



County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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, Matthew Holzmann, Stephen McNally, Jim Taylor, Duan Tran, Chase Wickersham, Fred Williams

Members Absent: Chinh Tuong Nguyen, Kristen Pankratz, Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento,

Call to Order

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

Welcome and Introductions

- Each member introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- February 22, 2023
 - Chase Wickersham made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2023, meeting and Matthew Holzmann seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with edits for the record. Yes 7 /0 No/ 0/ abstain

Public Comment

- Keith Torkelson:
Mr. Torkelson provided an update presentation on the Housing Solutions Bundle, Innovation project concept.
- Johnice Williams:
Ms. Williams encouraged the BHAB to hold more meetings out in the community throughout various parts of the County, and most importantly reaching out the consumers and family members to voice their successes and concerns in behavioral health system of care. In addition, she encourages the BHAB members to attend more divers in person event where the BHAB can have a table to connect with families from diverse backgrounds and mee them where they are.



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MHRS Chief’s Report – Veronica Kelley

Dr. Kelley provided a Mental Health Services and Recovery (MHRS) update. She provided some highlights including State updates. Dr. Kelley attended the OC delegation, where CEO, the Board, lobby aids and others were in attendance. They met with the elected and members of various Assembly and State, to better inform the about the needs of Orange County. On Sunday, the Governor announced the MHSA redo which will be a huge impact. The Governor is proposing a ballot measure for November 2024, that would take \$1 billion of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) dollars and repurpose those funds for homelessness and housing. In addition, the Governor spoke of removing Innovation from MHSA and removing those funds from MHSA, encouraging Counties to prioritize. This would reduce the State amount funds from \$3 billion to \$2 billion and affect Orange County by reducing the current allocation of \$206 million to \$110 million. Keeping in mind that Full Service Partnerships (FSP) have to make of 51% of services and the Governor is proposing to increase that percentage. This will impact contracts as there will be a need to cut funding/ services in order to provided mandated services, impacting all of the community providers and partners such as SSA, Probation, and the schools. Dr. Kelley mentioned presenting what the initial impacts would look like so that the BHAB understands. Dr. Kelley also provided an update on Care Court, MHRS is continuing with the Care Act mandate in which \$8million of MHSA funding will be used. The first cohort Counties met in Sacramento to share what everyone is doing, what is working and what is not working. One of the things that need to be addressed is the petition process for Care Court and a budget ask for judicial. Furthermore, Dr. Kelley reported on the Tri-Annual which is a audit from the Department of Health Care Services. Lastly, the opioid and fentanyl task forces have met and are working on the opioid abatement and national dollars and efforts are moving quickly. Additionally, Dr. Kelley provided an update on the re-org for MHRS and on Bridge Housing.

Presentation

Be Well Update

By: Marshall Moncrief and Karen Linkins
Mind OC

Marshall Moncrief and Karen Linkins provided a comprehensive update on the Be Well Campus located in Orange. Their mission is optimal mental health and wellness for all Orange County residents. Their facility offers withdraw management beds, sobering center, crisis residential, crisis stabilization unit, substance use residential and co-occurring residential. In addition, they provided data outcomes for their campus for the month of January.



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Old Business

- New Location for SOC Meetings to allow for hybrid meetings.
Alan Albright announced the new location for all upcoming System of Care meetings. Which will now be held in the same room as the General meetings, 601 N. Ross St., Santa Ana, CA 92701.
- Committee Structure of the BHAB and Site Visits:
Alan Albright shared his vision behind restricting the committees of BHAB with the hope that the committees are revived and actively meeting. He would like to have at least one member per committee.
Chase Wickersham suggested going out into the community and holding the BHAB meetings in various parts of the County, such as in every district to engage with the community in all areas of the County.

New Business

- Membership process:
Alan Albright requested a supplemental form to use with recruitment in addition to their application and resume. This will help identify the BHAB is meeting the requirements of having an equal representation of the County, and that diverse backgrounds are represented within this board.

Committee Reports

- SUD System of Care- Fred Williams regularly attends the Provider training, the providers will begin the Spring 2023 trainings. The MHRS clinic locations has been revised and is now available.
- Behavioral Health Equity Committee- Duan Tran reported their first meeting for this year will be at the Delhi Center in Santa Ana on April 6th.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Officially submitted by: Karla Perez

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