He also helps the community by serving on several boards of directors and was named San Juan Capistrano Citizen of the Year. The BHAB members thanked him for sharing his story.

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

Dr. Nagel discussed the county's effort in applying for an initial 10-million-dollar infrastructure grant from the State Department of the Treasury to assist in building the Irvine Campus Crisis Residential and Crisis Stabilization Unit. There are other grant opportunities and HCA is exploring ways to obtain some of these additional grant dollars. He thanked Jim Taylor for his presentation and the public for their comments, public service, and interest in MHSA oversight. He clarified that over the last year there has been significant community input and planning occurring via surveys and meetings and that HCA continues to meet with the former MHSA Steering Committee members during the MHSA update meetings.



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He noted that HCA does need to move forward with reestablishing a formal committee with community stakeholders and with making needed changes to the By-laws. Due to questions and concerns about the BHAB role being reduced and how the MHSA Chair is chosen, Dr. Nagel clarified that the BHAB will continue their role of reviewing the HCA quarterly budgets and reviewing and approving the MHSA Plan prior to it going to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for final approval. He discussed upcoming changes to the various committees and noted that there will be discussion at the next meeting around changes to the bylaws to move the MHSA Committee into the HIP structure. The process will then involve making an appointment from the BHAB to the HIP.

Steve McNally questioned when they will see a county plan to set targets for spending, expressed the difficulty in combining differing groups that have diverse budgets and requirements such as the Brown Act, requested the name of the county council member who will be involved with providing guidance to HCA and expressed his concern that the BHAB is not involved in the community engagement process.

Supervisor Foley provided the name of the County Council member in the chat. Dr. Nagel clarified that HCA could bring back information provided by County Council. Supervisor Foley requested that they table the committee items that are off agenda and requested that if there is a change to by laws, procedures, etc. HCA should send a report to the BHAB with recommendations and analysis at least two weeks before the next meeting so members are prepared to respond. She also suggested that the County Council staff could be available at the BHAB January retreat to present and answer questions from the BHAB.

Old Business: Action Item

- <http://www.ocalthinfo.com/bhs/about/pi/mhsa/updates>
- **MHSA Community Program Planning (CPP) Process for FY 22/23: Action Item**
Prior to the vote on the CPP process there was a discussion about the specifics of the CPP chart submitted. Supervisor Foley made a motion that was seconded by Karyl Dupee to approve the timeline only and requested that the surveys continue to be distributed through January 14. She also requested that there be discussion at the November 24 meeting focused on clarifying the full CPP process and that the survey used in the CPP be submitted to the BHAB for review as soon as possible. It was also clarified that the CPP process can begin prior to November 24 so as not to hold up the process. Voting took place via roll call with 10 yes/ 0 no and 0 abstentions in support of the CPP timeline.

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New Business:

- Chair and Vice Chair Nominations- The nomination committee, Karyl Dupee and Nita Tewari, noted that there were nominations for chair and vice chair that includes Duan Tran, Matt Holzmann and Steve McNally. Mara James and Fred Williams were also included for nomination. Jim Taylor and Nita Tewari respectfully declined their nominations. Nita requested that nominees send their statements of interest in the position to Nita and Karyl. These can be sent on to Terri Styner and Brad Hutchins for forwarding on to the other BHAB members. Voting will take place at the November 24 BHAB general meeting.
- Supervisor Foley continued the agenda item on mental health expenditures.
- Supervisor Foley presented on the County of Orange (unincorporated) and Costa Mesa Sober Living Home Ordinances. She noted the similarities and differences between the Costa Mesa and Orange county ordinances and discussed the importance of good neighbor policies, eviction notices, permitting guidelines, and other polices that help to ensure the health and safety of the residents and the community. She also noted the next steps to be taken in the regulatory process. She requested help from the BHAB on how to begin to map sober living homes in Orange County and how to best regulate them to ensure that facility residents are helped and not hurt. She requested that this item be added to the BHAB System of Care Meeting breakout session.

Committee Reports

- Due to time restraints, Fred Williams asked committee members to send in their reports via email to Brad Hutchins and Terri Styner.
- Karyl Dupee announced that there will be an older adult training on Friday November 5 for first responders on how best to interact with older adults with neurocognitive, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders.

Presentations

Introduction to the Orange County Sheriff Department's Behavioral Health Bureau

By: Captain AJ Patella & Sergeant Bill Burk
Orange County Sheriff's Department

Captain Patella and Sergeant Burk presented a comprehensive overview of the Orange County Sheriff's Department Behavioral Health Bureau. The purpose of the Behavioral Health Bureau is to create a professional, collaborative, and appropriate response to mental health calls for service. The presentation included information on the levels of training provided to the Sheriff staff, their collaboration with the HCA staff, providers and response teams and their response model and data analytics.



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Introduction to the Orange County Sheriff Department's Drug Prevention and Education Program

By: Sergeant Brian Gunsolley
Orange County Sheriff's Department

Sergeant Gunsolley presented on the Orange County Sheriff Department's Drug Prevention program. The purpose of the presentation was to provide information on the different types of drug prevention programs taught by deputies within the schools. They also discussed community drug education campaigns, available parent, and community education events as well as the inclusion of fentanyl education within their programs.

The Sheriff's Officers answered questions from the BHAB about Narcan, staff response, and budgets. It was also suggested that the Sheriff's Department conduct a town hall meeting with families of those living with a mental health condition to educate them on whole picture of the Behavioral Health Bureau.

Adjournment

- 11:13 a.m.

Officially submitted by: Terri Styner

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