



COUNTY OF ORANGE  
**HEALTH CARE AGENCY**  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
ADVISORY BOARD

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**Special Meeting and Mental  
Health and Substance Use  
Disorder System of Care  
Meetings  
NOTES**

**Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Teleconference meeting via Zoom**

**By Computer:**

<https://zoom.us/j/99364554212>

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

**Meeting ID:** 993-6455-4212

**Members Present:** Heidi Girolamo, Matthew Holzmann, Steve McNally, Duan Tran, Chase Wickersham, Frederick Williams,

**Members Absent:** Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Karyl Dupee, Kristen Pankratz, Courtney Smith, Jim Taylor,

**I. Welcome & Introduction**

- Matt Holzmann called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) introduced themselves via roll call.

**II. Opening of SUD SOC Meeting:**

- Matt Holzmann called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

**III. Public Comment: SUDSOC**

- Zane  
Mr. Zane who is part of the Children's Collaborative, expressed his concern on the delay with linkage to services for children's mental health services.

- Michael Arnot:  
Mr. Arnot thanked the BHAB for considering a letter of support for the Children’s Mental Health Access Collaborative. In addition, he talked about a component of the project, which is the clinical peer support specialist which would help with a number of issue to accelerate the treatment process which would allow more people to be served.
- Johnice Williams:  
Ms. Williams provide information on the OC Recovery Connection Rally that is taking place on August 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9am – 2pm at Kiwanis Land Park. There will be another event, on August 27<sup>th</sup>, at Bonita Canyon Sports Park at Newport Beach.

#### **IV. Mental Health System of Care (MHSOC) Items:**

- Public Comments Received:
  - Consider writing a letter of support for the Children’s Community Collaborative Project. – Matt questioned why the BHAB should be working on a letter of support when MHRS was supportive of this project. Annette provided clarification on this project, as there currently is no Request for Proposal (RFP) out as of yet. MHRS is supportive of the concept but there is no RFP on the services out yet. Michael Arnot provided clarification which included this project possibly being considered as a Sole Source as there is no existing RFP. Michael will send additional information via email.
- The BHAB members reviewed the previous General BHAB Meeting presentation, on Behavioral health System Transformation (BHST) Part II and participated in a discussion to learn more about the project. Some of the members expressed concern with contracting private insurance companies. Matthew Holzmann expressed concern with the program’s timeline and project goals. He asked for goals to defined. Karla Perez suggested to gather a list of questions for Mind OC. Some of those items included defining of goals and obtaining some clarification of the goals described. Chase asked to see metrics on what is being accomplished once it rolls out.
- Items to discuss at future meetings:
  - Matt suggested to list out various Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) programs and asking the board members if they should have any specific interest. MHRS is looking to optimize their MHSA programs and as a board BHAB should begin to look into the MHSA program and see how they are working. Matt also mentioned he has requested a metrics on all the MHSA programs. Annette suggested to look into the MHSA plan, the MHSA office staff can highlight where to find all information being requested.
  - Duan suggested to please submit any agenda presentation or topic items with one week in advance to Karla Perez.
  - Chase Wickersham suggested to look at a reference material for the effectiveness of the Be Well Campus. He referenced a dashboard that is currently under production and should be released soon. These types of dashboards will be very useful and helpful not only for the BHAB but also for the community.

#### **V. Opening of SUD SOC Meeting:**

- Steve McNally called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

## **VI. Public Comment: SUDSOC**

- Maura Mikulec-  
Ms. Mikulec questioned if the philosophy of substance abuse treatment is ever addressed on a County level. Example provided of a client being late to a detox and getting turned away potentially putting them at risk for an overdose. She also asked if there is a list of phone numbers for detox beds attached with the availability.

## **VII. Substance Use System of Care (SUDSOC) Items:**

- Overview of County Substance Use Disorder System- Dr. Veronica Kelley  
Dr. Kelley provided a comprehensive overview on Orange County's Substance Use Disorder (SUD) System of Care. She included the funding source that allow for SUD services which include Substance Abuse Block Grants (SABG), Drug Medi-Cal (DMC), and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (ODS). Dr. Kelley provided the services covered under the various funding sources. She also provided an overview of the Prevention Plan and explained how the need is determined as well as how the strategic framework is developed. Furthermore, Dr. Kelley went over the monitoring of DUI providers and provided information on Collaborative Courts. She provided an update on the Distribution of Narcan and the tracking that will take place upon distribution. Finally, she informed the BHAB on preparations for the reorganization of MHRS and informed them of a new career path for AOD counselors.
- ADEPT Update: Carolyn Secrist  
The State Department of Health Care Service has been working on a strategic plan, a Behavioral Health Prevention Plan. It will include immerging trends, identify priority goals and objectives, highlight the opportunity for collaboration and partnerships across the systems, identify specific needs, highlight and promote the use of evidence based, evidence informed and best practices statewide for prevention services. It will also include recommendations for culturally responsive services in prevention, as well as streamline evaluation data collection. The State will relieve each County to develop their own plan to focus more locally on service delivery and working on local goals and objectives. The plan for the State is to begin July 1, 2023, MHRS will keep you posted on the State and local level. Furthermore, MHRS completed a successful application for funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to have two additional projects in the community. In addition, she announced the second launch of the youth opioid social media prevention campaign called, "Greater than Drugs" and build a website: Life is Greater than Drugs.com"

## **VIII. System of Care Shared Updates:**

- 2022 Data Notebook- Update  
Karla Perez is working with MHRS managers to obtain program information that is needed in order to complete the Data Notebook. Thereafter, she will schedule a meeting with the Data Notebook Ad Hoc and MHRS staff to answer any follow-up questions on the information provided and after that the meeting the ad hoc will meet and finalize the report to turn in to the State.

- **BHAB Finance Ad Hoc-**  
The ad hoc has not met and is awaiting to hear the upcoming MHSA Fiscal presentation by Julia Rinaldi in September.
- **BHAB Budget-**  
The BHAB has been provided with a \$40,000 budget for the year, primarily for members to attend trainings and conferences. Matthew asked for members to please advise Karla and the BHAB of additional conferences that may be of interest for all members. Matthew also mentioned that members will need to provide a report following the attendance of an event.
- Steve McNally announced that the BHAB will hold their annual retreat in December as opposed to January like in previous years. MHRS staff is working on hiring a facilitator to help facilitate the retreat. This retreat will cover strategizing and planning for the next year as well as work with the BHAB members on how to work better as a team. This will be an all-day event and will be held in person.
- Matthew Holzmann announced September is National Recovery Happens Month, Suicide Prevention Awareness Week 9/6- 9/12, and World Suicide Prevention Day is 9/10.
- Karla Perez reminded the BHAB that the next General Meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup>, will be held in person.

## **IX. Adjournment**

- Meeting ended at 11:15 a.m.