



# County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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## **BHAB MEMBERS**

Matthew Holzmann

Supervisor Katrina Foley  
Second District

Lauren Deperine

Karyl Dupee, LMFT

Stephen McNally

Kristen Pankratz, MSW

Michael Rose, DrPH, LCSW

Courtney Smith

Jim Taylor

Nita Tewari, PhD

Duan Tran, MSW

Frederick Williams, LMFT

**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Meeting Location:  
Zoom Teleconference Meeting

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**Members Present:** Karyl Dupee, Supervisor Katrina Foley, Matthew Holzmann, Mara James, Stephen McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Michael Rose, Courtney Smith, Jim Taylor, Nita Tewari, Duan Tran, Frederick Williams

**Members Absent:** Lauren Deperine

Call to Order at 9:05 a.m. by Michael Rose

### **Welcome and Introductions**

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

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

- August 25, 2021
  - Matt Holzman made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2021 meeting and Michael Rose seconded the motion with no corrections. Stephen McNally abstained from voting. The minutes were approved for the record. Yes 9 /0 No and 1 abstention.
  - Steve McNally abstained as he disagreed on how the minutes reflected his comment about those experiencing homelessness. He noted that he would like a more detailed description in the minutes and requested confirmation from County Counsel on what is to be included in the BHAB minutes. Dr. Nagel asked for him to let staff know if something is left out of the minutes as the minutes should be an accurate reflection of what was discussed.

### **Public Comment**

N/A

### **MHB / ADAB Member Update – Stephen McNally**

Fred Williams shared his inspirational personal and professional journey that led him to becoming a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist working in the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) field helping clients on their road to recovery. Fred was the former Chair of the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board for several years and now a Vice Chair of the BHAB. BHS staff, the BHAB members, and members of the public thanked him for sharing his inspirational story.



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### HEALTH CARE AGENCY

Jeff Nagel, Ph.D.,  
Deputy Agency Director  
Behavioral Health Services

Annette Mugrditchian, LCSW  
Director of Operations  
Behavioral Health Services

Karla Perez  
Staff Specialist  
Behavioral Health Services

### Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Director's Report – Jeff Nagel

Jeff Nagel took questions in reference to the Behavioral Health Services (BHS) update memo that was sent out to the board via email. He highlighted a few additional items, including MHSA Housing has added 55 new units for permanent supportive housing and that 14 occupants have already moved into the Buena Esperanza Units and Westminster Crossing has added 20 new units. Additionally, he noted that Bhuvana Rao is the new Director for the Office of Suicide Prevention. This office will be partnering with communities across Orange County, highlighting two areas of focus. One is working with Correctional Health to reduce the number of suicides within the jails and the other is Veteran specific suicide prevention outreach while partnering with Los Angeles and San Diego County doing a regional health needs assessment. Dr. Nagel encouraged attendance at the upcoming 2-day conference on suicide prevention and noted that Dr. Chau would be speaking and sharing his story. Furthermore, he provided an update on the Crisis 2-day summit for city managers and local law enforcement to receive input from their perspective on crisis services. Dr. Nagel also advised the BHAB that BHS has an agenda item at the next Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting, for a grant through the California Department of Public Health to obtain over 1,100 units of Naloxone, which will be distributed amongst the clinics and providers. Finally, he mentioned that he will be attending a CalAim meeting that will be focused on changing the benefit structure to shift to more of a managed care model over time that would include enhanced care management. They want to develop a contract with CalOptima to be able to bill Medi-Cal for certain services to vulnerable populations such as those living with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI), those experiencing homelessness and those utilizing a high number of services.

-Several members of the BHAB suggested to expand the request for Naloxone units and to expand funding resources to be able to provide Naloxone for community distribution.

- Nick Anaz from Supervisor Foley's office provided an update on a new idea which involves looking at suicide prevention of seniors. They will be meeting about this next week he looks forward to working with HCA and others on this new initiative. Supervisor Foley echoed these efforts.

### Old Business: Action Item

- <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/bhs/about/pi/mhsa/updates>
- Overdose Prevention Letter: Matt Holzmann made a motion to move forward with the Overdose Prevention Letter and submit it to the Board of Supervisors and BHS Director. Fred Williams seconded the motion. There was no discussion, voting took place via roll call with 9 yes/ 0 no and 1 abstention.



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### New Business:

- Chair and Vice Chair Election Process: Dr. Rose noted that nominations for the BHAB 2022 Chair and Vice Chair will be coming up in October and elections will take place in November. Karyl Dupee and Nita Tewari are the Nominating Committee that will run the elections this year.
- Contingence on Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Planning: Dr. Ishikawa announced that MHSA community planning is underway, and the MHSA office is coordinating community planning while the MHSA subcommittee is being formed. She commented on limited staffing for this year's community planning, nonetheless the office will begin to push out surveys to receive feedback and scheduling Zoom meetings for this process. Dr. Ishikawa asked the Board for suggestions as to how to extend their reach those who may not already be receiving information from the MHSA Office. One of the topics will be receiving input and feedback on will be the Center of Excellence Youth Psychosis and that ideas that meet Innovation requirements can be considered for an Innovation project.
  - Supervisor Foley expressed concern for starting new projects and seeing a completion, adding that HCA should prioritize the completion of projects prior to planning to open up another program. She also expressed concern for staffing supports.
  - Steve McNally voiced he feels the BHAB should be directly involved in community engagement and planning. He informed the BHAB that he has submitted a \$5 million community planning plan and was not looked into. He also expressed concern for the MHSA Committee not being finalized. Expressed concern with the process with statutory duties of the BHAB and the MHSA Steering Committee.
  - Supervisor Foley asked to be included in the Executive Committees and expressed concern with not being involved in the appointment of the MHSA committee Chair and Vice Chair. Supervisor Foley asked to gather the Executive Committee and choose these appointments, this meeting is to take place in the next two weeks. Karla Perez to coordinate this meeting.
  - Dr. Ishikawa clarified that the MHSA office has expanded the community planning process from prior years and that even during the pandemic, the last community planning included over 8,500 survey responses and held Zoom meetings that included over 350 clients, consumers, and family members. She stated that we are following the law and ensure that the voice of consumers is heard. She noted that the goal is to expand the process to be even more inclusive, especially to those who are not as familiar with technology.

### Committee Reports:

- Due to time restraints, Dr. Rose asked committee members to send in their reports via email



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## Presentation:

### ***LGBTQ+ Youth in Orange County Community Needs Assessment 2021***

By: Brit Cervantes (they/he), Uyen P. Hoang (they/she), James Huynh (he/him), Cindy Le (she/hers), Natalie Nguyen (she/hers)  
Viet Rainbow of Orange County (VROC)

The presentation began with noting Viet Rainbow's vision and mission in serving the LGBTQ+ community. They included results on their research that noted the disparities in the care available to this community. They noted that provider education on the needs of this population, a provider directory that includes LGBTIQ+ affirming services, providers and organizations and internal evaluations of LGBTIQ+ care be conducted to ensure that this vulnerable population is treated in a culturally competent way.

## Adjournment

- 11:01 a.m.

**Officially submitted by: Karla Perez**

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