



# County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

### Meeting Location:

405 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701  
Rom 433 – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

### MINUTES

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**Members Present:** Alan Albright, Fredrick Williams, Chinh Tuong Nguyen, Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento's Office, Duan Tran, Chase Wickersham, Linda Smith, Karyl Dupee, Stephen McNally

**Members Absent:** Hector Bustos, Matthew Holzmann

**Staff Present:** Annette Mugrditchian, Tracy Rick, Mark Lawrenz, Diane Holley, Dawn Smith, Karla Perez, Anthony Padilla, Anthony Le, Xyanya Garza, Christina Weckerly, Deana Helmy, Frank Congine, Brenda Truong, Julia Renaldi, Marian Kepler, Wesley Shane, Flor YousefianTehrani, Karla Perez, Amy Nguyen

### 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

- August 28, 2024
  - The minutes were approved for the record. Yes 7 /0 No.

### BHS Chief's Report-

Annette Mugrditchian provided an update regarding the termination of Master Service Agreement with Mind OC for Be Well Orange Campus. The Board of Supervisors approved contract with Exodus, effective immediately, and Health Right, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. Sobering Center at Be Well Orange campus closed September 16<sup>th</sup>, however Phoenix Center location is open and running. Working with CalOptima to get location at Be Well up and running again.

Supervisor Sarmiento has requested future updates for the Be Well Orange Campus as more information on the transition becomes available.



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Deputy Director  
Behavioral Health Services

**Karla Perez**  
Staff Specialist  
Behavioral Health Services

## Presentation:

### **Behavioral Health Re-Entry Services: Jail to Community Re-Entry Program (JCRP)**

**By: Christina Weckerly**  
Behavioral Health Services

Christina Weckerly and her team provided a comprehensive overview of the Jail to Community Re-Entry Program (JCRP). JCRP is embedded in jail services and services end once person is discharged. In program for ~90 days. Their team provided information on how JCRP System was part of correctional health services to behavioral health services to help individuals with discharge plans better and facilitate linkage into systems of care. The team provided information on times of availability, locations of programs, and how they serve the population by building rapport with clients, assessing needs to coordinate care and provide warm handoffs. JCRP collaborates with Sheriff's Team shared a success story from the program. BHAB Board requested quantitative information regarding JCRP program.

### **Opportunity Knocks (OK) Full Service Partnership Program**

**By: Track Rick, LCSW**  
Behavioral Health Services

Presentation will be provided at a future meeting.

## New Business

MHSA Fund-Fiscal Update by Anthony Le:

Anthony updated the board with a summary of MHSA Funds Actuals for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and a projection for 2024-25.

## Public Comment

Michelle Fernandez-

Ms. Fernandez shared her son's story. She shared his mental health treatment journey when they lived in Colorado, as well as their journey once they transitioned to Orange County. She expressed concern over the mental health system and rereferred to it as a broken system.

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**Committee Reports:**

- Children and Youth Services: The Committee is looking at children's suicide rates and what the county has been doing to address rates, including accessibility of services. Noted that times on waitlists are improving. Next focus will be LGTB services for children.
- Adults: The committee is moving towards awareness and access to services in the community.
- Older Adults: The committee is addressing gaps and needs for adults and examining what factors, like housing, transportation, nutrition, etc., affect mental health for older adults.
- SUD: Provided update on site visit to Phoenix House Adolescent Outpatient Program.

**Announcements:**

Chase asked that the BHAB submit the 2023 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next Meeting:  
2024

The next General Meeting will take place on October 30,

2024 BHAB Attendance Record General Meetings											
MEMBER	24-Jan	28-Feb	27-Mar	24-Apr	22-May	26-Jun	24-Jul	28-Aug	25-Sep	23-Oct	27-Nov
Alan Albright	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Supervisor Sarmiento's Office	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Hector Bustos	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A		
Carla DiCandia											
Karyl Dupee	A	A	A	P	A	P	A	P	P		
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Susan Emerson	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	A			
Matthew Holzmann	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Stephen McNally	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P		
Tuong Chinh Nguyen	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P		
Kristen Pankratz	P	P	P	P	A						
Linda Smith	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Duan Tran	A	A	A	A	P	P	A	A	P		
Frederick Williams	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Chase Wickersham	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P		

**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 \*\**