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Wednesday, October 30, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Meeting Location:

750 The City Drive South, Suite# 130
Orange, CA 92868

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Members Present: Alan Albright, Fredrick Williams, Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento's Office, Duan Tran, Linda Smith, Stephen McNally, Carla DiCandia, Hector Bustos, Chinh Tuong Nguyen

Members Absent: Karyl Dupee, Matthew Holzmann, Chase Wickersham

Staff Present: Ian Kemmer, Annette Mugrditchian, Tracy Rick Diane Holley, Dawn Smith, Anthony Padilla, Anthony Le, Xyanya Garza, Frank Congine, Flor YousefianTehrani, Karla Perez, Amy Nguyen, Alicia Lemire, Heather Balcom, Nathan Lopez, Bradley Hutchins, Linda Molina, Mark Lawrenz, Michelle Smith

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:09 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

- September 25, 2024
 - The minutes were approved for the record. Steve moved the minutes, Sarmiento's office second. Yes 7 /0 No.

BHS Chief's Report

Ian Kemmer advised that a memo was sent out regarding the cuts and reductions that will be made for programs. An ad hoc meeting to discuss this in detail will be scheduled. Board members will send some questions in advance of the meeting.

Ian provided an update on campaigns that recently launched. Mobile Crisis Benefit campaign, started October 14, includes social media ads, billboards and radio ads for OC Links and OC Navigator. Also launched campaign in partnership with OCTA buses wrapped with advertisements for OC Links and OC Navigator. Goal of campaigns is to spread awareness about services to the public in areas where resources are needed. Board requested specific information about campaigns, which will be added as a presentation for a future meeting.



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BHS is currently in the middle of BHCIP application process. Currently working with 5 providers for buildings related to inpatient psychiatric beds, SUD residential treatment programs, and outpatient programs. Applications are due in December.

BHS is looking at Loss teams for 988, part of RFP for suicide prevention line.

BHS working on ways to be more flexible with opioid abatement dollars; how to increase residential beds and provide more on-demand services so people can get treatment as soon as possible. Board requested to schedule Mark for presentation in BHAB – Fentanyl Task Force.

Board requested updates on how county is going to be implementing SB 43. Mark Lawrenz and Linda Molina provided updates on the workgroups they are participating in the implementation of SB 43 and a new bill SB 1238 that is tied to SB 43. Ian will continue to provide monthly updated on

Alan provided an update from Supervisor Foley’s hearing that took place on 10/29. Main takeaway included, unfunded mandate, availability of other drugs that are impacting the community.

BHAB to put in writing regarding situation of south county church who experienced difficulty connecting someone who was in need of services and connecting/accessing county services.

Presentation:

Children & Youth Services Overview: Outpatient and Full-Service Partnership Services for Children 0-12 Years of Age

By: Dawn Smith, Alicia Lemire, Nathan Lopez, and Heather Balcom
Behavioral Health Services

Dawn Smith and her team provided an overview of CYS Outpatient and FSP serving children 0-12 years of age. There are 21 outpatient clinics throughout the county that can provide services. Services include individual, family and group therapy; psychiatric evaluation; psychological testing; case management to connect the youth and their families to appropriate resources; and will coordinate with any other providers the clients are working with. Clinics use a variety of evidence-based practices. Outpatient clinics have to mandated state measures: Child and Adolescent Needs and Strength Scale and the Pediatric Symptom Checklist 35. Outpatient clinics met or exceeded targets on the measures.

Full Service Partnerships (FSP) and PACT services utilize a “whatever it takes” model of treatment, evidence-based and strengths-based interventions, and emphasis field based services. Services are coordinated to address family needs across all client domains. CYS FSP serve children and Transitional Age Youth (TAY) who have a Serious Emotional Disorder or Severe mental illness and meet at least one other criteria for a target group. FSP addresses all needs that an outpatient clinic would



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address and further expands services to support family needs like housing, employment or transportation. FSPs have flex funds available which opens up pathways for support methods to be created for clients.

Board requested satisfaction survey results for the services at clinics.

Public Comment:

- No public comment.

New Business:

- Nominating Committee requested Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair
 - Linda nominated Alan (chair) and Fred (vice chair)
 - Voting will take place at next BHAB Meeting.

Committee Reports:

- SUD Committee: Review of learning from Phoenix House visit.
- Childrens Committee: Dawn will be presenting on suicide rates.
- Adult Committee: Discussed peers. Address housing at future meeting.
- Older Adults Committee: Helen and Linda will help Karyl.
- Board addressed how to increase committee attendance and who can attend.

Announcements:

- Bylaws Meeting on 10/31
- BHEC Meeting on 10/31
- Michelle Smith:
 - PIVOT Project will be presenting for approval to Oversight Accountability Commission in November. This will be the last innovation project for Orange County.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Next Meeting:

The next General Meeting will take place on November 27, 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 **