



**COUNTY OF ORANGE
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Study Committee Planning Meeting Notes

**Tuesday, January 14, 2014
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

Health Care Agency
405 W. 5th Street, 2nd Floor, Room #202
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Members Present: Ehsan Gharadjedaghi, April Guajardo, Judith Lewis, Karyn Mendoza, Carolyn Nguyen, Michael Rose

Members Absent: Supervisor Patricia C. Bates, Jeffrey Davis, Brian Jacobs, Brian Lam, Nomi Lonky, Richard McConaughy, Gregory Swift

I. Welcome & Introduction

- Opened at 8:05 am
- Each member and attendee introduced themselves and their affiliation.

II. Discussion Regarding Purpose of Study Committee Planning Meeting

- Michael shared her thoughts on the structure of the MHB Study Committee Planning Meeting. She reminded board members that the purpose of this meeting is to serve as a working meeting. Further, Michael encouraged board members to ensure that passion with advocacy doesn't drive divide – rather a teamwork environment.

III. Public Comment

- None

IV. Board Retreat Discussion

- Michael informed the new members that the MHB Annual Retreat is an opportunity for the board to discuss the prior year goals/objectives, set new priorities and goals, and brainstorm on what programs the board would like to hear from. Traditionally, a couple of staff from BHS attends this meeting. Also, the board does a team building exercise and there are refreshments.
- Members agreed on the following day/time for the MHB Annual Retreat: Saturday, February 22, 2014, 9am – 1:00pm. Danielle will confirm location once it's been finalized.

V. Open Discussion

- Mary Hale updated the board on Senate Bill (SB) 82, Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act 2013. This grant provides funding to provide new or expanded Crisis Stabilization, Crisis Residential beds, and/or Mobile Crisis Support Team Programs. These new, one-time funds

provide funding for development, capital, equipment acquisition; and program start-up or expansion costs to be used for expanding community-based services, which may include Crisis Intervention, Stabilization, and Residential Treatment. Particularly, Orange County will be applying for this one-time funding. Staff is working on the application in efforts of submitting it before the upcoming deadline. The anticipated use of these funds in Orange County includes the renovation of a building that will provide accessible, professional, cost-effective services to individuals in psychiatric and/or substance abuse crisis and strive to stabilize consumers on-site and avoid psychiatric hospitalization in situations where a lower level of care is appropriate.

VI. Committee Reports

- *Centralized Assessment Team (CAT) Ad Hoc Committee: Judith Lewis*
Judith updated the board members on the status of the committee and distributed a written report. The report included the six (6) committee recommendations and BHS responses. The CAT Ad Hoc Committee report will be put on the January 22, 2014 – MHB General Meeting Agenda for a vote.
- *Older Adult Services (OAS) Committee: Michael Rose*
Michael updated the board members on the status of the committee and distributed a written report. The report included the committee's recommendation. The OAS Committee report will be put on the January 22, 2014 – MHB General Meeting Agenda for a vote.

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.