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**Wednesday, May 26, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Meeting Location:  
Zoom Teleconference Meeting

## **Special Meeting and MHSA Public Hearing**

### **MINUTES**

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**Members Present:** Lauren Deperine, Supervisor Katrina Foley, Matthew Holzmann, Mara James, Stephen McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Michael Rose, Courtney Smith, Jim Taylor, Frederick Williams

**Members Absent:** Geoffrey Henderson, Duan Tran

Call to Order at 9:03 a.m. by Michael Rose

### **Welcome and Introductions**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Each member introduced themselves via roll call.

### **Public Comment**

N/A

### **Approval of Minutes – Action Item**

- April 28, 2021
  - Kristen Pankratz made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2021 meeting and Matthew Holzmann seconded the motion with no corrections. The minutes were approved for the record. Yes 12/0 No.

### **Open of Innovation Public Hearing**

Opening Remarks and Overview of the Psychiatric Advanced Directives (PAD): Flor Yousefian Tehrani

- Dr. Yousefian Tehrani thanked the guests in attendance and the members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board. She brief overview and background of the PADs Multi-County Innovation Project. The PAD allows a person in a mental health crisis to retain their decision-making capacity by choosing supporters to help advocate for their choices, currently there are 27 states which have Pads currently available. The OC Pads INN project idea was brought up in a community planning meeting in May 2020 and it began to take shape in January 2021 as a multi-county project proposal with information PADs sessions facilitated in April – May 2021. Dr. Yousefian Tehrani provided information on the cloud based platform or technological piece of the project which is a required element of the multi-county INN proposal. The total proposed 4-year budget is \$12,888,948.



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### Public Comments Received during the Public Comment Period:

A total of two (2) Public Comments were received during the 30-day public comment period.

### Public Comments:

Johnice Williams-

Ms. Williams shared that she has knowledge on PADs but she has not been informed with OC PADs project proposal. She expressed concern with the sharing of information to the public, but was happy to hear the law enforcement involvement piece of the project.

### BHAB Discussion

- Members of the BHAB engaged in a discussion with regard to the PADs INN Project proposal. There were many questions by the board members, Dr. Yousefian Tehrani provided further clarification on all questions and concerns including the following:
- Dr. Yousefian Tehrani provided clarification on law enforcement involvement and training for these organizations. Information on the PADs platform and engine of the project.
- Supervisor Foley mentioned she would abstain from voting as she was not fully briefed on this project. In addition, she wanted further information on the public outreach to inform the public of this project in which was addressed by Dr. Yousefian Tehrani. In addition, Dr. Yousefian Tehrani also provided information on the technology portion of the project. Supervisor Foley had a series of questions, some of which included questions in which BHS will brief her on at a later time.
- Karyl Dupee supports this project and suggested the PADs is a very important tool to have but unfortunately very underutilized.
- Matthew Holzmann expressed his support for PADs, however expressed concern for the budgeted amount of the project, in particular the technological piece.
- Steve McNally expressed interest in having workgroups that would have information such as that of the PADs. He also expressed concern for transparency.
- Jim Taylor expressed he was supportive of the software/ technology piece, however he was concerned with the budget for it. Nita Tewari was also concerned for the budget in comparison to other counties.
- Lauren Deperine also hesitates with the technology portion as far as testing it prior to moving forward to ensure that it will work.
- Kristen Pankratz and Mara James shared that a PAD can empower consumers by giving them a voice for treatment and respect.
- Supervisor Foley asked to move the vote in support to another later date, however due to an Oversight and Accountability Commission (OAC) meeting where this proposal will be presented to the commission.



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### **BHAB Recommendations and Vote:**

- Dr. Yousefian Tehrani expressed that it would be important to show if the BHAB is support of the project proposal before presenting to the OAC on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Fred Williams suggested moving this vote for the June 9<sup>th</sup> System of Care meeting.
- Dr. Rose asked the BHAB members if they were ready to take a vote and express if they are in support of the proposal as is. There was no motion to move forward during this meeting and members asked for more time to review the materials. The vote is postponed for the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Close of Public Hearing:**

- Dr. Rose closed the Public Hearing and asked all members to please review all materials prior to the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and send any questions to Karla Perez prior to the meeting.

### **Announcements:**

- Dr. Rose reminded members of the upcoming MHSA Public Hearing for June 10, 2021.
- Members were reminded of the Meeting of the Minds Listening session on June 17, 2021.

### **Adjournment**

- 10:51 a.m.

**Officially submitted by: Karla Perez**

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**BHAB Special Meeting &  
Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder  
System of Care Meetings  
Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Teleconference meeting via Zoom**

**By Computer:** <https://zoom.us/j/819682651>

**By Phone:** +1 301 715 8592

**Meeting ID:** 819-682-651

**Members Present:** Lauren Deperine, Karyl Dupee, Supervisor Katrina Foley, Matthew Holzmann, Mara James, Steve McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Michael Rose, Courtney Smith, Duan Tran, Frederick Williams

**Members Absent:** Geoffrey Henderson, Nita Tewari, Duan Tran,

**I. Welcome & Introduction: Michael Rose**

- Dr. Rose opened the Special Meeting at 9:04 a.m. Members of the BHAB introduced themselves via roll call.

**II. BHAB Recommendations and Vote: Action Item**

- Innovations Project: Psychiatric Advanced Directives (PAD)
- Dr. Ishikawa provided a quick briefing for the members with regard to some of the questions of the members.
- Matthew Holzmann recommended a bifurcation take place and Jim Taylor seconded this idea, making the PADs a paper based document and not a cloud based document. He also expressed concern for the price of the technology piece and should not be paid by OC taxpayers.
- Dr. Ishikawa suggested reducing the amount of funding, if proposed by the board. However, as a County we do not have the opportunity to not participate in this multi-county initiative. She also expressed concern for reversion of funds if this proposal is not approved by June 30<sup>th</sup>, \$3.5 million would be at risk.
- A few of the members expressed the need to move forward with the PADs but with the application piece to avoid the reversion. In addition, concern was shared with regard to the amount of funding being provided by Orange County versus the other counties in the initiative.

- Lauren Deperine and Karyl Dupee expressed their support for the proposal.
- Steve McNally made a motion to support what was originally presented in May 2020, in using \$900,000 for the PADs portion, but taking out the technology portion, this motion was seconded by Matthew Holzmann. This motion was followed by a vote via roll call, 3 Yes/ 7 No/ 1 Abstain.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor Katrina Foley			X
Lauren Deperine		X	
Karyl Dupee, LMFT		X	
Geoffrey Henderson			
Matthew Holzmann	X		
Mara James		X	
Stephen McNally	X		
Kristen Pankratz, MSW		X	
Michael Rose, DrPh, LCSW		X	
Courtney Smith		X	
Jim Taylor	X		
Nita Tewari, PhD			
Duan Tran			
Fred Williams		X	

- Lauren Deperine made a motion to support the Psychiatric Advance Directive, INN Project Proposal as written, the motion was seconded by Frederick Williams. This motion was followed by a vote via roll call, 7 Yes/ 3 No/ 1 Abstain

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor Katrina Foley			X
Lauren Deperine	X		
Karyl Dupee, LMFT	X		
Geoffrey Henderson			
Matthew Holzmann		X	
Mara James	X		
Stephen McNally		X	
Kristen Pankratz, MSW	X		
Michael Rose, DrPh, LCSW	X		
Courtney Smith	X		
Jim Taylor		X	
Nita Tewari, PhD			
Duan Tran			
Fred Williams	X		

- Supervisor Katrina Foley made a motion to draft a letter of support with recommendations and concerns regarding the PADs project proposal. The motion was seconded by Karyl Dupee and followed by a vote via roll call, 10 Yes/ 1 No/ 0 Abstain

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor Katrina Foley	X		
Lauren Deperine	X		
Karyl Dupee, LMFT	X		
Geoffrey Henderson			
Matthew Holzmann		X	
Mara James	X		
Stephen McNally	X		
Kristen Pankratz, MSW	X		
Michael Rose, DrPh, LCSW	X		
Courtney Smith	X		
Jim Taylor	X		
Nita Tewari, PhD			
Duan Tran			
Fred Williams	X		

### III. Opening of System of Care Meetings:

- Dr. Rose opened the System of Care meetings at 10:05 a.m.

### IV. Public Comment

No public comments received.

### V. SUDSOC and MHSOC Breakout Sessions

Substance Use Disorder System of Care (SUDSOC)

Mental Health System of Care (MHSOC)

- Dr. Rose went over the BHAB 2021 Action Plan to remind the committees of the focus areas they should focus on.
- **SUDSOC Breakout session:**  
Fred Williams let the committee and touched on statistics for overdoses that are intentional vs. accidental. Furthermore, they focused on medication assisted treatment (MAT), and suggested looking further on a MAT definition for the County of Orange programs to understand the full range of it. BHS staff helped navigate this topic; however, MAT treatment specifics depend on the program itself but usually programs are required to offer counseling and meds as part of the treatment. In addition, the group talked about the fentanyl crisis that is the County is facing and would like more advertisement about awareness on this. The group recommends for the BHAB to have a full meeting on MAT and include funding and understanding of what the services the County offers.

- **MHSOC Breakout Session:**

The committee members brainstormed around the topic of suicide prevention. They would like to review the spreadsheet to spark curiosity and interest and focus on the highs and lows of the different zip codes. In particular, looking into why some areas have increased or decreased. In addition, looking into accidental rates and drug use vs. suicide. Members would like a follow up with the suicide prevention office on updates and interviewing the current director.

**VI. Open Discussion:**

**Public Comments Received:**

- A public comment was received with concern to the PADs project proposal; however, this was covered during the last two meetings.

**VII. Announcements:**

- Meeting of the Minds Listening Session is taking place on June 17,2021 at 9:00 a.m.
- MHSA Public Hearing is taking place on June 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

**VIII. Adjournment**

- Meeting ended at 10:41 a.m.



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**Members Absent:** Lauren Deperine, Karyl Dupee, Supervisor Katrina Foley, Geoffrey Henderson, Jim Taylor,

Call to Order at 5:34 p.m. by Michael Rose

#### Welcome and Introductions

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Each member introduced themselves via roll call.

#### Public Comment

Patricia Hansko-

Ms. Hansko expressed a need for a funding increase for the children's full services partnership (FSP), as there will be an increase in need for services for children and youth. She suggested to increase funding for the Parent Education Services Program, increase suicide prevention efforts to expand into schools and offer to conduct workshops for staff and students. Furthermore, expand and promote cultural competency trainings to include inclusion, equity tolerance and diversity, conduct more community outreach meetings to include topics of depression, eating disorders and suicide, and divert MHSA funding from the jail system. Ms. Hansko also provided Innovation project ideas.

#### Open of MHSA Public Hearing

Opening Remarks and Overview of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan Update and HCA Responses to Public Comments received: Sharon Ishikawa

- Dr. Ishikawa thanked the guests in attendance and the members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, provider partners and Community Based Organizations, BHS staff, and the community members who took part in participating in the community planning process. She explained the purpose of today's Public Hearing, which included a brief overview and all public comments received during the 30-day public comment period.





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- Dr. Ishikawa provided a detailed presentation which included an overview of the MHSA Plan Update and information on how to navigate the plan. The overview included information on MHSA programs and budget expenditure proposals for MHSA components as a result of the community planning. She provided a snapshot summary of the emotional well-being in Orange County during the pandemic, which was gathered through a COVID-19 Survey. The surveys were provided in various languages and distributed to adults or parents of children ages 4-17, with a total of 7,400 adults and 1,428 parents of children completing the surveys. Furthermore, Dr. Ishikawa provided a summary of process and findings from the Community Engagement Meetings (CEM) held during February and March of 2021. Through these CEMs, the MHSA office received feedback on outreach strategies, clinic environment, telehealth access and digital literacy. Furthermore, Dr. Ishikawa provided a copy and HCA responses to all public comments received during the 30-day public comment period for the MHSA Plan Update. There were a total of 9 substantive submissions received by the MHSA Office.

### Public Comments:

- Nicole Albie-  
Ms. Albie shared information about the STAY program and its services. It is an MHSA Full Service Partnership (FSP) serving youth ages 16-25 who have a severe and persistent mental illness and are either homeless or in risk of homelessness. Their services includes a personal services coordinator, therapy, substance counseling, education, housing services, psychiatry, and much more.
- Meghan Wee-  
Ms. Wee shared information about the MHSA FSP Project RENEW, which serves children ages 0-18 who have a mental health disorder. They provide intensive in need of in-home mental health and case management services and try to be a one stop shop for their families.
- Lisa Burk-  
Ms. Burk shared information for First 5 Orange County. She applauded the MHSA plan for its focus on Prevention and Early Intervention. Urges the MHSA office to seek input from pregnant women and caregivers of young children, during the next planning process. In addition, she offered their support in collaboration with adding information to the Stigma Free OC Website that is targeted to infants and children.
- Christian Ramirez-  
Mr. Ramirez expressed his gratitude towards the STAY program. The STAY Program has helped him accomplish his goals, through his education, mental health, and getting a second chance at life. He thanked his care coordinators for helping guiding him over the time he has been at the program and for helping him set goals for the future.



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### **Public Comments:** *Continued*

- Ashley Martinez-  
Ms. Martinez is a peer navigator for Strong Families Strong Children, working with the Family Resource Centers serving the veteran and military connected community. She shared her experience from the Community Engagement Meeting for Veterans.
- Jim Farrell-  
Mr. Farrell expressed a need for further assessment for children in the schools. He suggested to assess prior to providing funding to the schools. In addition, he expressed concern for the after care of individuals being released from treatment at Be Well OC.
- Lisa Lee-  
Ms. Lee shared about her wonderful experience with Cambodian Family, they have been beyond helpful with helping her mother with providing mental health services and linkage to services.
- Johanna Figueroa-  
Ms. Figueroa is a Family Resource Center (FRC) Coordinator in Lake Forest, she shared information about the services provided at their FRC. They focus on the most vulnerable population in trying to provide services in their language. She also shared her experience with the Community Engagement Meeting.

### **BHAB Discussion**

- Matthew Holzmann thanked Dr. Ishikawa for an excellent presentation.
- Steve McNally thanked Dr. Ishikawa for her presentation and overview. He provided some comments and suggestions: 1) Full Service Partnerships tend to underspend every year and would suggest a collaborative courts expansion 2) The UCSD Study showed that nearly half of all populations are not receiving services and showed concern for language capabilities 3) Would like more information from the office of Suicide Prevention 4) expressed a need for tracking of outcomes and budgets overtime.
- Frederick Williams would like to see more information on tracking of outcomes for the homeless population and linkage to services. In addition, would like to see more information on programs that address domestic violence.
- Dr. Ishikawa addressed some of the concerns raised by members.



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**BHAB Recommendations and Vote:**

- Dr. Rose called on members for any substantive recommendations on the MHSA Annual Plan Update. No recommendations were provided by any of the 8 members present at the meeting.
- Dr. Rose called for a motion for their vote in support to move forward with the MHSA Annual Plan Update FY 21–22. The Board supported moving forward with the Plan for the approval of the Board of Supervisors, with a 7 yes/ 0 No / 1 abstain vote.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Matthew Holzmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Frederick Williams

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor Katrina Foley			
Lauren Deperine			
Karyl Dupee, LMFT			
Geoffrey Henderson			
Matthew Holzmann	X		
Mara James	X		
Stephen McNally			X
Kristen Pankratz, MSW	X		
Michael Rose, DrPh, LCSW	X		
Courtney Smith	X		
Jim Taylor			
Nita Tewari, PhD			
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Fred Williams	X		

**Adjournment**

- 7:28 p.m.

**Officially submitted by: Karla Perez**

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