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MHRS UPDATE

DATE: April 13, 2022

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

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SUBJECT: Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS) Update for April
2022

Adult and Older Adult Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS)

Outpatient Services: The county operated **Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)** teams have begun the process of informing clients of the new Enhanced Care Management (ECM) benefit available to them and enrolling those who are interested in the benefit. Once enrolled the PACT clinicians provide ongoing ECM services focused primarily on housing and coordinating various medical services such as, dental health, primary care health, etc.

Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP)

The **Community Suicide Prevention Initiative (CSPI)** in Orange County (OC) recently developed a Firearm Safety Brochure as part of their **Lethal Means Safety Initiative**. This initiative focuses on reducing access to lethal means or methods used for suicide during times of crisis, also known as “means safety”, one of the most effective evidence-based strategies for suicide prevention. The CSPI Coalition has adopted a multilevel approach which includes providing suicide prevention education to local gun shops and range staff, as well as having firearm distributors provide suicide prevention materials with each firearm sale such as the Firearm safety Brochure. This was a multi-agency collaboration including representatives from the City of Seal Beach, Hecht Trauma Institute, Mind OC, American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP) community members and the OSP. California Mental Health Services Act (CalMHSA) provided technical assistance. More information at: (www.stopfirearmsuicideoc.org)

A new data dashboard featuring information on deaths by suicide was created for the purpose of raising community awareness and strategic planning of suicide prevention efforts in Orange County. Having a better understanding of this data can support where the County places efforts and resources to work towards suicide prevention. The dashboard will allow users to search, sort and view data, charts, and maps by filtering the suicide self-harm and deaths data over time by age, gender, race, method of suicide and place of death. The information, which is sourced through the California Comprehensive Death File, is updated monthly.. The Dashboard was developed through a collaboration of several HCA departments, including the OSP, Office of Project

Management and Quality Improvement, Research and Information Technology. Visit the Dashboard at: www.ocheathinfo.com/suicide

Mental Health Awareness Month is in May and the OSP is partnering with county and community providers in the planning of community events to raise awareness on mental health. Please visit: <https://www.stigmafreeoc.com/eventscalendar/2022-05/> to view the events.

This year the statewide **Each Mind Matters Campaign** is being rebranded and the new campaign is named *Take Action for Mental Health*. The new strategy focuses on changing behaviors and removing barriers to taking action, focusing on three key actions:

- a) **Check-in** – on your mental health and with those around you
- b) **Learn more** – about the signs of mental illness and the support options available
- c) **Get help** – by finding the specific resources available in your area, making a phone call or appointment, or, in some way, reaching out to get help for yourself or someone you care about. Please check out the campaign at: (<https://takeaction4mh.com/>)

Children, Youth, and Prevention

Teen Project Vera’s Sanctuary Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) was closed effective 3/15/22 and is no longer contracted with HCA. Orange County continues to have ample STRTP beds available for dependent youth who are placed by Social Services Agency (SSA) in these homes

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

The MHSA Plan Update for FY 2022-23 was posted for a 30-day public comment period on 4/15/22. Public Comments to the Plan will be accepted through 5/15/22. An online form as well as a downloadable word document are both available to submit your comments. The MHSA Office will provide an update to the BHAB on at the regularly scheduled meeting on 4/27/22, on the changes to the plan. The Public Hearing for the Plan is scheduled for 5/25/22.

Agenda Staff Reports approved by the Board of Supervisor in March

03/08/202	Approve amendment 3 to renew contract MA-042-20010644 with Western Youth Services for behavioral health training services, 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	\$675,000
03/08/202	Approve amendment 1 to contract MA-042-21011324 with Regents of the University of California at Irvine for evaluation of Behavioral Health Innovation Projects, 3/8/22 - 4/26/23	\$716,917
03/22/202	Ratify participation agreement 1072-PSSC-2021-OC with California Mental Health Services Authority for peer support specialist certification, 1/1/22 - 12/31/22	N/A
03/22/202	Approve amendment 5 to renew contract MA-042-18010715 with Olive Crest for parent education services, 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	\$1,494,303
03/22/202	Approve amendment 4 to renew contract MA-042-18010716 with NAMI Orange County for family support services, 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	\$304,996
03/22/202	Approve amendment 3 to renew contract MA-042-20010365 with Mind OC for suicide prevention services, 4/1/22 - 6/30/23	\$375,000
03/22/202	Approve amendment 2 to contract MA-042-21010448 with Telecare Corporation for sobering center services, 7/1/21 - 6/30/22	\$130,095
03/22/202	Approve Psychiatric Advance Directives Multi-County Collaborative Mental Health Services Act Innovation Project; approve Personal Services Agreements with Syracuse University to serve as fiscal intermediary and contracting agent and with Syracuse University, Burton Blatt Institute for evaluation of technology platform, 4/8/22 - 6/30/26	\$12,888,948
03/22/202	Approve amendment 2 to Sponsorship agreement MA-042-20010901 with Angels Baseball LP for strategic marketing and outreach services, 12/31/21 - 12/30/22	\$1,600,000