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COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Study Committee Planning Meeting Notes

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Health Care Agency
405 W. 5th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Members Present: Alisa Chatrapachai, Judith Lewis, Karyn Mendoza, Michael Rose, Gregory Swift

Members Absent: Supervisor Andrew Do, Brian Jacobs, Carolyn Nguyen

I. Welcome & Introduction: Michael Rose

- Meeting began at 9:03 a.m. Each member and guest introduced themselves and their respective affiliation.

II. Public Comment

- N/A

III. Scheduled Discussion Item

- Correctional Mental Health Update (Judith, Karyn, April)
 - Karyn provided an update on a tour they attended at the Santa Ana Jail. She learned that follow-up upon release may be challenging. However, staff from various behavioral health programs such as Collaborative Courts are out at the jails in the early morning to help link some clients to services upon release. Staff at the jails also provide a thorough plan to follow once they are released to help them transition and get into services, however, it is the client's responsibility to follow this plan. Karyn shared that the committee still needed to meet and discuss further details learned on this tour and provide another update at the next Mental Health Board (MHB) Study meeting.
 - Michael expressed that there is a similar disconnect upon release of mental health hospital. She shared that she would like to see Innovation funds being used towards an innovative project that could help this disconnect and help more clients get linked upon release from jails or hospitals.
 - A request was made to have a future presentation to understand the jails discharge process. The board would like to learn discharge plans, statistics on clients, and what programs are those involved with the clients upon release.

- Marketing of Special Meetings in BHS
 - Karla Amezcuita advised the board on how Behavioral Health Services (BHS) advertises special meetings such as a public hearings; advertising includes BHS website, emailing of information to interested parties and distribution lists, County Libraries post a notice and have plans available upon request, and the meetings are also advertised via newspapers in all threshold languages. The board suggested BHS also advertise on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter Accounts.
- Ad Hoc Committee meetings
 - Karla will make arrangements for the Board of Supervisors ad hoc committee to meet with District 2, 3, 4, and 5.
 - Michael has arranged to meet with Susan Price.
- Membership Update was tabled to the next meeting.

IV. Open Discussion

- *Public Comments Received*
 - Concern was shared regarding clients not being able to get into housing because they have a service animal. The MHB discussed the difference between emotional support animals and service animals; they are not on the same legislation. The board asks that the Community Action Advisory Committee add this discussion to their agenda.
 - The MHB addressed discussion on co-occurring clients who are having trouble getting into residential care or into treatment programs after being released from jails, hospitals, or crisis units.

V. Committee Reports

- Board of Supervisors Communication Committee – Karyn Mendoza and Alisa Chatprapachai
 - Karla will make arrangements for the Board of Supervisors ad hoc committee to meet with District 2, 3, 4, and 5.
 - Michael would like to draft a letter for the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to inform them of the MHB's position on the legislations related to marijuana.

VI. Announcements

- N/A

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 10:25 a.m.