



**COUNTY OF ORANGE  
HEALTH CARE AGENCY**

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**Study Committee Meeting  
Notes**

**Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**601 N. Ross St. CCC room,  
Santa Ana, CA 92701**

**Members Present:** Alan Albright, Karyl Dupee, Susan Emerson, Steve McNally, Linda Smith, Duan Tran, Chase Wickersham, Frederick Williams

**Members Absent:** Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento's Office, Hector Bustos, Matthew Holzmann, Tuong Chinh Nguyen, Kristen Pankratz

**County Staff:** Dawn Smith, Michelle Smith, Flor Yousefian Tehrani, Terri Styner, Julia Rinaldi, Karla Perez

**I. Welcome and Introductions:**

- Alan Albright called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Members of the committee introduced themselves.

**II. Public Comment:**

N/A

**III. Schedule Discussion Items:**

- **MHSA Update: Michelle Smith**  
Michelle Smith provided a high-level overview and update on Prop 1. She provided a timeline on SB 326, which includes a detailed outline of events that will take place should Prop 1 pass. certain programs. Should Prop 1 pass, the MHSA office will work on completing the last of the 3-year MHSA plan. This means they will work on rolling out FY 24/25 and 25/26 with the existing MHSA policies, at the same time, MHSA will be gearing up for the development of the Behavioral Health Integrated Plan which would be effective January 1, 2025. She informed the BHAB that MHSA did a cost analysis for the administrative cost that is being estimated by Counties to work on the new requirements and get the BHSa up and running; for OC that was approximately \$90 million. Michelle also included information on changes that would be applied community planning piece and how it would affect their planning prior to their 30-day public comment.

Michelle also provided an update on the current MHSA Plan which they plan to post for 30-day Public Comment in early March, taking the Plan for the Board of Supervisor's approval by the end of May and then submitting to the State in June. Michelle shared information on defining substantive recommendations and how they will be submitted. She asked the BHAB to bring back to their board all public comments received during the 30-day public comment posting period for the BHAB to review prior to the scheduled MHSA Public Hearing. This would allow the members a smoother transition and allow the members to be more involved and aware of what the community submitted on the given plan. Should there be any substantive recommendations they will be submitted to the MHSA to be included in the MHSA Plan Update. Michelle checked with other Counties for feedback on how their Counties follow substantive recommendations, this was consistent throughout. The substantive recommendations would be included in a formal letter.

Alan Albright suggested that the Public Hearing should take place at the Garden Grove Community Center. It is confirmed to take place on April 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### **IV. Open Discussion:**

- **BHAB Community Events Update:**

The BHAB participated at the Black History Festival- the event was well attended, and the members were able to connect with many members of the community as well as other vendors. Fred mentioned education on mental health and SUD resources was a hot topic for the community and they would like to see more resource.

Chinese Lunar New Year parade and festivals took place, the BHAB did not have a table at these events, but it was well attended and there was a lot of youth involved and volunteering.

- **Upcoming Events:**

The BHAB members were made aware of Meeting of the Minds Conference, the BHAB will have a table and registration will be sponsored for BHAB members should they wish to attend.

Steve mentioned looking into the Swallows parade in March, it takes place in South County.

May is mental health month. Alan suggested tabling at Malls during this month to spread awareness. He also mentioned having a table at the Board of Supervisors meeting when they present the proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month. A calendar of events for the month of May will be sent out in April. In addition, Karla will be placing an order for green ribbon pins to provide out in the community to spread awareness.

- **Conference Update- Steve McNally**

Steve McNally attending the California Behavioral Health Planning Council and the CALBHB/C meeting in San Diego. The topics that were touched on were patients' rights, workforce employment, legislation, public policy, homelessness, and Medicaid. The had performance outcomes, various workgroups that were very informative. Some of the topics that they also included were Prop 1, all their agendas and meeting videos are available online.

- **Review Community Survey:**  
Alan Albright provided a copy of the community survey for the members to review and comment/ edit. Susan complimented the survey and provided feedback on the type of questions that were included. Karyl, Susan and Steve will form an ad hoc to review and make recommendations based on their ad hoc review. They would like to have a QR code located at the BHAB table during Community Events. The hope is this to be on-going and gather information on needs or access to services and create some sort data to use for community planning and BHAB recommendations.

Linda Smith and Karyl suggested that the survey should be less questions out of the ones that are provided. Keeping in mind that there should be some demographic questions. It should be easily completed in a few minutes where we can ensure the community is willing. It was also suggested to have an incentive to encourage people to complete the survey.

- **Provide Bylaws for review and update in March-**  
A copy of the bylaws was provided to all members to look at and provide any updates and edits, this will be reviewed in March.
- **Ideas for promotional items:**  
The BHAB has budget to have promotional items for their tabling events. The idea is to have small items and have one big item that can be used to incentivize folks to complete the surveys.

Karyl would like to have the older adult resource guides printed by publishing services so that they are more formal.

The BHAB will have a canopy soon and already has two table covers. Steve suggested having two sets of table packets.

## **V. Committee Report:**

**Older Adult Committee-** The committee will meet in February to determine action goals for 2024. They will also learn about Veterans and Housing. They will continue to work on the Innovation Project.

**Children and Youth Committee-** The committee has met and still working on identifying goals.

**SUD Committee-** Their first meeting will be next Wednesday, and they will be focusing on Narcan distribution. Susan expressed concern over the Narcan billboards and commercials as the message is great, however it does not have where the community can get free Narcan.

**Adults Mental Health Committee-** the committee has not met but will meet soon. Annette suggested have a meeting with Ian to learn more about the system and learn about access points as well as looking at how Prop 1 will change services, should it pass.

The members would like to do a site visit at Spencer and at a women's residential facility.

## **VI. Announcement:** MHA's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Service Awards Gala- February 29, 2024, and MHA's Meeting of the Minds Conference- April 26, 2024, were announced.

## **VII. Adjournment:** Meeting ended at 11:44 a.m.