



**Mental Health Services Act
Steering Committee Meeting**

Monday, August 1, 2016

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Delhi Community Center

505 E. Central Ave.

Santa Ana, 92707

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Item I Call to Order/Welcome

- At 1:05 p.m. by Sharon Browning
- Sharon announced agenda items and reminded new members to stay for the MHSA orientation

Item II State/Local Update

Mary Hale, BHS Director

- Mary announced Orange County's upcoming participation in a new Medi-Cal waiver program called *Whole Person Care*, which mainly targets the county's homeless population and mentioned MHSA as one of the likely funding sources down the line
- Mary also discussed the *No Place Like Home* initiative which provides \$2 billion through a bond process towards permanent housing (of which \$1.8 billion will be up for competitive bidding) and mentioned how this will reduce Orange County's MHSA funds
- Mary shared a July 20, 2016 DHCS Info Notice clarifying that counties may use MHSA funds for crisis stabilization units to provide services on a voluntary or involuntary basis

Item III MHSA Update

Dr. Jeff Nagel, Director of Operations

- Dr. Nagel briefly mentioned Orange County's participation in the Drug-Medi-Cal pilot project and encouraged committee members to attend the countywide informational meetings
- Dr. Nagel discussed the planning process for the upcoming MHSA 3-Year Plan which will require increased participation of the committee and community members
 - An analysis of budget and expenditure reports for the past two years will take place in August, followed by committee's identification of unmet needs and gaps in October

- Sub-committees will go through the existing plan and decide on which programs to protect in November, followed by voting on the 3-Year budget in December

Item IV CAAC Update

Denise Cuellar, President of CAAC

- Denise provided an update on the CAAC MHSA Program Surveys and shared that a total of 45 MHSA Programs have been surveyed
- Denise also announced the results of the CAAC executive board elections, which resulted in no changes in the board with her as the President, Tho Be as Vice President, and Ana Tutilla as Secretary
- Denise requested clarification on behalf of CAAC on the Transportation program's timeline for implementation and the status of the Homeless Shelter

Item V Public Comments

Joy Torres spoke about a problem certain individuals with service dogs are experiencing when it comes to housing placements

2:15 p.m. BREAK

Item VI MHSA Orientation

Dr. Jeff Nagel, Director of Operations

- Dr. Nagel started MHSA Orientation for new committee members and will finish it at the next steering committee in October

4:00 p.m. Adjourned