

**Orange County Health Care Agency
Behavioral Health Services**



**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
Stakeholder Meeting Report**

Category/Title: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Date: August 1, 2005 Time: 1:30 – 2:30 PM		Coordinator: Dorothy Hendrickson Contact No.: 834-3697 Facilitator: Mary Hale, BHS, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Serv. Kevin Smith, BHS, Adult Mental Health Recorder: Adrian Williams	
Meeting Location: 405 W. Fifth Street, Suite 202 Santa Ana		Total number of Attendees per meeting: 21	
Breakdown by Gender: <u>12</u> Male <u>9</u> Female _____ Other _____ Decline to State	Breakdown by role in the MH System: <u>2</u> Client/Consumer <u>2</u> Family Member <u>9</u> Service Provider <u>8</u> Other	Breakdown by Primary Language: <u>21</u> English _____ Spanish _____ Vietnamese _____ Other	Breakdown by Ethnicity _____ African American _____ Asian/Pacific Islander <u>2</u> Latino _____ American Indian <u>19</u> Caucasian _____ Other
Breakdown by: <u>2</u> Total # of Ralph's Vouchers Distributed <u>2</u> Total # of OCTA Bus Passes Distributed _____ Total # of consumers transported _____ Total # of family members transported _____ Total # of childcare recipients _____ Other _____		Breakdown by: <u>0</u> Total # of people requesting a Spanish Translator <u>0</u> Total # of people requesting a Vietnamese Translator	

Stakeholder Group Questions:

1. What are the problems you face?

- ❖ Undiagnosed mentally ill ending up in criminal justice system
- ❖ Lack of knowledge/access to other resources
- ❖ Dual diagnosed (developmentally disabled/mentally ill diagnosis) end up in criminal justice system
- ❖ Training for first responders - EMT/police/fire
- ❖ Lack of follow-up/wraparound services
- ❖ Lack of identification and assessment and intervention
- ❖ Lack of advocacy with data
- ❖ Lack of emergency facilities
- ❖ Lack of understanding of mental health issues
- ❖ Lack of housing resources for clients
- ❖ Excessive amount of police time spent with mentally ill
- ❖ Lack of one-stop shopping including medical screening/detox
- ❖ Lack of awareness and education of local leaders
- ❖ Lack of transition from prison to local services
- ❖ Lack of communication and coordination between stakeholders
- ❖ Untreated mental illness
- ❖ Mentally ill ending up in jail or prison

2. What do you need to make better?

- ❖ Implement AB1421 for untreated mental illness
- ❖ Housing with wraparound services
- ❖ Emergency phone number for medication
- ❖ Remove barriers to treatment, simplify process, create flexible hours
- ❖ Advocate for clients
- ❖ Increase in crisis response team 24/7 including holidays
- ❖ Improved system for evaluation, assessment, placement and more beds
- ❖ Training, especially on medication and co-occurring disorders for first responders (police/fire/EMT) and all other criminal justice stakeholders
- ❖ Jail diversion pre-arrest
- ❖ Dedicated hot line for mental health
- ❖ After hour information
- ❖ Co-occurring facilities (in-patient and out-patient)
- ❖ More partnership between law enforcement, mental health advocate and liaison
- ❖ Educate/train family members

3. What are the outcomes you want?

- ❖ Reducing the expense for jail/prison beds
- ❖ Decreased jail days
- ❖ Not using jails and prisons as an institution for the mentally ill
- ❖ Decrease 5150's – increase community resources
- ❖ Once identified divert out to the community
- ❖ Housing for all that need it
- ❖ Reduction of repeat system encounters
- ❖ Reduction of time spent by law enforcement with mentally ill
- ❖ Reduce recidivism
- ❖ One stop shopping
- ❖ Use team approach

4. What kinds of services need to be in place to achieve them?

- ❖ Expand AB 2034
- ❖ Implement Mental Health Court
 - A. Serious Cases**
 - B. Diversion Mental Health Court**
- ❖ 24/7 drop off facility
- ❖ 24/7 urgent mental health center
- ❖ Housing on demand
- ❖ Case management - wraparound services
- ❖ Family education, training, support
- ❖ More facilities for co-occurring clients (substance abuse/mental health)
- ❖ 24/7 hot line
- ❖ Involuntary treatment (if possible)
- ❖ Crisis residential/crisis stabilization
- ❖ Transitional facility – prison/jail to community
- ❖ Training for law enforcement
- ❖ More police mental health teams
- ❖ Educate criminal justice stakeholders