



COUNTY OF ORANGE
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ADVISORY BOARD

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

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

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: Alan Albright, Karyl Dupee, Matthew Holzmann, Steve McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Chase Wickersham, Frederick Williams,

Members Absent: Heidi Girolamo, Jim Taylor, Duan Tran

County Staff Preset: Michelle Smith, Julia Rinaldi, Vanessa Thomas, Diane Holley, Annette Mugrditchian, Dawn Smith, Karla Perez

I. Welcome and Introductions for MH SOC:

- Alan Albright called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Members of the committee introduced themselves via roll call.

II. Public Comment: MHSOC

Johnice Williams-

Ms. Williams provided information on upcoming events, including the SUD Forum taking place in Fullerton on January 23rd at 5:30 p.m. and the Black History Festival on February 4th in Anaheim.

III. System of Care Shared Items:

- Discussion to change the SOC Meetings back to a BHAB Study Meeting:
Alan explained the reasoning behind the change and why it was brought during

the BHAB retreat as an idea. He brought up the importance of how the board should try to incorporate both SUD and mental health as one and be integrated in everything the board does. With the Study meeting the members can discuss more items and business of the board in one meeting rather than splitting them into two meetings and being specific in the SOC committees. He shared how the Study meeting worked in the past as a part of the Mental Health Board and how well it flowed and how it helped keep the board aligned and organized. He emphasized that this change would not reduce the time spent on either mental health or SUD but instead keep the board focused on making sure that all that is discussed should apply to both SUD and mental health.

Members of the board discussed their thoughts, most agreed that changing from two committees to one was the best option to allow members to focus in all aspects of behavioral health rather than separate them two.

- Discussion on Bylaw Amendments: Membership & Study Committee
The changes around membership were discussed, which is to include inclusivity language to include LGBTQ+ and Tay, as well as changing the membership term from 2 to 3 years. In addition to addressing the new WIC requirement to include a Veteran or Veteran Advocate on the Board Roster.
- Review 2023 Action Plan and Presentation list of topics- The Members reviewed the 2023 Action Plan and Presentation list of topics for the 2023 year, which included reviewing what was planned during the BHAB retreat and making minor changes or additions.
- Review Site Visits- Reviewing of site visits, included the defining options to conduct site visits. The first site visit to schedule will be Be Well. The board discussed a site visit form so that there is a purpose for the site visits and to provide an evaluation of the program and services. An ad hoc to create this form was formed, which included Chase Wickersham, Alan Albright, and Steve McNally. In addition, it was explained that members should attend the site visits in less than a quorum of the BHAB to avoid Brown Act violations. Alan suggested to revisit this item in the near future to help strategize for programs of interest. The current programs of interest that were added to the form are Project RENEW, CSU, Royal, Wellness Centers, and Orangewood.
- Setting time and location of MHSA Public Hearing- The BHAB agreed to change things up and do the public hearing during an earlier time of day and where it wouldn't interfere with school hours schedule. They decided 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Location of preference would be a community center in Central Orange County. Delhi Center was provided as an option.
- Letter of Recommendation: Equality and Inclusion
Alan Albright provided feedback on the letter of recommendation that was drafted in support of the recent Board of Supervisors resolution supporting Equality and Inclusion. The members will have time to submit any edits as needed and will take a vote to finalize and submit to the Board of Supervisors and the MHR Director.
- CALBHB/C Meeting: January 20th in San Diego- Reminder of the event for all

members.

- BHAB in the Community- Community Event Submissions and Participation

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.

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

- Set a meeting for February 8,2023, to make findings pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e).

1st Motion: Alan Albright

2nd Motion: Matthew Holzmann

V. Opening of SUD SOC:

VI. Public Comment: SUDSOC

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VII. Substance Use Disorder System of Care Items:

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1st Motion: Karyl Dupee

2nd Motion: Chase Wickersham

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting ended at 11:09 a.m.