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Children and Youth Committee Meeting NOTES

Monday, March 11, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

***In-Person meeting**

405 W. 5th Street., Room 202, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Hybrid Option:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82235220417?pwd=7hLS2a2R8wRnJ8jZoW75SGpmgPmNzh.1>

Meeting ID: 822 3522 0417

Passcode: 293846

1:00 – 1:05 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

Kristen Pankratz

Members: Linda Smith, Kristen Pankratz, Alan Albright, Steve McNally

Staff Members- Dawn Smith, Karla Perez

Members of the Public- Monique, Carmen, Mayu, Lisa Nguyen, Lori Pack,
Daniel Ochoa

1:05 – 1:10 p.m.

Public Comment: N/A

1:10 – 1:55 p.m.

Scheduled Discussion Items:

- **CalOptima-** Carmen provided a comprehensive overview of behavioral health services provided by CalOptima. She included membership data, to include a total of 934,605 total CalOptima health memberships and included the language preference percentages. She provided information on continuum of care from mild to moderate- severe/ acute. She provided a list of mental health benefits that are covered by Medi-Cal and those covered by County. In addition, she included information on OneCare Mental Health Benefits. Carmen provided substance use disorder (SUD) benefits, to include coverage of services for Medi-Cal or OneCare. The community can access behavioral health services through CalOptima regardless of the health network they are assigned, except for PACE. Most of the services are open access and no authorization is required. There is a member tool to search for a provider online or they can call a toll-free number that is available 24/7 to support members in need of behavioral health services. Furthermore, Carmen provided an update on Student Behavioral Health Initiative (SBHIP). SBHIP breaks down silos and improve coordination of child and adolescent behavioral health services for those enrolled in Medi-Cal through increased communication with schools, and school- affiliated programs, managed care providers, counties, and mental health providers. OC public school districts completed a needs assessment, and the following areas were identified as targeted interventions:

