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**Older Adults Behavioral Health Council**

19 June 2024 / 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

HCA Training Facility  
750 The City Drive South, Ste #130 / Laguna Room  
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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 Present:** Alan Albright, Chase Wickersham, Christine Tran-Le, Linda Smith, Helen Cameron, Leslie Taylor, Jocelyn Rubio Melendrez, Hasan Vu, Raquel Campos, Trini Tran, Shelly Ngo, Karla Perez, Karyl Dupee, Eleni Hailemariam, Paul Hoang
2. **Public Comment:** N/A
3. **New Business:**
  - A. Considering that as a result of Prop. 1 passing, it is likely that a number of Older Adult outreach and prevention services will be cut. Our task, should we decide to accept it, is to come up with suggestions, ideas and recommendations as to how we might look ahead and come up with workarounds or alternatives to these valuable services.  
  
Helen Cameron requested a report of older adults' programs that are MHSA funded and how much funding is provided to each of those programs. This can be a starting point to get a clear view of funding that is current and what it will look like in the future. Karyl Dupee agreed with this request and asked Karla Perez to provide for the group.
  - B. Consider developing a "Conditions of Older Adults in Orange County" report similar to the formal document to the OC Board of Supervisors, OC Social Services Agency, and the OC Health Care Agency, "The Conditions of Children in Orange County". (Linda Smith and Jocelyn Rubio – see websites (<https://ssa.ocgov.com/about-us/news-publications/COCR> and <https://www.ocagingservicescollaborative.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Report-on-Aging-in-Orange-County-2024>) for additional info).

Karyl compared the “Conditions of Older Adults in Orange County” report to the Conditions of Children Report. Linda Smith provided a quick overview of the Children’s report to see what areas of focus are provided compared to the older adults. Linda mentioned that the Children’s Committee is currently looking at the Children’s report to identify areas of concern such as high suicide rates and then providing recommendations in writing to the BHAB and then BHS / BOS. Karyl suggested doing the same thing as the Children’s committee with the Conditions of Older Adults in Orange County report.

Jocelyn Rubio provided an overview of the Older Adult Report which includes data based on 3,278 surveys from older adults. Some of the issues that they focused on was housing, food, transportation, health amongst others. They addressed diverse population with surveys in various languages. One of the alarming items was the data collected on lack of social engagement. The two items that Karyl found alarming, or areas of need were housing and transportation. Transportation costs are expensive and some can’t access Lyft or Uber due to their disabilities as they are not accessible. Concerns for housing included types of living situation, not enough or ADA housing not accessible and Orange County does not have Board and Care for a mental health condition and a neurocognitive condition, housing for veterans, cost of housing over all is expensive, and memory care cost. Jocelyn suggested to look at the assessment by OC HIP and this report to create a good master plan.

Karyl would like to look at data and this report and provide some recommendations, this is one of the things she would like to include as a focus areas for this committee. Alan suggested to gather as much data first to really hone in on the needs and gaps based on the data provided. He would like to pull data for older adults like that in the conditions of children report. Hasan will pull together data on older adults that is readily available to review and come up with recommendations, Karyl would not like to wait too long to get this data reviewed and loose focus.

**Adjourn / Next Meeting: Wednesday, 17 July 2024 / 2:00-3:30 p.m. / Zoom and In-Person**

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***“..... that’s why the world is round ~ so you can’t see where you’re going.”  
~Pauline Abbott, PhD ~ Prof. Emeritus of Gerontology, Cal State Fullerton***