



County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, June 28, 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, Stephen McNally, Chinh Tuong Nguyen, Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento, Duan Tran, Chase Wickersham, Fred Williams

Members Absent: Matthew Holzmann, Kristen Pankratz,

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

- May 24, 2023
 - Chase Wickersham made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2023, meeting and Alan Albright seconded the motion. The minutes were approved for the record. Yes 8 /0 No/ 0/ abstain

Public Comment

- Keith Torkelson:
Mr. Torkelson provided information regarding a site visit in Newport Beach and railroad cleanup.
- Michael Fiore:
Mr. Fiore provided information on Facing Fentanyl, an opioid reversal kit that they provide in the community which includes the kit and training / education.



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Presentation

EQRO Overview and Findings for Orange County (Follow-up)

By: Azahar Lopez, PsyD, CHC

Sandra Okubo, MPH

Mental Health and Recovery Services

Dr. Lopez and Sandra Okubo provided a follow-up presentation of the EQRO presentation as they ran out of time during the last meeting. During this overview, they provided information on the Mental Health Plan EQRO highlights which included the system strengths and recommendations, they also included data on timelines for appointment access for urgent and non-urgent appointments as well as psychiatric hospitalizations. Provided that there is a wealth of information that is still pending to be reviewed and addressed by the BHAB, Alan Albright (BHAB Chair) has invited them to come to the next Study Meeting to discuss in detail and dedicate an entire meeting to just this topic. The members thanked Dr. Lopez and Sandra Okubo for their presentation and time and expressed their appreciation.

MHRS Chief's Report – Dawn Smith

Dawn Smith provided the Mental Health Services and Recovery (MHRS) update. She provided some highlights including the Adult Supported Employment program graduation ceremony on 5/25/23, recognizing clients who have gained and maintained employment for 90 days or more. There were a total of 40 graduates, 29 are from Wellness Center (WC) North and 11 from WC south. Under Housing and Supportive Services, the Ascent MHSA Housing Project held its grand opening on 5/24/23, 22 of 28 residents have moved into this new development. Under Crisis and Acute Care, the Adult Crisis Assessment Team (CAT) has a new triage pilot and currently in phase 1. It includes one clinician shadowing call takers at Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCS) 911 dispatch center, with the goal for CAT clinicians and OCS to collaborate in the development of a dispatch tool for OCS dispatch to utilize in detecting behavioral health calls and assist with a workflow for routing and diverting calls to the appropriate location such as OCS, OCLinks etc. Under Children and Youth Services (CYS), The Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the amendment to collapse the co-occurring medial outpatient services into the existing CHOC full services partnership (FSP) program. Project HEALTH FSP target population is children and transitional age youth (TAY) 0-25 with a co-occurring physical health diagnosis and experiencing a serious mental health condition. For Office of Suicide Prevention, the BOS approved a contract for Warmlines services to expand and transform its present 24-hour telephone operations including a voicemail function with callback options into a 24-hour call center-styled on-demand operations starting 7/1/23. The services will expand to Spanish and Vietnamese speaking communities by adding dedicated bilingual staff through subcontracts. Finally, she provided information on how to become a vendor.

Steve McNally requested a future update presentation and triage of calls for Didi Hirsch. Supervisor Sarmiento suggested having a future presentation on CAT.



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Old Business

- **New updates for members:**

Alan Albright informed the board members of an email that was sent out by Karla Perez, reminding members to take the compliance training in order to attend future site visits. In addition, he informed the members that the revised bylaws for the BHAB were adopted by the BOS on 6/27/23. The new adopted version will be emailed to all members.

- **Review of Follow-up Item List-**

Alan Albright reported on the follow-up item list and included two new items. One is to include a pop-up tent with a QR code and second being an update by Annette on a list of upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP). Furthermore, Alan requested to talk about the possibility of moving the BHAB meetings to a later time in the day to make it more accessible for the community to attend.

New Business

- **MHSA Fiscal Update- Julia Rinaldi**

Julia provided a comprehensive update on the MHSA Budget, to include projections for fiscal year 2022 – 20203 as well as by MHSA components. The revenue projections have been updated and reflect the State consultant projections. She informed the board of any changes in revenue projections and projected ending balance for FY 2024-25. The State consultant, Mike Geiss is scheduled to address the BHAB during the August 23rd General meeting and provide an updated and detailed overview of the MHSA revenue projects.

Committee Updates

- **Older Adult Committee-** Karyl reported that they are DARK in July. They will resume in August.

- **SUD-** Steve McNally reported that he attended the Supervisory Wagner's opioid townhall for Narcan distribution where over 100 people attended. He talked about the importance of having schools apply to obtain Narcan in their schools. Fred reported that the committee has already started planning for a site visit to a residential program.

- **Membership Committee-** Now that the new bylaws are in place, they will start conducting interviews again. With an emphasis of looking at diverse population. Alan suggested keeping the Latino community in mind. Supervisor Sarmiento reported that there are a few candidates from the Latino community who have reached out to his office to fill the 2nd district representative seat and will be in touch soon.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Officially submitted by: Karla Perez

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