



County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, July 26, 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, Kristen Pankratz, Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento, Duan Tran, Chase Wickersham, Fred Williams

Members Absent: Matthew Holzmann,

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:04 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

- June 28, 2023
 - Steve McNally made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2023, meeting and Chase Wickercham seconded the motion. The minutes were approved for the record. Yes 9 /0 No/ 0/ abstain

Public Comment

- Michelle Murphy-
Ms. Murphy provided an update on the merger between Orange County United Way and 211. Brining 211 into United Way would help 211 thrive in staffing capabilities, warm handoffs, development, marketing and so much more. She provided 211 data, with over 10,000 calls per month and 52% of them are for housing, 10% are for food, 6% for utility assistance, 6% individual support, 6% for mental health. 5% legal, 4% health and 3% for clothing and other needs. They are making referrals and tracking those referrals.
- Keith Torkelson:
Mr. Torkelson provided information regarding a site visit in Newport Beach.



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MHRS Chief's Report – Anthony Padilla

Anthony Padilla provided the Mental Health Services and Recovery (MHRS) update. He provided some highlights including updating the MHRS Update reports, where it will now include all upcoming community events where MHRS will be participating in and should the BHAB want to participate in any of those events they should reach out to Karla Perez for coordination. The new MHRS update is now reflecting the reorganization of MHRS, to include updates in all divisions. He also highlighted updates from the Office of Suicide Prevention, who has been working with contract provider US Vets, conducting outreach to Veterans and their allies to address suicide by firearms. They have been out in the community doing tabling events and in the last 30 days they were able to distribute more than 200-gun locks and Prevent Firearm Suicide brochures. Finally, he updated the BHAB on the upcoming Recovery Happens Picnic which is set to take place on 9/16/23 at Centennial Park; flyers will be sent out the following week.

Susan Emerson asked to include the Recovery Rally in the events list, she will email MHRSevents@ochca.com to include that information.

Steve McNally would like to have an additional calendar of events that reflects CEO's calendar. Anthony Padilla will work with HCA's Communication's team to see if this is accessible and if we can get this out to the BHAB.

Vasila Ahmad informed the members of an upcoming event at Ponderosa Park in Anaheim on July 29, 2023, this is a Community Resource Fair being hosted by Supervisor Sarmiento and CalOptima Health. Flyer will be sent to all members. Steve McNally will be attending this event and expressed interest in having a booth for the BHAB where he will inform the community about BHAB.

Steve McNally would like information on the Behavioral Health Equity Committee, as well as obtain information as to how these meetings are being promoted in the community.

Presentation

Children and Youth Services/ Clinical Evaluation and Guidance Unite (CEGU)

By: Alice Kim and Paola Bautista

Mental Health and Recovery Services

Paula Bautista and Alice Kim provided comprehensive overview presentation of the CEGU Probation and CEGU Orangewood. CEGU probation provides mental health and recovery services to all incarcerated youth in Orange County Juvenile Hall, YGC, and YLA. Services include case management, assessment, individual, group and family therapy, psychological testing and evaluation and medication support as well as reentry services. CEGU Orangewood provides mental health and recovery services to all youth placed at Orangewood Children and Family Center. The goal is to have the children



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Presentation: *(continued)*

placed in the least restrictive environment while they work toward reunification with their families, services include case management, assessment, individual, group and family therapy, psychological testing and evaluations and medication support.

Alan Albright expressed his appreciation for the CEGU staff and type of work that they do which can be very challenging.

Old Business

• **Review of Follow-up Item List-**

Karla Perez reported on the follow-up item list, some updates included the following: the site visit to Phoenix House is still pending and waiting to obtain available dates, the Peer Workforce Update presentation should be scheduled for a meeting in October, the Crisis services presentation date is pending as well as the Didi Hirsch update. The second item included improving engagement with the Board offices and MHRS director as well continue focus items- this has been on going. The third item included improving community engagement which the board has been actively working on by hosting tabling events and attending events in the community. The fourth item for outreach and engagement, the board has been engaging with the Board of Supervisors (BOS) via letters and during their meetings. The BHAB is also engaging via their Site Visits. The fifth is for SUD prevention efforts, the BHAB has been attending the Fentanyl forums and they look forward to the opioid abatement plan. The sixth is transparency on data and budgets which the BHAB continue to receive updates but can continue to look at what information is needed on a needed basis. Lastly, Care Court we will look to scheduling soon and members are encouraged to attend the Care Court town halls.

Karyl Dupee asked to add a Fentanyl Prevention Efforts to the list. Alan Albright mentioned that Dr. Kelley will provide an update on the Opioid Abatement plan in the near future.

New Business

• **Review and Update Action Plan**

Alan Albright reviewed the current 2023 action plan. The first item which is to update the bylaws with inclusive language; that was finalized and approved by the Board of Supervisors. The BHAB is currently working on recruiting, in particular they would like to have a youth in the board and members from the Latino Community.

Karyl Dupee asked for an update on Housing, for all housing not just MHSA.

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

Officially submitted by: Karla Perez** Note copies of all writings pertaining to items in these BHAB meetings are available for public review in the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Board Office, 05 W. 5th St., Santa Ana, CA 92701, 714.834.5481 or Email: OCBHAB@ochca.com **

