



# County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, April 27, 2022  
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Meeting Location:  
Zoom Teleconference Meeting

## MINUTES

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### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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### BHAB MEMBERS

Matthew Holzmann

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Lauren Deperine

Karyl Dupee, LMFT

Mara James

Stephen McNally

Kristen Pankratz, MSW

Courtney Smith

Jim Taylor

Duan Tran, MSW

Frederick Williams, LMFT

**Members Present:** Karyl Dupee, Matthew Holzmann, Stephen McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Duan Tran, Mara James, Jim Taylor, Chase Wickersham, Fred Williams

**Members Absent:** Lauren Deperine, Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Courtney Smith,

### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:03 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.

### Approval of Minutes

- March 23, 2022
  - Steve McNally made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2022, meeting and Jim Taylor seconded the motion with a comment to include requested items to old business agenda item. The minutes were approved for the record. Yes 8 /0 No/ 1 abstain

### Public Comment

- Michael Arnot-  
Mr. Arnot addressed the need for children mental health services and thanked Dr. Kelley and the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) for their support and focus on children's mental health.
- Lori Pack-  
Ms. Pack provided information and data outcomes on the Strong Families Strong Children Program, a successful program that serves Orange County Veteran families. She seeks the support and help of the BHAB to find a solution to continue services, currently delivered through the Innovation project in which is set to end on June 30, 2022.
- Max Lopez-  
Mr. Lopez also addressed the need for children's mental health needs on a national level. He shared a link for a presentation which contains data on children's mental health screening.



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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**

Mental Health & Recovery Services

- Zane Meints-  
Mr. Meints from Western Youth Services represents the access coordination component of the children's mental health access collaborative. He also expressed the need children's mental health services, as they have a lengthy waitlist for people to get linked to services. Mr. Meints thanked the board and HCA for prioritizing children's mental health.
- Cory Vigil-  
Mr. Vigil provided a comment on behalf of the Strong Families Strong Children, which has seen an increase in children mental health issues and should this program loose their funding after their contract expires it would leave many more families in need on waitlists. He noted this program is a critical need for the community.
- Meredith Cagle-  
Ms. Cagle informed the BHAB members on the services provided at Beyond Blindness. She also emphasized the rise in numbers for the need of mental health services especially for those with disabilities.
- Maryam Sayyedi-  
Ms. Sayyedi is from the Omid Multicultural Institute for Development which provides cultural and linguistically responsive mental health care services to the underserved community. She expressed her support for the Children Mental Health Coalition and addressed the need for more children mental health services.

### MHRS Chief's Report – Linda Molina

- Linda Molina took questions in reference to the Mental Health Services and Recovery (MHRS) update memo that was sent out to the board via email. She highlighted the Community Suicide Prevention Initiative in Orange County through a multi-agency collaboration, they developed a firearm safety brochure which is an evidence-based practice to reduce access to firearms during a mental health crisis. They have also created a new dashboard which is featuring information to raise awareness and do strategic planning regarding suicide prevention and awareness. May is mental health awareness month, this year the theme is "Take Action for Mental Health" which focuses on changing behaviors and removing barriers to taking action. Moreover, the Mental Health Services Act Plan (MHSA) Plan Update has now been posted for the 30-day public comment period through May 15, 2022. Furthermore, one of the short term residential therapeutic programs was closed but can continue to have ample beds to support those youth. Finally, the PACT team is officially conducting the enhanced care management (ECM) one of the many initiatives that are part of CalAim.



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## Old Business

- MHSAs Public Hearing:  
Matthew Holzmann reminded the BHAB members of the upcoming Public Hearing on the MHSAs Plan Update FY 22/23, taking place on May 25, 2022, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.
- Items Pending from HCA:
  - Timeline of MHSAs Related Proposals- Steve McNally suggested having a timeline to track some of the events that going to go before the BHAB so that they are aware ahead of time and it allows for room to work on a lot more different areas.
  - Matthew and Chase asked to put the Innovation Strong Families Strong Children contract for discussion at an upcoming System of Care (SOC) meeting.

## New Business

**ISO Drug Update** – Matthew Holzmann updated the BHAB members on a new drug called ISO which is ten times more lethal than fentanyl. With there being a fentanyl crisis, there is a tremendous need for additional naloxone. Naloxone will work on ISO, however, it will take several doses so there is a greater need. Frederick Williams commented on how clients tend to look for a greater high and its concerning that this new drug is being advertised as it will prompt clients to seek ISO, therefore causing the overdose rates to spike. Members of the BHAB engaged in a discussion as to how to advocate for additional Narcan and also explained the process as to how people access Narcan or Naloxone. Matthew noted the need to highlight the new drug and will move this discussion to further discuss during the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) SOC meeting.

## **Residential Rehabilitation Center's: discussion to provide solutions to drug related issues.**

Matthew Holzmann asked to put this item on the SUD SOC.

## Committee Reports

**Executive Committee** – Matthew Holzmann, Steve McNally and Duan Tran talked about calendarizing their first Executive Committee meeting sometime soon.

**Older Adult Ad Hoc Committee** – Karyl Dupee noted that their group continues working on following up on the master plan on aging and suggested they change their recommendations for the Office on Aging rather than the Board of Supervisors. Theresa Comstock advised Karyl of the role of the BHAB, which is to advise the BOS. The group is welcomed to create a document with recommendations in which they agree upon as a whole Board and later sharing across all boards commissions. Karyl added they will proceed as such and also send it to the BOS.

**SUD System of Care-** Steve McNally stated they are learning a lot about SUD currently. Matthew Holzmann stated that there is not enough Narcan in the community to meet the need.



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**Legislation:** Steve McNally reported Care Court had a hearing today.

**Membership:** There are several openings, and we have one possible appointment if approved by the BIS on June 28, 2022.

## Presentation

### *MHSA Plan Update Fiscal Year 22/23 Overview*

By: Jenny Hudson, MHSA Coordinator

Mental Health and Recovery Services, Orange County Health Care Agency

Jenny Hudson provided an comprehensive overview on the MHSA Plan Update FY 22/23. She focused on specific items such as the full service partnerships (FSPs), the Warm Line, performance outcome measures, budget projections, and provided a quick update on how to navigate the plan.

Due to lack of time, the Q&A for this presentation will be postponed for the Mental Health SOC meeting.

## Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

### **Officially submitted by: Karla Perez**

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