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## Older Adults Behavioral Health Council

17 April 2024 / 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

HCA Training Facility  
750 The City Drive South, Ste #130 / Laguna Room  
Orange, CA 92868

OR

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### **MEETING NOTES**

*Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance.  
~ Samuel Johnson*

1. **Welcome, Reflection and Introductions:** Karyl Dupée, Chair  
Members in attendance- Karyl Dupee, Eleni Hailemariam, Matt Haines, Linda Smith, Natalie Nguyen, Hason Vu, Alan Albright, Vivian Nguyen, Chase Wickersham
2. **Public Comment:** Matt Haines- Mr. Haines expressed his concern for possible loss of continuation of services for Early Intervention Services for Older Adults through MECCA. HCA has lowered their funding from for their contract and their program their original RFP did not go through for \$3.5 million and has re-entered their RFP now for \$2.5 million and still waiting to hear back from HCA.
3. **New Business:**
  - A. 1) Karyl provided an update on the Older Adult Innovation Project, the Innovation team informed the that the OA project is one of the 5 project ideas that will be presented to the OAC in the fall of 2024. The INN team is still pending recruiting staff for the literature review to move forward with the next steps in this project. Dr. Demarco is very interested in joining this initiative. Flor discussed the next steps for the project which include the following:
    - INN Team to follow up on a timeline for recruitment
    - HCA research analyst to provide a summary of literature review on the OA project proposal
    - INN to meet with Dr. Demarco to discuss the component and learn about how she and her team can engage and engage in the development of the proposal.
    - INN to identify how the Master Plan on Aging report will be incorporated into the project proposal.
    - INN team to begin discussion about INN community planning meetings at the May MHSA PAC meeting.

Linda encouraged everyone to attend the PAC Meeting in May on the third Thursday, as there will be discussion around INN and begin the community planning discussions.

2) Questions to consider asking ourselves regarding a 2024 Goal 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?
- d) What difference might a 'Yes' on Prop 1 make in funding services / programs and housing for older adults?

Ideas provided during today's meeting:

Idea provided by Dr. Wong, she emphasized education for medical staff relevant to neurocognitive disorders.

Idea provided by Carrie- providing education to families/ caregivers and medical staff as this is currently lacking. There is also a major gap in appointments for outpatient psych and inpatient beds, as well as stabilization services.

Dr. H, Support for families as some may not have the necessary resources to provide the needed care for their loved ones.

Natalie mentioned there are no board and cares available for Older Adults.

Possible follow-up- evaluate current services for OA's in County and County Contracted then bring up where the need is. Then provide a letter of recommendation for those services in a letter to the BHS Director and Board of Supervisors.

Linda mentioned that Senate Bill 1082, Senator Eggman, Augmented residential Care Facilities.

Helen Cameron, quantifying the needs of OA who are unhoused and identifying solutions. In addition, providing training for in home support services.

Karyl asked Hasan about B, C, D- Hasan mentioned gearing more towards housing in light of Prop 1. Karyl asked BHS staff for recommendation on how this committee could advocate. Dr. H mentioned integration and continuing the focus on the INN proposal and housing.

**Adjourn / Next Meeting: Wednesday, 15 May 2024 / 2:00-3:30 p.m. / Zoom and In-Person**

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