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ALCOHOL & DRUG ADVISORY BOARD

**Hall of Administration
Planning Commission Hearing Room
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.
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**March 1, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Minutes**

Members Present: Stacy Deeble-Reynolds, Margaret Fleitman, Johnnie Harris, Geoffrey Henderson, Debra Kelsey Lauren Slivinski, Frederick Williams, Nancy Wilson

Members Absent: Lorraine Martinez, Fasi Siddiqui

I. Opening at 9:08 a.m.

- Each board member and guest introduced themselves and their respective affiliations.

Approval of Minutes: Action Item

- **February 1, 2018**
The minutes of February 1, 2018 were approved and placed on file.
Motion: Debra Kelsey
Second: Johnnie Harris
Vote: Approved, 8 yes/0 no

II. Committee Reports:

- *Membership Committee- Lorraine Martinez, Debra Kelsey*
 - Few applications have been received and are currently being reviewed.
- *Nominating Committee- Lorraine Martinez, Debra Kelsey*
 - No Update.
- *Mental Health Board Liaison- Frederick Williams, Debra Kelsey, Stacy Deeble-Reynolds, Fasi Siddiqui*
 - The Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the purchase of a property on Anita St. for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services. Funding for Innovation Project: Mental Health Technology Solution and additional MHSA Housing has recently been approved.
- *Provider Meeting- Lorraine Martinez, Frederick Williams*
 - No Update.
- *Criminal Justice Treatment Committee – Geoff Henderson, Frederick Williams*

- There is a bill that proposes imposing penalties for under age (under the age of 21) marijuana use similar to under age use of alcohol with driving offenses and suspension of driver's license.
- *Community Forum Planning Committee– Geoff Henderson, Lorraine Martinez, Debra Kelsey, Margaret Fleitman, Lauren Slivinski*
 - Even though the Opioid Forum has taken place, this committee will continue to exist and identify new community forums to plan.
- Community Collaborative Committee:
 - *Drug Prevention Coalition: Margaret Fleitman*
 - Meets in Mission Viejo every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Western Youth Services did a presentation at the last meeting, and recent talks have centered on implications of marijuana legalization.
 - *Orange County RX & OTC Coalition: Margaret Fleitman*
 - No Update.
 - *Orange County Substance Abuse Prevention Network (OCSAPN): Stacy Deeble-Reynolds*
 - Recently, OCSAPN sponsored Vietnamese Families Wellness Conference, which is a parent led project that focuses on improving youth mental health of Vietnamese community. Turning Point Center for Families is the next spotlight agency, presenting at the next meeting on March 23, 2018.
 - *Mental Health Services ACT (MHSA) Steering Committee: Lorraine Martinez, Stacy Deeble-Reynolds, Frederick Williams, Fasi Siddiqui*
 - No Update. Next meeting is on March 19, 2018.

III. Old Business:

- Letter of Support for Drug Medi-Cal: Geoff Henderson shared that he did not have the letter of support drafted due to concerns and questions that still needed to be answered/clarified. Sandra Fair will assist with the language of the letter and the board will continue to further discuss Drug Medi-Cal during the BHS updates.
- A motion was made to change the dark meeting from August 2, 2018 to July 5, 2018, which was seconded and approved.

IV. New Business:

- Geoff Henderson shared that the newly establish Housing Council held a meeting recently, he made a public comment to remind the council that they consider drug and alcohol addiction issues when planning. Geoff Henderson also shared he attended a CalOptima event where Sandra Fair did a presentation on Drug Medi-Cal and discussions took place on how CalOptima will partner with the County when it comes to Drug Medi-Cal implementation.

V. Presentation/Discussion:

Brown Act Compliance, Role/Purpose of ADAB and Advising County Director and the Board of Supervisors

Massoud Shamel, Deputy County Counsel

Brett O'Brien, LMFT, Director of Children, Youth and Prevention Behavioral Health

Massoud Shamel presented on Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (ADAB) and The Brown Act. Under the ADAB bylaws he reviewed the membership, duties, committees and quorum. Under the Brown Act, he reviewed various ad hoc committees, various types of meetings and sessions and requirements for those meetings and sessions, as well as enforcement of the Brown Act.

Brett O'Brien informed the board that they advise two entities: Alcohol and Drug Administrator which is the Behavioral Health Director, Mary Hale and the Board of Supervisors. One way is to meet directly with the Behavioral Health Director or his/her designee, as well as the Board of Supervisors. He asked the

board to keep the Behavioral Health Director informed of any scheduled meetings with the Board of Supervisors. The board can also inform and/or advise through a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the Behavioral Health Director and asked the board to send letters through the County liaison. Topics on what to advise about include supporting programs, initiatives, concerns with what is impacting the community, areas where more attention is needed. More effort will be made by HCA to circle back and report back on the receipt of any letters sent and including any feedback from the recipient.

For additional information on the presentation, please contact Karla Perez at kperez@ochca.com.

VI. BHS Update:

Brett O'Brien- Santa Ana Riverbed homeless population has been cleared out and housed in motels for minimum of 30 days. Those individuals are also followed up and assessed for mental health and substance use disorder service needs as well as health and housing needs to be linked up to services. Our hope is that these individuals will be receiving various services and work towards being more self-sufficient. While we had 20 residential beds and detox services available to these individuals, not a single individual accepted the offer for them. We hope at some point that some of them will accept treatment, which will be continued to be offered to them.

Sandra Fair- The intergovernmental contract for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) is scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisor for approval on April 10, 2018. DMC is a funding stream that will allow the Medi-Cal beneficiaries receive substance use disorder treatment. It will allow increased residential treatment, integrated care with physical and mental health, as well as medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorders. She addressed concerns regarding the decline of social model programs in favor of medical model programs, stating that social model programs will still be available but the major change is that those receiving services need to meet medical necessity requirement. There will still be social model programs available to certain groups such as criminal justice population that are not eligible for Medi-Cal services. The City of Santa Ana has not renewed the permit for the needle exchange program, which has affected other harm reduction efforts such as naloxone distribution.

Mitch Cherness- Applications are being taken for recovery residences on bidsync, for probationers and AB 109 population. We are also taking applications for detox and residential treatment, for those providers that are DMC certified. We are negotiating for Bridge Housing, an 18-month program to help people find permanent housing. We have permanent supportive housing units being completed in Santa Ana and two projects in Fullerton and Yorba Linda currently in development.

VII. ADEPT Report:

Amy Buch- Amy talked about the Prescription Drug Awareness Month, and experiments are taking place with safe medication disposal medication efforts. About 100 people attended the alcohol-free Super Bowl Event in San Clemente last week.

VIII. Public Comment:

- None.

IX. Adjournment

- **10:55 a.m.**

Note: Copies of all writings pertaining to items in these ADAB minutes are available for public review in the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Board Office, 405 W. 5th Street, Suite 354, Santa Ana, CA 92701, 714.834.5481 or Email: kamezquita@ochca.com