



County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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Wednesday, August 28, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Meeting Location:

601 N. Ross St., Santa Ana, CA 92701
Conference Center

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Members Present: Alan Albright, Karyl Dupee, Heidi Girolamo, Matthew Holzmann, Stephen McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Jim Taylor, Fred Williams

Members Absent: Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Courtney Smith, Duan Tran, Chase Wickersham

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:08 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

- July 27, 2022
 - Jim Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2022, meeting and Frederick Williams seconded the motion. The minutes were approved for the record. Yes 7 /0 No/ 1/ abstain

Public Comment

- Michael Arnot:
Mr. Arnot addressed the gaps in children's mental health services. He urged the BHAB to address these gaps and short term and immediately. He also addressed long term planning that can be done with the MHSA plan. Mr. Arnot provided some background on the Children's Collaborative and how the providers that make up the collaborative are addressing some of the need for children's mental health services.
- Tay Sanders-
Mr. Sanders is a participant in the Children's Mental Health Collaborative, he highlighted services provided by the Children's Guidance Center in particular PC Care an evidence-based practice of parent child interaction therapy. He also mentioned additional efforts and advocated for ways to continue these efforts.
- Lee Lombardo-
Ms. Lombardo expressed her concern for long wait lists at children's mental health clinics. She also expressed a need for children perinatal mental health services.



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HEALTH CARE AGENCY

**Veronica Kelley, Ph.D.,
Chief**

Mental Health & Recovery Services

**Annette Mugrditchian, LCSW
Director of Operations**

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**Karla Perez
Staff Specialist**

Mental Health & Recovery Services

MHRS Chief's Report – Annette Mugrditchian

- Annette Mugrditchian provided a Mental Health Services and Recovery (MHRS) update. She provided some highlights including an update on Be Well Irvine and BHCIP dollars. HCA was awarded \$10 million from DHCS in June 2022, for the continuum and infrastructure program to help fund phase 1 of the Be Well Campus in Irvine. The grant will help build a crisis building which will include four programs; a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) with 16 adults and 8 adolescent beds, crisis residential for both adults and adolescents, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) co-occurring services with withdraw management, and a sobering center for 12 days. The grant will only pay for the CSU and the sobering center. The capacity for phase 1 will have approximately ability for eight 8,900 clients annually and construction is set to begin later this year and finish by late 2024. Currently, we are in the process of applying for BHCIP round 4 to fund adolescent residential children and family services. Furthermore, we are in beginning discussions with the CEO regarding Care Court to participate in cohort one which would be October 2023, however, this legislation continues to evolve at the state level.
- During Recovery Happens month, HCA is conducting Hope for Recovery, Addressing the Opioid Crisis in Orange County events in all 5 of the supervisory districts. The first one is on 8/30/22 in Orange at the Behavioral Health Training Center and the second one is on 9/7/22 in Fullerton.
- The members engaged in a discussion regarding residential treatment and withdraw management, to include discussion on adding of more beds and soliciting more providers.

Presentation

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Collaborative Courts (Drug, DUI, and Mental Health Courts)

By: Chi Lam, Program Manager MHRS Collaborative Services

Tracy Ernt, Program Manager MHRS Collaborative Services

Diane Holley, Division Manager MHRS

Special Guest Speaker, Don Keith, Drug Court Graduate

Tracy Ernt provided a comprehensive overview of Drug Court and DUI Court. Drug Court's mission is to provide a comprehensive treatment and supervision program to non-violent offenders charged with drugs. Currently, Drug Court is offered at five justice centers. DUI Court which was designed back in 2004 with the goal of helping repeated DUI offenders achieve sobriety while reducing the dangers of driving under the influence. Currently DUI Court is offered at 4 justice centers and is a 12-18 month voluntary treatment program. Chi Lam provided a comprehensive overview of the Collaborative Courts which include four court programs which include WIT, Opportunity Court, Recovery Court, and Assisted Intervention Court. Outcomes data was provided for all courts. Furthermore, A special guest speaker who graduated from Drug Court provided his inspirational success story.



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Old Business

- Items Pending from HCA:
Timeline of MHSA Related Proposals/ Plan

New Business

- Facilitation of Community Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Response System: The BHAB SUD SOC is actively working with the behavioral health collaborative on a lot of efforts.
- Discussion of New Ultra -Potent Synthetic Opioid: Matthew sent out an informational sheet on Nitazines which is a new class of opioid which is much stronger than Fentanyl. This was found in Florida.
- Steve discussed some of the MHRS Agenda Staff Reports (ASRs) for the 8/23/22 Board of Supervisors meeting. Steve requested a one-page report on the \$17 million for the Chorus contracts.
- Members welcomed new member Alan Albright.

Committee Reports

- Executive Committee: Matthew Holzmann reported they met with Dr. Kelley on a lot of what is going on at the State level, in Orange County, including a data shatter proof program that is coming soon and has already been introduced in LA County. In addition, he reminded the members of the SUD town halls that will be taking place throughout the County.
- Older Adult: Karyl reported they put together a pilot program for those with a co-occurring diagnosis with mental health and a neurocognitive diagnosis. We are meeting with various providers and will be meeting with HCA as well to look at funding options

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Officially submitted by: Karla Perez

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