



**COUNTY OF ORANGE
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MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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Study Meeting Notes

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Health Care Agency
405 W. 5th Street, Room 202
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9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Members Present: Christine Costa, Karyl Dupee, Sandra Finestone, Matthew Holzmann, Steve McNally, Kristen Pankratz, Bethsabe Romero

Members Absent: Clayton Chau, Supervisor Andrew Do, Mark Levy, Michael Rose, Joy Torres

I. Welcome & Introduction: Matthew Holzmann

- Meeting began at 9:00 a.m. Each member and guest introduced themselves and their respective affiliation.

II. Public Comment

- Christine Tolbert- Ms. Tolbert shared the Health Care Task Force has been navigating the process in treating those who have a dual diagnosis with mental illness and autism. They are looking at ways to smooth out this process to make it more accessible for folks in receiving treatment. In addition, she provided information on an event, “Know your Rights”, taking place on August 20, 2019, 10am – noon at the Stat Council on Developmental Disabilities.

III. Scheduled Discussion Item

- Update on Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Programs-
 - Mark Lawrenz provided a detailed summary of the 9 PEI funding recommendations that were formulated from last summer’s community meetings. The recommendations were for the additional PEI funds for the next 3 years, and funds would be allocated according to priority ranking.
- Update on School’s Mental Health Services Survey-
 - Mark Lawrenz provided an update on the timeline of the Mental Health Services School’s Survey. The survey has been completed and they are currently designing a 4-page infographic to display the data findings on this document. The document is anticipated to be finished soon, we will send out as soon it is complete.

- Members would like for Stacy Deeble Reynolds to be invited to one of the MHB meetings to go over the report once it is released.
- Stigma Free OC Update-
 - The Stigma Free OC pledges continue to go up in numbers, we currently are at approximately 820 pledges in English, 2 Spanish and 109 organizations.
- MHB members were reminded of their upcoming site visit to Mult- Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies (MECCA), August 14, 2019, at 9:00am.

IV. Open Discussion:

- Public Comments received-
 - Enhancing public engagement and community planning- the members of the board would like to receive an update on this years' Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Plan.
- Learning from previous Peer graduating programs to ensure the current Peer program is successful-
 - Linda Molina explained that we are looking at ways to improve going forward, initially there were a few setbacks and we were learning as built the program. Sandy Finestone would like to work with Peers and be a part of a Peer Support committee.
- New Advocacy issues-
 - Steve McNally would like to receive an update on County mental health programs and contracted programs to include which have a current waitlist and if there are programs who do not allow for a waitlists.

V. Committee Reports:

- Older Adult Committee- Karyl Dupee went over their three goals for this year: 1) formulating a service directory specifically for older adults only 2) Follow- up to the original recommendations on the 1st letter submitted to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) 3) working on how to find a place for older adult homeless who are dying on the streets without hospice care.
- Finance and Resource Committee- the committee members met with Dr. Nagel and BHS Budget staff to review the letter of recommendations. He reviewed all three recommendations and agreements that were made in response to the recommendations provided. Dr. Nagel agreed to provide a response letter with in approximately 30 days from the date the meeting took place.

VI. Announcements:

- Kristen Pankratz informed the members of the next Pediatric and Young Adult System of Care Task force, and would like to volunteer her time to be a liaison on this task for as a representative of the MHB.

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 10:15 a.m.