



# County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, May 25, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Meeting Location:  
Zoom Teleconference Meeting

## General Meeting and MHSA Public Hearing

### MINUTES

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**Members Present:** Matthew Holzmann, Mara James, Stephen McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Courtney Smith, Jim Taylor, Duan Tran, Frederick Williams, Chase Wickersham

**Members Absent:** Karyl Dupee, Supervisor Doug Chaffee

### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Matt Holzmann who then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Welcome and Introductions

- Each member introduced themselves via roll call.

### Approval of Minutes

- April 13, 2022
  - Jim Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2022, meeting and Frederick Williams seconded the motion with a no changes. The minutes were approved via roll call for the record. Yes 8 / No 0 / Abstain 1
- April 27, 2022
  - Matthew Holzmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2022, meeting and Duan Tran seconded the motion with a comment to include one change. The minutes were approved via roll call for the record. Yes 9 / 0 No.

### Public Comment

No public comments

### Open of MHSA Public Hearing

Opening Remarks and Overview of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan Update and HCA Responses to Public Comments received: Jenny Hudson

- Jenny thanked the guests in attendance and the members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB), MHSA Office staff, and the community members who took part in participating in the community planning process. She explained the purpose of today's Public Hearing, which included a brief overview and all public comments received during the 30-day public comment period.



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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

- Jenny provided a detailed presentation overview of the 19 MHSA public comments and HCA responses to all public comments received during the 30-day public comment period for the MHSA Plan Update. The comments for the plan were arranged into 8 separate categories for their response. The categories included Veterans Strong Family, Strong Children (SFSC) which received 3 comments, Children and Youth Services which received 8 comments, Data Outcomes which received 2 comments, Crisis (CAT/ PERT) which received 1 comment, Prevention and Early Intervention which received 1 comment, alcove which received 2 comments, MHRS Systems received 1 comment, and Community planning and Budget which received 1 comment.

### Public Comments:

- **Helen Cameron:**  
Ms. Cameron shared she is excited to see the MHSA Plan Update, and the 19 comments which provide a template to engage the community. It also provides so many exciting opportunities available to engage the community. HCA continues to have robust services and recommends BHAB leadership advance the system of care for the community.
- **Lori Pack:**  
Ms. Pack shared her concern for the SFSC not being included in the plan update. She added, there is concern that there is a need for veteran services.
- **Michael Arnot:**  
Mr. Arnot thanked the BHAB for the Children's Mental Health Access collaborative and advocated for the increased needs of children. Mr. Arnot also thanked Dr. Kelley and the MHSA team and hopes to continue to work with this collaboration going forward. Mr. Arnot shared that we have several different levels of services, and there is a universal need for a common agenda for children's mental health, including universal definition of terms will be helpful
- **Michelle Pulido: (read out loud by Karla Perez)**  
Comment was from a member of the public, resident of Santa Ana, who expressed concern for homeless in Santa Ana and inquired if any funding would be allocated for to help with the homeless population.
- **Matthew Menchavez:**  
Mr. Menchavez inquired about Requests for Proposals and how to apply to contract with the County of Orange.

### BHAB Discussion

- Matthew Holzmann, Chair of the Board called upon the board for discussion on the MHSA Plan Update FY 22/23. Some of the discussion included the following:
- Steve McNally recommended MHSA staff to speak to people that submit public comments as a form of clarification and follow-up. He also asked for clarification on whether the MHSA Plan will be submitted with any amendments.



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**BHAB Discussion:** *(Continued)*

- Chase Wickersham asked if there was a way to promote the MHSA Plan Updates to a larger audience. HCA agreed with Chase and will continue to market the MHSA program to a larger audience. HCA was thankful for the thoughtfulness of these comments, and will continue to seek more community feedback, more comments, and more community participation.
- Frederick Williams suggested there is a need for summer programs be added to the increased services for youth and children.
- Kristen Pankratz shared her excitement to hear a public comment from a 10<sup>th</sup> grader. She suggested spreading the word about these comments to encourage youth an opportunity to have their voices be heard.
- Steve McNally encouraged HCA to hire people to increase awareness of the MHSA Plan, including via social media outlets.
- Clarification was provided on how MHSA financial adjustments are made once an MHSA Plan is submitted and approved the Board of Supervisors.
- Jenny Hudson and Annette Mugrditchian addressed some of the concerns raised by members.

**BHAB Recommendations and Vote:**

- Matthew Holzmann called on members for any substantive recommendations on the MHSA Annual Plan Update. The following 4 substantive recommendations were made by the 9 members present; quorum was met.

**Recommendation #1:** Steve McNally called for a motion to allow funding for Strong Families, Strong Children – at the full amount of \$1.1 million, to protect staffing, protect children and the distribution network where they distribute services which can be beneficial to HCA, with a 9 yes/ 0 No / 0 abstain vote.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Matthew Holzmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Duan Tran

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor Doug Chaffee			
Karyl Dupee			
Matthew Holzmann	X		
Mara James	X		
Stephen McNally	X		
Kristen Pankratz, MSW	X		
Courtney Smith	X		
Jim Taylor	X		
Duan Tran	X		
Fred Williams	X		
Chase Wickersham	X		



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**Recommendation #2:** Steve McNally called for a motion to Determine Universal Mental Health Screening, particularly for kinder, 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade, with a 9 yes/ 0 No / 0 abstain vote.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Matthew Holzmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Jim Taylor

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor Doug Chaffee			
Karyl Dupee			
Matthew Holzmann	X		
Mara James	X		
Stephen McNally	X		
Kristen Pankratz, MSW	X		
Courtney Smith	X		
Jim Taylor	X		
Duan Tran	X		
Fred Williams	X		
Chase Wickersham	X		

**Recommendation #3:** Matthew Holzmann called for a motion to Allow funding of \$2-4 million for an overdose prevention campaign – to provide education for family members to know how to access Narcan as a life saving measure, with a 9 yes/ 0 No / 0 abstain vote.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Frederick Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Steve McNally

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor Doug Chaffee			
Karyl Dupee			
Matthew Holzmann	X		
Mara James	X		
Stephen McNally	X		
Kristen Pankratz, MSW	X		
Courtney Smith	X		
Jim Taylor	X		
Duan Tran	X		
Fred Williams	X		
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**Recommendation #4:** Steve McNally called for a motion to Become aware of Alcove’s needs and recommendation to allow funding for Alcove and related programs, with a 9 yes/ 0 No / 0 abstain vote.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Matthew Holzmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Duan Tran

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor Doug Chaffee			
Karyl Dupee			
Matthew Holzmann	X		
Mara James	X		
Stephen McNally	X		
Kristen Pankratz, MSW	X		
Courtney Smith	X		
Jim Taylor	X		
Duan Tran	X		
Fred Williams	X		
Chase Wickersham	X		

The BHAB voted in support to move forward with the MHSA Annual Plan Update FY 22–23, for the approval of the Board of Supervisors, with a 9 yes/ 0 No / 0 abstain vote.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Matthew Holzmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Frederick Williams

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor Doug Chaffee			
Karyl Dupee			
Matthew Holzmann	X		
Mara James	X		
Stephen McNally	X		
Kristen Pankratz, MSW	X		
Courtney Smith	X		
Jim Taylor	X		
Duan Tran	X		
Fred Williams	X		
Chase Wickersham			

**Adjournment**

- 7:45 p.m.

**Officially submitted by: Karla Perez**

*\*\*Note: Copies of all writings pertaining to items in these BHAB minutes are available for public review in the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Board Office, 405 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701, 714.834.5481 or Email: OCMentalHealthBoard@ochca.com*