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BHS UPDATE

DATE: March 22, 2021

TO: Members of the County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

FROM: Jeffrey A. Nagel, Ph.D.
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Update for March 2021

Adult and Older Adult Behavioral Health Services (AOABH)

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) announced the prioritization of BHS clients for vaccine distribution. We are working with Public Health to develop a plan for vaccination of clients served by BHS who now are eligible to receive a vaccine.

Residential Treatment Services: Residential Treatment Services has temporarily suspended services for the **Medical Detox provider, Behavioral Health Services**. Anyone needing services has been rerouted to College Hospital detox services. HCA is proactively working with this provider to resume providing services.

Housing: On 3/4/21, 16 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) tenants participated in a Community Engagement Meeting (CEM) for **Residents in Permanent Supportive Housing**, hosted by the OC MHSA Coordination Office. State Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Financial Assistance indicated that all seven of Orange County's No Place Like Home Program applications have met threshold eligibility requirements. We are expected to receive an initial point score letter by April 2021. We will keep you updated.

Central Services: The **Wellness Center (WC)** facilities are operating at a reduced capacity of 25% in accordance with current state and county guidelines. Remote groups will continue to be offered as an option. All centers are offering Saturday groups. The North and South County **Supported Employment** programs continue to provide job placement assistance and training for their Participants. Both programs have now opened their computer labs for Participants to utilize for job searching and training, and are planning to continue the gradual return from remote operations consistent with the CDC guidelines.

The **Transportation** program with California Yellow Cab (CYC) expanded their services to support Prevention and Intervention staff. CYC is providing responsive and safe transportation for individuals that are not linked to the County clinics but are being linked for an assessment; or for participants that require transportation to a medical appointment and do not have Cal Optima. Additionally CYC is supporting Older Adult Services with transporting clients to receive their COVID vaccination at the designated POD site.

Collaborative Services: The Request for Proposals (RFP) evaluations for **Enhanced Recovery and Assisted Outpatient Treatment FSP Services** are completed and negotiations are underway and expected to be completed in the next few weeks. Adult FSPs have increased the frequency of substance use and risk screenings for members and are working to have more in person groups at their facilities. **Prop. 47**

clinicians are meeting with **Project Kinship** more often to increase referrals and coordinate for warm handoffs from jail to treatment programs.

Crisis Services: The **Exodus Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)** at the **Be Well Orange** campus has opened its doors to voluntary clients referred by CAT, Orange Police Department and Orange County Sheriff's Department on 2/1/21, and we are expanding the phased opening by including some hospitals in our referral process in the near future. The designation of Exodus CSU was approved by the Board of Supervisors on 3/9/21. HCA anticipates confirmation and approval from DHCS by the end of March to allow for involuntary admissions. The **Exodus CRP** will open sometime in March after the Community Care License is in place.

The **County CSU and College Hospital CSU**, continue to remain fully operational following social distance guidelines. In **Home Crisis Stabilization** services continue to provide warm handoffs at our County CSU and will expand to providing warm handoffs at the College and Exodus CSUs this month.

All **Crisis Residential** facilities for adults remain fully operational and will require PCR COVID-19 testing starting in June. The RFP for our North and South regions went out to bid and closed on 1/11/21; the RFP panel process has been completed and negotiations are under way.

Children, Youth and Prevention Behavioral Health Services (CYPBHS)

On 2/3/21, the BOS approved a 1 year agreement renewal for **Inpatient Mental Health Services for Youth** with Children's Hospital Orange County (CHOC). CHOC is the only facility in Orange County that provides inpatient psychiatric hospitalization for children three through 12 years old.

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Coordination

The MHSA Office has spent the last 2 months planning and conducting a series of Community Engagemnet Meetings (**CEMs**). Working with different community-based organizations, the MHSA Office has been able to engage with specific populations which have been unserved or underserved (i.e. monolingual populations, veterans, LGBTIQ, those living in permanent supportive housing, to name a few). Altogether, 20 meetings have been conducted in which more than 300 members of the community have participated in. The input from the CEMs will be synthesized and written into the **MHSA Plan Update for FY 2021/22**. The fully written plan will be posted for public comment in the coming months.

The MHSA Steering Committee met on 3/15/21 and heard a presentation on all of the different component program budgets for MHSA by Fiscal Manager Anthony Le. The recommended budgets by the MHSA Steering Committee will be written into the MHSA Plan Update as well.

Board Date	Item	Amount
3/9/21	Approve establishment of Orange County Behavioral Health Advisory Board by consolidation of Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board and Mental Health Board; approve and adopt bylaws	N/A
3/9/21	Approve renewal to MA-042-18011851 with Children's Hospital of Orange County dba CHOC Children's for Children and Transitional Age Youth Full Service Partnership/Wraparound services for Co-Occurring Disorders,	\$2,515,307
3/9/21	Approve amendment to MA-042-20010244 with CSU LLC dba College Hospital Crisis Stabilization Unit for crisis stabilization services,	\$2,164,127
3/9/21	Approve designation of Exodus Recovery, Inc. Crisis Stabilization Unit, Orange as facility for involuntary detention, assessment, evaluation and treatment for up to 24 recliners for individuals living with behavioral health disorder	N/A
3/23/21	Approve renewal for MA-042-19010241 with California Treatment Services, LLC dba Recovery Solutions of Santa Ana for Drug Medi-Cal Narcotic Replacement Therapy Treatment services	\$3,300,000
3/23/21	Approve renewal to MA-042-19010230 with Western Pacific Med-Corp, Inc. for Drug Medi-Cal Narcotic Replacement Therapy Treatment services	\$5,215,030

3/23/21	Approve renewal to MA-042-18010277 with Western Pacific Re-Hab, Inc. for Narcotic Replacement Therapy Treatment services	\$643,640
3/23/21	Approve renewal to MA-042-1901038 with The Department of Psychiatry dba UCI Department of Psychiatry for physician services	\$605,000
3/23/21	Approve renewal to MA-042-19010140 with various providers of adult mental health inpatient services	\$2,521,552
3/23/21	Approve renewal to MA-042-19011232 with United States Veterans Initiative for early intervention services for Veteran college students	\$399,980

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