



County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, August 28, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

Meeting Location:

601 N. Ross St., Santa Ana, CA 92701
Conference Center

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Members Present: Alan Albright, Hector Bustos, Stephen McNally, Chinh Tuong Nguyen, Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento’s Office, Linda Smith, Chase Wickersham, Fred Williams

Members Absent: Karyl Dupee, Susan Emerson, Matthew Holzmann, Duan Tran

Staff Present: Annette Mugrditchian, Ian Kemmer, Mark Lawrenz, Julia Rinaldi, Karla Perez, Anthony Le, Antony Padilla, Wesley Shain, Brad Hutchins, Bhuvana Rao, Ryan Yowell, Terri Styner, Vanessa Thomas, Flor Yousefian Tehrani, Alicia Lemire, Deana Helmy, Xyanya Garza, Frank

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Alan Albright who then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions

- Each member introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- June 26, 2024
 - Chase Wickersham made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2024, meeting and Vasila Ahmad seconded the motion. The minutes were approved for the record with edits. Yes 9 /0 No
 - Linda Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2024, meeting and Hector Bustos seconded the motion. The minutes were approved for the record with edits. Yes 9 /0 No
 - PADs – Follow up with Flor and Steve



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BHS Chief's Report –

Ian Kemmer provided the Behavioral Health Services (BHS) update. He provided some highlights including, The Outreach & Engagement (O&E) Team has been renamed to BHS Navigation, as there will be more focus with the Re-Entry population.

Ian provided an update on Care Court, the team has been pushing to increase the number of petitions to get folks into treatment. Alan requested that we receive an update in December after its 1 year of implementation. Included in the update would include a report on outcomes, number of diversions, data on active petitions, and continuum of efforts. Karyl and Steve would like to have an update on the JCRP team, including jail in reach.

SB 43 would change the definition for grave disability, adding the criteria of SUD as a reason to place a person on a hold. Orange County along with 55 other counties, have deferred the process until 2026. HCA has been looking for facilities to be able to hold a person who is on a hold for SUD on an involuntary basis. There are laws and regulations that are currently being looked at to be adjusted to be able to adhere to the new SUD piece. Alan requested to provide a list of pending bills that are aligned under SB 43. In addition, Steve requested to have a list of any LPS and other behavioral health legislation.

BHS has been meeting internally and working on the MHSA budget. Thereafter, BHS will come back to BHAB to provide those details.

The Pivot Project for INN was presented to the OAC last week and the OAC was very excited of the idea. In Oct. the Pivot Project is going before the OAC for their approval. This project will include 5 projects, including the OA project. There are other Counties who are currently interested in this same concept and may take on the same concept to their counties.

Presentation:

Behavioral Health Services Act, Fiscal Overview

By: Mike Geiss

Mike Geiss provided a comprehensive BHSA fiscal overview. His overview included an update on the FY 24/25 Statewide Behavioral Health and MHSA Funding. He included Orange County's revenue and expenditures and provided estimates by components for FY 23/24, 24/25, and 25/26. Mike also included information on the BHS and revenue stability workgroup proposals.



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Public Comment

Jim Farrell-

Mr. Farrell expressed his frustration with the behavioral health system of care. He shared of an experience with College Hospital and spoke of a specific incident that took place. He would like for facilities to be treating consumers and their families with respect and provide adequate services. He also expressed frustration about law enforcement and OC Links.

Diana Berger-

Ms. Berger shared her story as a caregiver for her daughter. She expressed her frustration with the mental health system of care. She feels the system is broken and asks for help with her daughter in accessing treatment to stabilize her daughter and enroll her into services.

Beth Cole-

Ms. Cole shared September is Suicide Prevention month. In her comment, she included stats and expressed her gratitude for the work that the County and this board does for supporting suicide prevention efforts and asked to learn more about any upcoming activities in the community.

Linda Smith would like to know if certain issues were followed up on. BHS will keep the board updated on public comments that need follow up.

Chase Wickersham expressed concern for individuals who can't care for themselves. He suggested reaching out to the faith-based communities as many families reach out their church to look for resources. Furthermore, he requested to get an update on CAL VET funding that HCA may be receiving.

Announcements:

Alan announced upcoming committee meetings for the month of August.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m. The next General Meeting will be on September 25, 2024

Officially submitted by: Karla Perez** *Note copies of all writings pertaining to items in these BHAB meetings are available for public review in the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Board Office, 05 W. 5th St., Santa Ana, CA 92701, 714.834.5481 or Email: OCBHAB@ochca.com ***