



COUNTY OF ORANGE  
HEALTH CARE AGENCY

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
& ALCOHOL AND DRUG  
ADVISORY BOARD

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**Study Meeting Notes**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2020**

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Teleconference meeting via Zoom**

**By Computer:** <https://zoom.us/j/819682651>

**By Phone:** +1 301 715 8592

**Meeting ID:** 819-682-651

**Members Present:**

Christine Costa, Stacy Deeble-Reynolds, Karyl Dupee, Sandra Finestone, Johnnie Harris, Geoffrey Henderson, Matthew Holzmann, Debra Kelsey, Stephan Lambert, Steve McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Michael Rose, Courtney Smith, Nita Tewari, Joy Torres, Duan Tran,

**Members Absent:**

Supervisor Andrew Do, Margaret Fleitman, Lorraine Martinez, John Merwald, Bethsabe Romero, Lauren Slivinski, Frederick Williams

**I. Welcome & Introduction: Michael Rose**

- Meeting began at 9:01 a.m. Each member of the ADAB and MHB introduced themselves via roll call.

**II. Public Comment**

- Jim Farrell:  
Mr. Farrell stressed that mixing populations for substance use disorder and mental health is not a good idea. He shared a story from another concerned parent, and asked that we come up with a plan for a more positive outcomes.
- Michael Arnot:  
Mr. Arnot suggested having a contingency plan on any revenue cuts due to COVID. He stressed planning ahead is very important to allow sufficient time to prioritize and continue to include the community. In addition, he recommends reporting the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) cash balance for transparency.

**III. Scheduled Discussion Item**

- Program Updates-Brett O'Brien  
Brett provided an update on a phone call data for several county contracted programs. Some data updates included the following. The Didi Hirsch hotline call volume as decreased from last year. The NAMI Warmline call volumes have includes significantly, in particular during the last few

months due to distress from COVID. This program is currently running on 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The CYBH CAT call volumes have decreased from last year and the CAT adult call volumes and evaluations have increased this fiscal year.

- Project Roomkey- Jason Austin provided a detailed update on this project. Through this project, Orange County is able to provide COVID response in providing motels for the certain populations in the homeless community to isolate themselves or quarantine. They are being offered for vulnerable populations, for folks who are symptomatic or have tested positive. There are several sites available with large capacity throughout Orange County. In addition, there is a shelter with a capacity for 100 beds, currently at 30 capacity for vulnerable population who are non-symptomatic. Currently they are taking referrals from law enforcement, hospitals, shelter providers and outreach providers. There are no set timeline guidance as to how long these services will be offered, however they continue to stay updated with guidelines from the State.
- Follow-up on the review of MHB Statutory Responsibilities and Code of Ethics: The Resource and Finance Committee provided information to the members to review and acknowledge the Board's responsibilities. The Board members engaged in a discussion and agreed to look at this in an ongoing basis to continue to meet their standards. There will be a upcoming member training for members.

#### **IV. Open Discussion:**

- Public Comments Received:
  - Concern for programs who have co-occurring clients as it may become conflictive for some clients, in particular at Phoenix House. Suggestion was made to have these programs keep dual-diagnosed clients separate from those with no illness to avoid conflict.
    - April Thornton provided a quick overview of how services are managed at Phoenix house as well as how any conflicts are handled at the facility. In addition, she mentioned that under DMC clients now have a right to a fair hearing should they be discharged unfairly.
    - Matthew Holzmann suggested for training to be available to all staff.
  - Cal optima Member Advisory Committee is recruiting for a consumer seat and will soon have an opening for a beneficiary seat in June.

#### **V. Committee Reports:**

- Committee Reports will be sent out via email if any are available.

#### **VI. Announcements:**

- N/A

#### **VII. Adjournment**

- Meeting ended at 10:51 a.m.