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## MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES

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### MHRS UPDATE

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**DATE:** March 15, 2022

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

**FROM:** Veronica Kelley, DSW, LCSW  
Chief of Mental Health & Recovery Services

**SUBJECT:** Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS) Update for March 2022

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#### **Adult and Older Adult Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS)**

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing and Supportive Services:** Altrudy Seniors Apartments (Altrudy) located in Yorba Linda has started the lease process. Altrudy has 10 MHSA units out of 48 total units and will provide affordable housing for seniors 62 years of age and older. Certificate of Occupancy is targeted for April 2022. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Services closed on 2/11/22, and the evaluation process is underway.

**Crisis Services:** The County and County Contracted Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs), including College Hospital CSU, The County CSU and the Exodus CSU, and the Crisis Residential Programs (CRPs), including the Telecare CRP, Exodus CRP and Coastal Star CRP are back up to full census, after the recent COVID-19 surge, and clients are beginning to flow through the CSUs, Inpatient Services, and CRP beds again. **Inpatient Services** is refining the Concurrent Review process and Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) process with Beacon along with long-term care nurses as we move forward in this process. HCA is working with Telecare and the County Contracted Silver Treehouse to add a 24/7 nurse position to meet the needs of our older adult population at our CRP. HCA is working on negotiations and renewals with College Hospital CSU, Coastal Star CRP, the adult Priority Center In-home Crisis Stabilization (IHCS) and Vituity Psychiatric and Basic Medical Service providers located at the County CSU.

**Residential Treatment Services:** Residential Treatment Services has released a Request for Application (RFA) for Adult Recovery Residences, applications are due on or before 3/25/22.

#### **Office of Suicide Prevention**

The office of Suicide Prevention has successfully contracted with six (6) providers who responded to the RFA that was recently released for Mental Health Community Educational Events. The primary goal of this program is to produce meaningful community event(s) that can deliver an effective message towards reducing stigma related to mental illness. These events shall be provided to Orange County residents, especially to isolated and underserved cultural and ethnic

communities who are impacted by stigma related to having a mental illness and/or stigma related to seeking help for a mental health condition. All the events (listed below) will focus on reducing stigma, normalizing conversations around mental health, increasing help seeking and provide resources to attendees.

Events List:

1. A Stigma Reduction conference that will be provided by Access California Services to engage community members particularly from Middle Eastern, North African and South Asian communities in a dialogue with mental health professionals about mental health.
2. An all-day LGBT Youth Convening Conference with presentations, spoken word, and workshops for LGBTQ and allied youth, students, parents, families, counselors, educators and administrators to destigmatize mental health and educate the community in issues relevant to LGBTQ youth.
3. A month-long anti-stigma and suicide prevention campaign in May for Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Individuals organized by NAMI OC. The campaign will consist of posters created by TAY individuals incorporating mental health messages and showcased at high schools, college campuses, wellness centers and other community locations.
4. A stigma reduction, <i>Miss Hermosa Y Empoderada</i> , beauty pageant event for transgender individuals with mental health messaging organized by ALianza Translatinx, a trans-led organization in Orange County.
5. Four separate multi-media art events culminating in a Youth Summit focusing on youth from areas with high Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) in the county organized by Alta Med Health Services.
6. Multidisciplinary art- based events to showcase youth voices and their experiences with mental health organized by Latino Center for Prevention and Action in Health and Welfare.

**Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)**

The MHSA Office completed the **Community Engagement/Provider Engagement Meetings** during the first week of March. The input from the meetings are currently being analyzed by MHSA Research staff to be included in the **MHSA Plan Update for FY 2022-23**. The MHSA Office is working to finalize the plan and will be posting for a 30-day Public Comment Period in April followed by a Public Hearing in May. The MHSA Budgets are going to be presented to your Board during today’s meeting (3/23/22). Those proposed budgets will be included in the Plan Update as well. In April, the **MHSA Informational Meetings** will return with a presentation on Continuum of Care for Veterans and Military Families Innovation Project.

<b>BOS</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
3/8/22	Western Youth Services for behavioral health training services, 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	\$675,000
3/8/22	Regents of the University of California at Irvine for evaluation of Behavioral Health Innovation Projects, 3/8/22 - 4/26/23	\$716,917
3/22/22	Olive Crest for parent education services, 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	\$1,494,303
3/22/22	NAMI Orange County for family support services, 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	\$304,996
3/22/22	Mind OC for suicide prevention services, 4/1/22 - 6/30/23	\$375,000
3/22/22	Psychiatric Advance Directives Multi-County Collaborative Mental Health Services Act Innovation Project and Personal Services Agreements with Syracuse University to serve as fiscal intermediary and contracting agent and with Syracuse University, Burton Blatt Institute for evaluation of technology platform, 4/8/22 - 6/30/26	\$12,888,948
3/22/22	Sponsorship agreement with Angels Baseball LP for strategic marketing and outreach services, 12/31/21 - 12/30/22	\$1,600,000