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MHRS UPDATE

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TO: Members of the County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS) Update for January 2023

Adult and Older Adult Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS)

Adult & Older Adult – Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services: Substance Use Disorder (SUD), as of 1/1/23, we have begun contracting with three new **Drug Medi-Cal (DMC)** outpatient providers: **DMS Options** location in Anaheim, **Genesis New Beginning** located in Huntington Beach and **The Teen Project** located in Rancho Santa Margarita. These new providers can provide additional services such as Perinatal Program and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services. We continue to contract with the following 4 DMC outpatient providers: Pacific Education Services located in Santa Ana, Phoenix House Orange County located in Santa Ana, Twin Town Treatment Centers located in Laguna Hills, Los Alamitos and Orange and Wel-Mor Psychology Group located in Fullerton, Laguna Hills, and Newport Beach.

DUI and Drug Court: For the month of December, the program celebrated over 15 graduations including the 1000th Harbor DUI Graduate. DUI/Drug Court programs continued to increase services during the holiday weeks. DUI/Drug Court continues to expand services to support the new misdemeanor track.

Residential Treatment Services: The Health Care Agency is seeking for Drug Medi-Cal certified providers for Residential and Withdrawal Management Treatment. The request for applications (RFA) remains open for applicants.

Collaborative Services: The Request for Proposals (RFP) for three new adult Full Service Partnership (FSP) services (Spanish Speaking, Vietnamese Speaking and Veteran) closed on 11/3/22. HCA received one proposal for Vietnamese Speaking and plans to rerelease the RFP for the remaining two services.

Older Adults Services (OAS): For the month of December 2022, **Older Adult Services Clinic** admitted 33 new clients, while 27 clients either graduated or successfully transitioned to a lower level of care. Additionally, OAS was able to successfully transition 8 homeless clients living in their car or homeless shelter to stable housing. OAS clinicians continue to prioritize working with those that lack stable housing by placing in subsidized senior housing. Clinicians often meet with these clients weekly to assist with applying for benefits such as Medi-Cal, SSI, Cal Fresh, low-income housing programs, and homeless shelters in conjunction with providing mental health services. In addition, OAS staff have been addressing the impact of social isolation and have been collaborating with the Council on Aging to provide electronic tablets with a data plan, in addition to working on healthy activity projects and groups with the clients. The

pharmacist also provides education regarding the impact of opiates overdosed especially marijuana laced with Fentanyl with Older Adults.

For the month of December, **OASIS** had a total of 172 members, including 3 new members. Two members obtained independent housing and have been receiving additional support to help them successfully adjust to their new environment. As of December, OASIS has 48 members housed in independent living and continues to focus on helping the rest of the members with obtaining permanent independent housing.

Children, Youth and Prevention Mental Health and Recovery Services

On 12/19/22, **Phoenix House Adolescent Outpatient** program began serving youth ages 12 through 17 years old. Phoenix House, located in Santa Ana, provides outpatient and intensive outpatient Drug Medi-Cal SUD services to adolescents, including MAT for youth with Opioid Use Disorder. Phoenix House is able to serve youth with Medi-Cal as well as those who are uninsured. Services include: assessment, care coordination, individual and group counseling, family therapy, medication services, MAT, drug testing, and patient education. Referrals may be made directly by calling (714) 461-0158.

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

The MHSA team continued to enhance the **Community Program Planning (CPP)** process, hosting monthly **Community Engagement Meetings (CEMs)** that focus on topics identified as priority during previous CPP meetings. The November CEM focused on School-Age Children and Youth (K-12) Mental Health and the December meeting presented part-one, of a two-part series discussing Workforce Education and Training (WET).

On November 10, 2022, the team hosted the MHSA Summit. The day included a basic overview of MHSA components and requirements and included a special afternoon planning session for the Innovation Component. In addition, 10 population focused meeting were hosted with emphasis in engaging consumers.

The total attendance from the meetings identified 330 total CPP participants with 245 responding to surveys (74.5% response rate). Please see breakdown below.

Demographic Overview from November/December Surveys

Participant Counts		Stakeholder Groups Represented (more than one field may be selected)	Percentage of Consumer/Family Members
Attendees	Surveys/Polls Responses		
330	246	Healthcare/Behav Health: 39% Social Services:22 % Private Business: 0% Education: 16% Alcohol and Drug: 2% Faith based: 4% Justice System: 2% Student/Intern: 0% Veteran: 9% Community Member: 4%	66%