



County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, September 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, Chase Wickersham, Fred Williams

Members Absent: Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Kristen Pankratz, Duan Tran,

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Matt Holzmann who then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions

- Each member introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- August 24, 2022
 - Alan Albright made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2022, meeting and Frederick Williams seconded the motion. The minutes were approved for the record. Yes 6 /0 No/ 1/ abstain

Public Comment

- Keith Torkelson
Mr. Torkelson provided a detailed presentation for an Innovation Project proposal for a housing solution bundle.
- Michael Arnot
Mr. Arnot urged all agencies to focus on collaborating to meet children mental health needs. He expressed concern for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) budget underspending and compared Orange County to other counties who have a less percentage in underspending. He encouraged Orange County to develop a course of change report and use spending rate tools.
- Linda Smith
Ms. Smith shared her experience with OC Navigator and shared it is a wonderful tool for the community. She also expressed her concern with Be Well releasing a similar platform, which was surprising as she would have liked for Be Well to use those funds to collaborate with the HCA on the existing platform, OC Navigator. Secondly, she was concerned with the latest Be Well meeting and the lack of collaboration between them and HCA. She expressed the need to collaborate, unite and use funding wisely.



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HEALTH CARE AGENCY

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

Mental Health & Recovery Services

**Annette Mugrditchian, LCSW
Director of Operations**
Mental Health & Recovery Services

**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 the new BHAB bylaws in which were just approved on September 27th, all members received a copy of the new adopted bylaws. Matthew Holzmann mentioned that the ASR for the bylaws mentioned that the MHSA Steering Committee was not necessary and it is incorrect. He expressed the need for a community voice in the planning of MHSA Funding. Annette explained that Michelle Smith would be presenting the MHSA Community Program Planning for FY 22/23 at their next General meeting in October.
- The Governor signed Care Court into law and the targeted date is October 2023. Furthermore, Annette provided an update on Mind OC. Mind OC will be hiring employees to do functions such as auditing and contracting to ensure all billing is accurate. HCA will terminate their contract with Exodus and Mind OC will contract with Exodus to provide the same services with the Crisis Residential and the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU). Mind OC will be contracted with HCA for a 3-year contract, and they will be hiring their own providers to operate the programs on the campus. Other programs on the Be Well campus were discussed, such as the sobering center. Steve McNally asked for a full accounting of the Mind OC investment from the County, as well as also see the outcomes. Annette informed the board that there will be a dashboard on the website to be transparent. Chase Wickersham requested to see the 990 forms for Mind OC for 2020 -2021, as they are not available online.

Presentation

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fiscal Update

By: Julia Rinaldi
County Executive Office

Julia Rinaldi provided a comprehensive overview of the MHSA fund-fiscal update. She included the actual balances on the MHSA budget for FY 21/22 for all MHSA Components and included their projections. Members of the BHAB questioned a few items, some included concern for not meeting the expenditure goals and what would prevent the County from meeting their goals. Anthony Le from HCA explained that in budgeting, they usually max out all the contracts, also some of the contract timing for new contracts play a role in spending, and lastly other revenues could kick before MHSA funding. Anthony also addressed long term budgeting. Steve asked to set up a meeting with Julia (CEO), Anthony (HCA), Chairman Chaffee or his delegates, and other members of the board who may be interested to review some of these concerns with MHSA budget. Matthew Holzmann deferred further analysis of the budget to another meeting.



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Psychiatric Advanced Directives (PADS) Innovation Project Update

By: Michelle Smith and Flor Yousefian Tehrani
Mental Health and Recovery Services

Michelle provided a comprehensive update on the PADS project. She provided a quick overview PADS, to include a recap of what PADS are, all involved in the project and the timeline of the project. Michelle addressed some concerns from the members, including why PADS are used in the CSU's, contract timeline and how this project can become extended upon approvals, software providers, concern with hospitals using PADS, and others.

Old Business

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

New Business

- BHAB in the Community: Steve McNally talked about member participation and how to become involved in the community as well as with the BHAB. Karla Perez is putting together a calendar of events for all members to provide the opportunity to attend conferences and trainings. Also, he encouraged all members to provide information on any upcoming events to add to the calendar and to also participate if they have opportunity for resource tables.
- Matthew Holzmann expressed the need for BHAB to provide education on fentanyl and participate at events such as concerts / events at 5 Points.

Committee Reports

- SUD Committee: Steve informed the board of a new law that just passed for fentanyl test strips. Furthermore, he expressed concern about there being a shortage in Narcan and there not being enough to distribute to the community.

Upcoming Topics:

Upcoming topics for the remainder of the year were announced.

- October: MHSA Community Planning Process
- November: Peer Certification
- December: BHAB Annual Retreat (December 14, 2022)

Adjournment

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

Officially submitted by: Karla Perez

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