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Study Committee Meeting

NOTES

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Off-Site Meeting (In-Person Only)

Alcove: 27125 Calle Arroyo, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

- 10:02 – 10:05 a.m. Welcome & Introductions Alan Albright**
- Members: Alan Albright, Linda Smith, Steve McNally, Ethan Truong, Chase Wickersham, Michell Fernandez
- Staff in attendance: Linda Molina, Anthony Padilla, Karla Perez, Amy Nguyen, Dawn Smith, Glenda Aguilar, Xyanya Garza
- 10:05 a.m. No Public Comment Alan Albright**
- 10:05 – 10:15 a.m.** Chase Wickersham requested an agenda item for a future meeting to discuss the needs of individuals released from jails who require treatment or reentry programs. Karla mentioned that Correctional Health is scheduled to present on December 3, 2025, and encouraged BHAB members to send questions in advance for the presenter to include in the presentation. Steve McNally asked about CalOptima's 90-day in-reach program.
- Steve asked if the unspent Oversight and Accountability Commission funds in FSPs would be reinvested into programs that were canceled before the end of the fiscal year. Linda Smith requested more information about the upcoming Tracey Lacey contact.
- Linda Molina explained that the current funding situation is very unstable and is constantly being reassessed. State BHSA requirements and guidelines are still being issued. Funds that were cut from Prevention and Intervention programs will not be returning to the county.
- 10:15 – 10:56 a.m. allcove Program Overview & Site Visit**
By:
- Susan Parmalee provided an overview of how allcove started, who they partner with in the community, and their funding sources. allcove is currently not a county-funded FSP, but is funded through PEI funds, which are set to end on July 1, 2026. allcove was formed out of concern for high school students struggling with drug and substance abuse in the south county area. The community lacked educational and intervention resources for the youth.
- Funding for allcove originally came from Mission Hospital Community Benefits. In recent years, it has been supported by grants that facilitated partnerships with middle school staff,

providing training in mental health first aid. allcove collaborates closely with school districts; however, as budgets and school enrollments decline, funding for the program has also decreased. Currently, allcove is working on shifting billing models to boost revenue and sustain the programs.

PEI funding received from the county is used for parent-peer support programs. Parent-to-Parent Peer Support is a group offered in Spanish at a local high school. Families Uplifting Families is a support group for parents of youth exploring sexual and gender identities. allcove has been proactive in ensuring resources remain accessible to families.

Susan shared that post-Covid, parents prefer participating in smaller group events and are less available for larger gatherings. They also observed that lower- and middle-income families are more likely to participate, influenced by political and cultural factors. Additionally, they've noticed that parents might prefer to manage issues within the household rather than seek public resources. Linda asked if parents involved in Families Uplifting Families are also participating in the workgroups for CPP, which Susan confirmed they are.

Susan emphasized that a priority when publicizing allcove resources is using appropriate messaging to support youth, including employing safe and welcoming language in flyers and requiring registration before sharing meeting details.

allcove also has supported eight full-time clinicians and four part-time clinicians on campuses, which are funded by the school district. Clients can be met with after school, at the Boys and Girls club, and at the park.

Michelle asked about the range of services provided. Susan clarified that allcove serves the mild to moderate range, and higher levels of care could be sought through other county providers, focusing on youth aged 12-25 years old.

The San Juan Capistrano location of allcove is scheduled to open on October 9, 2025. This site will partner with local schools and serve as a drop-in center for the community. Medical services are expected to be available in the spring. Clinicians and graduate students will be onsite to provide support. Academic consulting services and additional partnerships are currently being developed. allcove is addressing funding challenges and is exploring grants, private donors, and partnerships to sustain its services.

Allcove aims to be an accessible site involved in schools that supports family participation. Services will also be available in the evenings and on weekends.

11:56 a.m.

Adjourn: 10:56AM

Alan Albright

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Next Meeting:

BHAB Study Committee: November 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
601 N. Ross St. Santa Ana, CA 92701 – MPR Room