



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, February 8, 2023**

9:00 a.m. – 11:15 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, Duan Tran, Chase Wickersham, Frederick Williams

**Members Absent:**

Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento's Office, Heidi Girolamo, Jim Taylor,

**County Staff Preset:**

Michelle Smith, Julia Rinaldi, Yasie Goebel, Ryan Van Ottero, Annette Mugrditchian, Manny Escamilla, Dr. Veronica Kelley, Karla Perez

**I. Welcome and Introductions for MH SOC:**

- Alan Albright called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Members of the committee introduced themselves via roll call.

**II. Public Comment: MHSOC**

Johnice Williams-

Ms. Williams thanked the BHAB members and HCA staff for attending the Black History Festival and the Opioid Forum held in 4<sup>th</sup> District. In addition, she shared information regarding a survey that was put out by the Health, Equity for African Americans Lake (Heal) Collective, which is for determining the social determinants of the African American community. The information included data from the survey, including 58.6 of people stating that the most important problem they have is mental health. She also

provided information on upcoming events, including a save the date for the upcoming a mixer to celebrate Black History month on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and a Juneteenth event taking place on 6/17 at Centennial Park in Santa Ana.

### III. System of Care Shared Items:

- Review Bylaw Amendments: Karla Perez went over the redline of the bylaws to highlight the amendments. She reviewed the 3 major changes which included adding inclusivity language to include LGBTQ+ and transitional age youth (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. In addition to the membership changes, she reviewed the change in removing the System of Care (SOC) committees and bringing back the former Study Committee.

The BHAB members reviewed the changes and had questions regarding the cap of 15 in membership and asked that staff follow up with County Council on the possibility of adding two additional seats on the board to meet the need for the new veteran requirement and to recruit for TAY and LGBTQ+ members. Alan and Fred will meet with the Nominating Committee to discuss recruitment for these categories and current unfilled positions.

Dr. Kelley requested to check with the Office of Equity for the proper and consistent acronym throughout the State for LGBTQ+ so that the BHAB bylaws are consistent with that.

- Review Site Visit and Review site Visit Form: Alan provided an update on how the ad hoc working on the site visit review form. The committee came up with an approach that will first identify the site the member/s wish to visit and coordinate through Karla Perez, she would then send a pre-site review form to the provider to collect the basic program information. We are looking into the site visit form and the ad hoc is looking into various forms that will fit this board's needs. Alan's hope is to allow for structure and formalize the site visits performed by the members as well as possibly being able to assist the programs addressing any areas of concern or barriers while also providing a productive and constructive review.

Chase Wickersham asked to visit the Be Well campus soon. Karla Perez is currently working with Be Well to get a site visit scheduled for some time in February and March, as well as presentation tentatively scheduled for end of March. The BHAB members asked for a list of programs County and County contracted for MHRS.

Matthew Holzmann shared his findings to his site visit to the Wellness Center Central.

- 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. He provided additional context on the letter and shared the resolution from the Board of Supervisor’s (BOS) meeting. He shared the importance of supporting their efforts to support equality and inclusion. Alan also invited the BHAB members to go the BOS webpage for additional perspective on this matter via the public comments received at this meeting. Alan explained the process when motioning items such as this one and how it will allow time for discussion so that members can voice their concerns should they still have any regarding this item. This item will be on the agenda for the next general meeting.
- BHAB in the Community- Community Event Submissions and Participation  
Members were encouraged to send in events where the BHAB members can participate and also conferences where they may have the possibility to attend.

**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 March 8,2023, to make findings pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e).

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Matthew Holzmann

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Karyl Dupee

| <b>Name</b>                          | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| Alan Albright                        | X          |           |                |
| Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento’s Staff |            |           |                |
| Karyl Dupee                          | X          |           |                |
| Heidi Girolamo                       |            |           |                |
| Matthew Holzmann                     | X          |           |                |
| Stephen McNally                      | X          |           |                |
| Kristen Pankratz, MSW                | X          |           |                |
| Jim Taylor                           |            |           |                |
| Duan Tran                            | X          |           |                |
| Fred Williams                        | X          |           |                |
| Chase Wickersham                     | X          |           |                |

**V. Mental Health Conference Updates:**

- Alan Albright and Steve McNally shared about their experience in attending the CALBHB/C meeting in January in San Diego.

**VI. Opening of SUD SOC:**

**VII. Public Comment: SUDSOC**

N/A

**VIII. Substance Use Disorder System of Care Items:**

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| Heidi Girolamo                       |            |           |                |
| Matthew Holzmann                     | X          |           |                |
| Stephen McNally                      | X          |           |                |
| Kristen Pankratz, MSW                | X          |           |                |
| Jim Taylor                           |            |           |                |
| Duan Tran                            | X          |           |                |
| Fred Williams                        | X          |           |                |
| Chase Wickersham                     | X          |           |                |

**IX. Adjournment: Meeting ended at 11:09 a.m.**