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Older Adults Behavioral Health Council

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HCA Training Facility
750 The City Drive South, Ste #130 / Laguna Room
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MEETING AGENDA

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world!"
Margaret Mead, PhD / Anthropologist*

1. **Welcome, Reflection and Introductions:** Karyl Dupée, Chair
2. **Public Comment:**
**At this time members of the public may address the Chair regarding any item within the subject matter of this board's authority provided that no action is taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three to five (3-5) minutes per person.*
3. **New Business:**
 - A. 1) In order to better ascertain what the actual gaps and needs are in older adult behavioral health services in Orange County, the Council has been reviewing existing services and programs currently available by hearing presentations directly from local providers and contractors.
 - 2) Questions to consider asking ourselves include:
 - a) What are both the greatest needs and the greatest gaps in behavioral health services for the older adult population in OC?
 - b) What are reasonable / doable services that HCA would be prepared to consider funding?
 - c) What is the best way to refine / make a concise recommendation to HCA?
 - B. 1) Ascertain status of proposed Innovation Project / Update and potential new steps to consider taking ~ Flor Yousefian Tehrani

Adjourn / Next Meeting: Wednesday, 21 February 2024 / 2:00-3:30 p.m. / Zoom and In-Person
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A TRUE STORY ~ By Malcolm Forbes, American Entrepreneur and Publisher



Many years ago, a lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, wearing a homespun threadbare suit, and looking like a rancher, stepped off the train in Boston and walked timidly, without an appointment, into the Harvard University President's outer office. The secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard, and probably didn't even deserve to be at Princeton!

"We would like to see the University President," the man said softly to the secretary. "He'll be busy all day," the secretary snapped. "We'll wait," the lady replied. For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would eventually become discouraged and go away. But they didn't go away and the secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the President - even though it was a chore that she always regretted doing.

"Maybe if you see them for a few minutes they'll leave," she said to the President. He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obviously didn't have the time to spend with this rancher couple, but he didn't want gingham dresses and homespun suits cluttering up his outer office either.

The President, stern faced and with dignity, strutted toward the couple. The lady told him, "We had a son who attended Harvard for just one year. He loved Harvard. He was so happy here. But about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him, somewhere on campus." The president wasn't touched. He was shocked and indignant.

"Madam," he said gruffly, "we can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died." If we did, this place would look like a cemetery." "Oh no," the lady explained quickly. "We don't want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to give a building to Harvard." The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, then exclaimed, "A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars in the physical buildings here at Harvard!"

For a moment the lady was silent. The president was pleased. Maybe he could get rid of them now. The lady turned to her husband and said quietly, "Is that all it costs to build a University? Why don't we just start one of our own?" Her husband nodded, "Let's look into that." The President's face wilted in confusion and bewilderment.

Leland and Jane Stanford got up, walked away, and traveled back to their ranch in Palo Alto, California where they established the University that bears their name: Stanford University, a memorial to a son that Harvard evidently no longer cared about.

"You can easily judge the character of others by the way they treat those who they think are worth less than themselves." ~ Malcom Forbes