



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

Wednesday, September 14, 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

- Keith Torkelson
Mr. Torkelson requested to do a presentation during the next meeting's public comment.
- Michael Arnot:
Mr. Arnot thanked the BHAB for including the need for additional children's Mental health services. He urged the BHAB members to address the gap in children's mental

health services based on the data provided via universal screenings in the schools. He suggested looking into not only long-term goals but immediate responses to address these needs.

- **Shannon Pink:**
Mr. Pink expressed his concern for inpatient chemical dependency and inpatient psychiatric care in the emergency department. They shortly are discharged but are not able to be placed into detox facilities. He asked for status on the Be Well OC Medical Detox that was planned to open for medical detox services.

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

Action Item:

- Find by majority vote: the following findings under Government Code section 54953(e)(3): (1) The BHAB’s Substance Use Disorder System of Care has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency currently in effect; (2) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.
- Set a meeting for October 12, 2022, to make findings pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e).

1st Motion: Karyl Dupee, 2nd Motion: Frederick Williams

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor Doug Chaffee			
Karyl Dupee	X		
Heidi Girolamo			
Matthew Holzmann			
Stephen McNally	X		
Kristen Pankratz, MSW	X		
Jim Taylor	X		
Duan Tran	X		
Fred Williams	X		
Chase Wickersham	X		

- **Public Comments Received:**
Review Children’s Mental Health: Concern about wait times, gaps in children’s mental health services and delay in linkage to services- MHRS provided a response to some of the concerns that have been raised in public comment with regard to children’s mental health services. MHRS agrees that the Mental Health Plan outpatient clinics are significantly impacted right now due to a combination of staffing vacancies and an increase in the number of youth seeking services. The increase can be attributed to factors such as ACE’s screening due to the pandemic. County Children’s mental health clinics do not have wait lists, but there is a current delay in the ability to obtain a routine intake appointment within the 10-day timeframe mandated for the Mental Health Plan and should this happen a Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination (NOABD) for Timely Access is issued. To address this issue, there was increases in funding for contracted providers with the intent to ensure contractors are able to add positions, retain existing staff, and recruit staff to fill their vacancies.

For Children’s Full-Service Partnership (FSP) programs, enrollment is typically happening within 1-3 weeks (with 2 weeks being the norm); most referrals are for youth who are already linked for services but would benefit from the higher level of care offered in an FSP. All services except for individual therapy services are initiated immediately upon enrollment to an FSP. FSP contracts have been amended with increased funding where indicated to meet this need by adding clinician positions and increasing salaries to retain existing staff and to attract and recruit new staff to fill the vacancies. The TAY Crisis Residential Program and the Children’s Crisis Residential Program do not maintain wait lists.

Despite efforts, there remains a workforce shortage of behavioral health clinicians. There is currently approximately 25% vacancy rate.

- **PADS Innovation Project Update Request:**

Steve McNally would like to get information on investments from Chorus and would also like to look at timelines/ timeframes of the project. In addition, Steve questioned the Tech Suite, and would like to look at this at a later time. BHAB members will review the PADS Innovation Project informational sheets that were provided, they will review and provide any comments, questions, or concerns via email to Karla Perez.

V. Opening of SUD SOC Meeting:

- Steve McNally called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

VI. Public Comment: SUDSOC

- Shannon Pink:
Mr. Pink expressed his concern for the current opioid crisis. He also expressed concern for a current delay in being able to obtain Narcan.

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

Action Item:

- Find by majority vote: the following findings under Government Code section 54953(e)(3): (1) The BHAB’s Substance Use Disorder System of Care has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency currently in effect; (2) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.
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1st Motion: Duan Tran, 2nd Motion: Chase Wickersham

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Supervisor Doug Chaffee			
Karyl Dupee	X		
Heidi Girolamo			
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Jim Taylor	X		
Duan Tran	X		
Fred Williams	X		
Chase Wickersham	X		

- Prior Meeting Topics continued:
 - Narcan Distribution: Steve Reported that there has been a total of 83,000 units distributed since 2012 with the majority of the units going to providers and some schools.
Steve encouraged members of the BHAB to attend the Opioid Community events being held at the Behavioral Health Training Center. Alan mentioned they are very informative and useful, with the opportunity to obtain free Narcan and training on how to use it.
- BHAB in the Community:
 - The Cambodian Family Presentation: In their Eyes: The Causes of Youth
 - Ravi and Sophia from the Cambodian Family provided a comprehensive presentation which included an overview of the program, “Empowered Southeast Asian and Latinx Youth for SUD Prevention” They focus on youth led leadership on policy change and community organization. She provided learning outcomes and their background. She reviewed some of the program’s goals which included youth leadership development, youth-led polices, systems, and environment change, and youth-led reduction of SUD rates. Ravi provided some of their strategies and included programs they partner with. Finally, they provided their youth group findings and their key accomplishments.
- System of Care Shared Items:
 - BHAB Strategic Planning Retreat: Steve reminded all members of their upcoming retreat which will be an all-day event. The event will take place on December 14, 2022.
 - Membership Committee: (Duan Tran and Karyl Dupee)
Duan provided an overview of the onboarding process and went over the 4 current vacancies on the BHAB.
 - Calendaring Meeting Topics:
Member submissions of agenda topics should be received one week in advance.
 - Steve reminded members to please submit any community event submissions and participation.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting ended at 11:10 a.m.