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Wednesday, November 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: Hector Bustos, Stephen McNally, Chinh Tuong Nguyen, Kristen Pankratz, Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento, Chase Wickersham, Fred Williams

Members Absent: Alan Albright, Karyl Dupee, Susan Emerson, Matthew Holzmann, Duan Tran,

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Fred Williams who then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions

- Each member introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- October 25, 2023
 - The minutes from October 25, 2023, were not approved due to no quorum. They will be postponed to future meeting.

Public Comment

- Keith Torkelson:
Mr. Torkelson provided information regarding the Electronic Health Record (EHR) from 2009, AI advantages, and a site visit to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Wellness Center West.



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MHRS Chief's Report – Linda Molina

Linda Molina provided the Mental Health Services and Recovery (MHRS) update. She provided some highlights including an update on Care Court, a total of 19 petitions and are all in the assessment and linkage phase. The Salvation Army hosted a ribbon cutting took place on October 9, 2023, for the Center of Hope. This adds a total of 34 units of supportive housing. The FSP Coordination Office provided multiple in-services trainings to various justice partners to help facilitate appropriate referrals, increase coordination, and improve linkage for justice involved individuals. Under crisis services, they have been piloting a two-person model for mobile crisis evaluation requests, this will support the implementation of a new state required Medi-Cal Mobile Crisis Benefit.

Chase Wickersham asked for an update on Be Well, Linda mentioned the completion date for the Irvine campus is last 2024 / early 2025. Information on the next Be Well meeting will be provided to the BHAB at a later time.

Old Business

- 2023 Data Notebook Follow-Up-
Karla Perez followed up with the members after sending out the information provided by MHRS staff. She informed the board that the Data Notebook will need to be submitted by November 30th and this would allow members to discuss any additional comments or concerns base on the information that was provided. Chase Wickersham will be taking the lead in submitting the Data Notebook to the State. Steve McNally asked the members of the BHAB to please acknowledge reading and revieing the Data Notebook responses as a way of contribution towards this project.

New Business

- 2024 BHAB Chair and Vice Chair Elections-
Tabled due to no quorum.
- BHAB Retreat Agenda Planning-
Fred Williams reminded the members of the annual retreat, which is taking place on January 10, 2024. This event will be an all-day event from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. He asked the members to please provide any feedback on any agenda items they would like to add for discussion. Karla Perez provided a quick overview of what is planned for the day of the retreat.



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Committee Updates:

- Children and Youth Committee- The committee met for their second time on Monday, November 13, 2023, they received a presentation by Alicia Lemire, Heather Balcom and Nathan Lopez on the overview of Children and Youth Services. The committee will meet again on December 2, 2023, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.
- SUD Committee- They have not met in a couple weeks but would like to hear more on the ART team as there has been some time of lag time in placing folks into residential treatment or detox. The committee would like to see more warm handoffs. The committee should be meeting soon again and will be identifying those details soon.
- Mental Health System of Care for Adults- Steve McNally is working with one of the members of his committee to set a time to meet and will be working with Karla Perez to identify a location. He will put together an agenda, some of what will be included in the agenda is working on community expectation relative to their involvement with the 5150 process. He also mentioned the MHSA Plan and possible annual amendments to the plan.

Adjournment:

- Project Shine will have a meeting on November 19, 2023, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.
- Fred reminded everyone of the new meeting schedule for 2024 for all BHAB meetings. The General meetings and the Study meetings will now begin at 10:00 am. He also reminded everyone that during December the BHAB is DARK.
- The BHAB Holiday Breakfast is on December 13, 2023.
- Black History Festival- the BHAB will have a booth at this event and will take place on February 3, 2024.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:37 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 **