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## Study Committee Meeting NOTES

Wednesday, July 10, 2024  
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**\*In-Person meeting**  
601 N. Ross St., Santa Ana, CA 92701

**Hybrid Option:**  
<https://zoom.us/j/99364554212> / **Meeting ID:** ID: 993 6455 4212

**10:00 – 10:05 a.m. Welcome & Introductions: 10:06 am Alan Albright**

Members: Karyl Dupee, Linda Smith, Alan Albright, Fred Williams, Karyl Dupee  
Staff in attendance: Brad Hutchins, Linda Molina, Karla Perez

**10:05 – 10:20 a.m. Public Comment: Fred Williams**

Eileen Huber-  
Ms. Huber shared her son’s story. She also shared concerns with access to services at Telecare South and was unhappy with staff. She also mentioned there is a lack in services for individuals who are not Medi-Cal recipients.

Victoria Strombom-  
Ms. Strombom shared her son’s story. She expressed frustration with the mental health system of care and would like to have easier navigation amongst services for mental health. She stated it has been hard for her to find resources, in particular for her son who does not meet certain financial qualifications while services in the private world are too expensive. She wishes there was a happy median for all.

**10:20 – 11:35 a.m. Scheduled Discussion Items**

- Looking ahead for additional presentations-  
The members discussed several areas of interest and items they would like to learn more about as well as focus on. Below are the following areas that were suggested:
  - Outpatient substance use services– Including outcomes data and a provider list.
  - A presentation my Michelle or Ian on how we can become more involved in the decision-making process for BHSA- reflecting back to Supervisor Sarmiento’s comments in keeping this committee involved in the planning process of BHSA prior to it’s implementation. Linda Smith questioned how BHS will include the BHAB in that process.
  - Behavioral Health Services in the Jails- Fred mentjioned obtaining a presentation on services and programs in the jails and an update on the Musik facility and their services.
  - Invite Opportunity Knocks (OK) program for a presentation.
  - Linda suggested having a presentation on services for Elementary children and younger, including the types of services available.

- A presentation on the recent Cultural competency plan.
  - A presentation on Veteran behavioral health services.
  - Steve suggested a presentation on all services that Chorus is responsible for and include the funding.
- In addition, the committee discussed other items that should be addressed and planned for in the coming months.
    - Learning about what the BHAB can look into or not, ensuring its purview.
    - Steve mentioned looking at framework, including knowing what BHS wishes for the BHAB focus to be.
    - Alan would like to schedule an executive committee meeting for August 28<sup>th</sup> following the General meeting. He also commented on how the BHAB can work together with HCA, emphasizing on how BHAB members should have better access to information than the public can to better advise.
    - Alan summarized what the committees are working on, which is allowing the board to identify needs and gaps for services. Then we can formulate recommendations and advising.
  - **Site Visit-**  
A member of the BHAB suggested doing a site visit to one of the housing projects.
  - **Follow up list-**  
The BHAB reviewed their follow-up list and suggest looking into what programs are being affected by BHSA. A request was brought up to obtain a list of how funding of programs will be affected financially by less funding being awarded for the new FY.

Be Well- There were concerns with the Adolescents CSU capacity, questioning how Mind OC is going to address the need.

**11:35 – 11:45 a.m.**

**BHAB in the Community**

**Alan Albright**

- IVC Walk of Hope- September
- Recovery Picnic- September 14
- Purpose of Recovery Picnic – August 24<sup>th</sup>
- Pride Parade- October

**10:45 a.m.**

**Adjourn: 11:40**

**Alan Albright**

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**Next Meeting:**

**BHAB Study Committee**

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