



# County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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### Vacancies:

Person in Recovery (SUD /MH)  
Family Member

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

### Meeting Location:

601 N. Ross St., Santa Ana, CA 92701  
Multipurpose Room 105

## BHAB ANNUAL RETREAT MINUTES

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**Members Present:** Alan Albright, Hector Bustos, Karyl Dupee, Stephen McNally, Chinh Tuong Nguyen, Kristen Pankratz, Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento, Linda Smith, Duan Tran, Fred Williams, Chase Wickersham,

**Members Absent:** Susan Emerson, Matthew Holzmann,

### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Alan Albright

### Welcome and Introductions

- Each member introduced themselves.

### Public Comment

N/A

### MHRS Vision: Dr. Veronica Kelley

- Dr. Kelley provided a comprehensive review of mental health and recovery services over calendar year 2023. She highlighted data that included clients serviced in 2023, major accomplishments that included the Opioid Abatement plan, CalAIM, MHRS reorganization, CARE ACT, SB43, the Mobile Crisis Benefit, and the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) modernization. Dr. Kelley provided information on some of these accomplishments, current status and included the department's look ahead for 2024. Dr. Kelley provided an update on Proposition 1 and included Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) modernization hypothetical models. She included background and what is being proposed by this new proposition. She shared with BHAB how this may impact the department and advised the BHAB that MHRS would continue to provide updates on a regular basis as this proposition evolves.



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### Role of the Advisory Board and Members: Susan Wilson

- Susan Wilson provided a comprehensive overview of the WIC to help the members understand the statutes. She also provided a training on the how the BHAB exercises their authority. The members learned and discussed the responsibilities as members of the BHAB. In addition, they learned on how to effectively advise and carry out member duties and were reminded of the Brown Act.
- Susan provided a clear understanding of the brown act and how to run a productive meeting. She also encouraged the BHAB on how to invite the public and organizations to join the BHAB meetings and provide public comment. She suggested to going out into the community and do site visits as part of board meetings and provide evaluations.
- Susan provided examples as to how to engage with the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and Dr. Kelley (BHS Director). She emphasized how important the support is when attending BOS meetings during meetings where MHRS has agenda items. She encouraged the Chair and Vice Chair to have a good rapport with Dr. Kelley.

### Review 2023 Accomplishments:

Alan Albright and the members provided a list of all of the BHAB has accomplished in 2023. The list is as follows:

1. Site Visits
2. Attending Community Events
3. The BHAB received a variety of presentations throughout the year of 2023.
4. The BHAB gained new members on the board.
5. The BHAB leadership created policies and procedures and various forms to use.
6. The Chair created and established new subcommittees.
7. Letters of recommendation to the BOS and MHRS Director.

### 2024 Goals (Action Plan); Strategic Planning for the Year:

1. Continue to focus on starting up the newly formed subcommittees, encouraging them to form and identify focus areas for their committees.
2. Committees of the BHAB will formulate recommendations and present them to the BHAB as a whole.
3. Attend BOS meetings to represent BHAB and have a thorough understanding of how the BOS functions.
  - Have a greater focus during the months of February – May.
4. Create a survey for the community to use when out in community events. This will allow for a greater understanding of how aware the community is of mental health and recovery services and where the need is.



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**Update Committee, Presentations, and Site Visits:**

- Alan Albright provided his vision behind having subcommittees and how they will play an important role in how the BHAB carries their focus areas for the year of 2024 and on. He would like for all BHAB subcommittees to set their goals for 2024, have areas of focus, and have an idea as to when their meetings will take place. He also asked that housing be a part of all committees. In addition, he suggested that committees should drive the site visits based on their areas of focus.

**Business Items:**

- **2023 Annual Report-** Alan Albright asked Committee Chairs to please submit their year end recap to include as part of the annual report. Alan will be working with Karla Perez on this item and will forward a draft once its ready.
- **Promo Items-** The BHAB will work on ordering promotional items to hand out during community tabling events.

Adjourn: 3:38 p.m.