



County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, June 22, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Meeting Location:
Zoom Teleconference Meeting

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Courtney Smith

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Duan Tran, MSW

Frederick Williams, LMFT

Members Present: Karyl Dupee, Matthew Holzmann, Stephen McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Duan Tran, Courtney Smith, Jim Taylor, Chase Wickersham, Fred Williams

Members Absent: Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Mara James

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Matt Holzmann who then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions

- Each member introduced themselves via roll call.

Approval of Minutes

- May 25, 2022
 - Karyl Dupee made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2022, meeting and Jim Taylor seconded the motion. The minutes were approved for the record. Yes 9 /0 No/ 0/ abstain
 - Steve McNally asked for a link to the Public Comments received during the 30-day public comment period or the Mental Health Services Act Plan Update. He also publicly announced that all meeting recordings are solely used for minutes and thereafter are deleted.

Public Comment

- Jim Farrell:
Mr. Farrell shared a story about a clients/ family experience with one of the County's Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU).
- Johnice Williams:
Ms. Williams thanked everyone who attended the Community Voices Town Hall that took place June 21, 2022. She also announced of an ACES event taking place on Friday, June 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in Santa Ana. Finally, she mentioned there is a need for County presence at community events such as the two events she attended for Juneteenth.
- Christine Tolbert-
Ms. Tolbert shared information about a \$260,000 grant project available.



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HEALTH CARE AGENCY

**Veronica Kelley, Ph.D.,
Chief**
Mental Health & Recovery Services

**Annette Mugrditchian, LCSW
Director of Operations**
Mental Health & Recovery Services

**Karla Perez
Staff Specialist**
Mental Health & Recovery Services

- **Lee Lombardo-**
Ms. Lombardo shared her concerns with the DRAFT Bylaws. The items of concern included the removal of members by the Board of Supervisors (BOS), and agenda setting limitations. She shared her understanding of the BHAB member roles and emphasized the need for collaboration and inclusion.
- **Michael Arnot-**
Mr. Arnot shared information about Children's Cause Orange County and how they work directly with parents of children with mental health needs. He also expressed the concern some parents have when being involved in making recommendations for change and not feeling heard. In addition, he expressed his concern for bylaw changes.
- **Maura Mikulec-**
Ms. Mikulec expressed her concern for Care Court, County Budget that is dedicated to Sherriff's department. She shared there is a huge need for more money for mental health services and housing.

MHRS Chief's Report – Veronica Kelley

- Dr. Kelley provided a Mental Health Services and Recovery (MHRS) update. She highlighted the behavioral health continuum infrastructure program, which is \$2 billion that the governor has set aside for counties to draw down funds by region, so that they can build up the infrastructure. There is a huge need for more residential or higher level of care places and this funding is intended for this in allowing counties to build via this one-time funding. The southern region is receiving \$75 million; however, it is split between 6 counties and Orange County just received \$10 million from those funds. This money will go towards the development of a CSU for adults and will include residential substance use disorder services in the Irvine area. Moreover, Dr. Kelley provided an update on Care Court, it was heard in Judiciary Committee yesterday and will go to the health committee next week. There are a lot of concerns with the biggest one being funding. Dr. Kelley provided a quick update on the court's process and evaluation process, and the funding component. Furthermore, she updated the board on the AB 1627 which is an opioid bill, it will allow Orange County and two other counties to leverage the current fentanyl campaigns, create a functioning opioid task force and provide staff for it, and build up an opioid dashboard with the two other counties. Finally, she provided information on jail-based competency treatment in the jails, which would involve mediation as appropriate and training on court proceedings.
- There was discussion regarding the scheduling of the BHAB Executive Committee, Massoud Shamel addressed this committee as being subject to Brown Act as a standing committee therefore the committee will set a meeting time in the near time and send out and post the agenda. Massoud also addressed other rules pertaining to meetings and being subject to brown act.



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Presentation

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fiscal Update

By: Julia Rinaldi

Orange County Executive office

Julia Rinaldi provided a comprehensive update of the current status projection of the MHSA fund. The summary reports she presented a high-level summary of the anticipated balances through FY 23/24. Julia also included the projections per MHSA Component.

Old Business

- **Vote on Proposed Bylaws: Action Item**
Massoud Shamel from County Council provided some background information on the new template language that was approved for all Boards and Commissions within the County of Orange. He ensured that the DRAFT bylaws include the WIC requirements and follow the new template, which he explained the template is more parliamentary requirements. Massoud suggested the BHAB set an ad hoc committee to review all sections that are in question and comment. Massoud offered to look into the suggested revisions and answer any questions. The BHAB formed an ad hoc, composed of Frederick Williams, Matthew Holzmann, Karyl Dupee, Chase Wickersham, and Jim Taylor. This item was tabled for the next meeting in July.

New Business

- Find by majority vote: the following findings under Government Code section 54953(e)(3): (1) The Behavioral Health Advisory Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency currently in effect; (2) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.
- The BHAB vote and set a special meeting for July 13, 2022, to make findings pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e).

1st Motion: Chase Wickersham, 2nd Motion: Frederick Williams

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Supervisor Doug Chaffee			
Karyl Dupee	X		
Matthew Holzmann	X		
Mara James			
Stephen McNally	X		
Kristen Pankratz, MSW			
Courtney Smith	X		
Jim Taylor	X		
Duan Tran	X		
Fred Williams	X		
Chase Wickersham	X		



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Committee Reports

Legislation: Steve McNally reported Care Court had a hearing today.

Membership: There are several openings, and we have one possible appointment if approved by the BIS on June 28, 2022.

Substance Use Disorder System of Care: The Committee is in the middle of creating workgroups to follow up on the ART program which is a residential treatment system and to follow up on the questions received from the community on this program.

Mental Health System of Care: Duan Tran asked for members of the BHAB and the community to please reach out to Karla Perez should they know of any events in the community so that she may update the Stigma Free OC calendar of events.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Officially submitted by: Karla Perez

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