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## ALCOHOL & DRUG ADVISORY BOARD

Hall of Administration  
Planning Commission Hearing Room  
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.  
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April 6, 2017  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Minutes

**Members Present:** Stacy Deeble-Reynolds, Margaret Fleitman, Geoffrey Henderson, Lorraine Martinez, Roy Richardson, Cathy Stills, Frederick Williams, Nancy Wilson

**Members Absent:** Johnnie Harris, Debra Kelsey

### I. Opening at 9:06 a.m.

- Each board member and guest introduced themselves and their respective affiliations.

### II. Approval of Minutes: Action Item

- The minutes from the February 2, 2017, meeting were approved, and placed on file.  
Motion: Geoff Henderson      Second: Cathy Stills      Vote: Approved, 8 yes/0 no

### III. Committee Reports

- *Legislation Committee – Roy Richardson*
  - Assembly Bill (AB) 702 passed on February 15, 2017, this law will require the court to impose additional penalties for those who are convicted of driving under the influence (DUI) and at the time of arrest they refuse the officers request to willfully submit to complete a sobriety test.
  - AB 532 will authorize a court to develop a program to offer mental health and addiction treatment services to those charged with a misdemeanor offense; this law will be in effect until January 1, 2020.
  - AB 1095 provides for the licensure, certification, and regulation of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility that serves less than 6 persons to be considered residential use of property.
- *Membership Committee- Lorraine Martinez, Debra Kelsey*
  - There are currently three appointments going before the Board of Supervisors for their approval in June, this will leave 2 existing vacancies.

- *Nominating Committee- Lorraine Martinez, Debra Kelsey*
  - No update
- *Mental Health Board Liaison- Cathy Stills*
  - Thirty-five County staff have been trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) to help trauma survivors. The year round shelter at Kraemer will open in less than two month. Moreover, the Stepping Up Initiative subcommittees are working together to develop a plan in reducing the number of mentally ill people in jail. Furthermore, the Strong Families Veterans program has placed peer navigators in 15 family resource centers throughout the County so that they link people with services. Finally, May is mental health awareness month.
- *Provider Meeting- Cathy Stills and Lorraine Martinez*
  - No Update.
- *Criminal Justice Treatment Committee – Geoff Henderson*
  - The committee will look for participation from the members of the Board to look over some of the Stepping Up Initiative recommendations.
- *Community Forum Planning Committee – Geoff Henderson, Lorraine Martinez, Debra Kelsey, Margaret Fleitman*
  - The planning Committee has been meeting regularly and focusing their efforts on putting together a survey. This should be sent out to soon to obtain feedback from the members of the community. In addition, they are in the process of planning focus groups to obtain feedback from various community groups. All of the feedback received from the public comments, surveys, and focus groups will put together and incorporated into their final plan.
- Community Collaborative Committee:
  - *Orange County RX & OTC Coalition: Margaret Fleitman*
    - Margaret attended the last meeting held at the Orange County Crime Lab and they obtained a tour of their location, they were provided information on current findings and what they are testing in their lab.
  - *Orange County Substance Abuse Prevention Network (OCSAPN): Stacy Deeble-Reynolds*
    - They have begun the planning of their annual conference, more details on the date and location will be provided soon.
  - *Mental Health Services ACT (MHSA) Steering Committee: Cathy Stills, Geoff Henderson*
    - Geoff Henderson provided an update on potential budget issues with the budget for the in home health care IHHS, the state will no longer be liable for these costs and the County will now take a substitute role in paying for these costs which may potential impact County budgets. In addition, the MHSA office has put out their three-year plan for fiscal years 17/18 – 19/20, and has been posted for public comment. They also provided a comprehensive presentation on the many MHSA programs.
  - *Orange County Tobacco Education Coalition (OCTEC): Stacy Deeble-Reynolds*
    - Stacy reported that Stanford University offers a new online set of lessons titled “Tobacco Toolkit”, it offers great information and includes information on e-cigarettes which is a something new for the schools to use. This toolkit is free of charge to use.

#### IV. Old Business-

- Geoff Henderson provided an update on the Stepping Up Initiative, it is an initiative brought together by two county leaders Sherriff Hutchins and Supervisor Todd Spitzer. The initiative's goals are primarily trying to reduce the number of folks who are incarcerated due to their mental illness symptoms as opposed to criminal behavior. During the last six months, the county has brought together ten subcommittees which have been meeting on a regular basis, each working to provide a recommendation to the Assistant Sheriff Kea who will put all recommendations together into a formal report. This plan will then be presented before the Board of Supervisors for their approval.

#### V. New Business-

- *Fee Increase requests for Providers of DUI and PC 1000 Programs: (Azahar Lopez)*  
Dr. Lopez provided a comprehensive overview of their reasoning behind their request to go before the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to approve the Health Care Agency in submitting a request to increase Driving Under the Influence (DUI) provider fees to the that State Department of health Care Services (DHCS) as well as for the PC1000 programs. The fee increase schedule is based on a three year increase. Auditor Controller conducted a fee study and is recommending of such increases from the participants of the program. Dr. Lopez requests the support of the ADAB for the suggested increases so that they can continue to provide their level of services. In addition, Dr. Lopez requests that the board write a letter in support of the increases to attach to their request to the BOS. The ADAB members have requested further clarification and additional documentation be sent to them via email and will table this agenda item to the next ADAB general meeting.

#### VI. BHS Update:

*Brett O'Brien-* Touchstones program is in the process of getting Drug Medi-Cal certified but is finding some challenges due to a conflict between community care licensing and Drug Medi-Cal, however despite the challenges they are moving forward through this process. Moreover, on the Stepping up Initiative, all of the ten sub-committees will need to submit their recommendations by the end of April. Finally, Mental Health Awareness month is coming up in May and we will have many events throughout the month supporting this campaign. A calendar of events will be distributed soon via email. The Multi-Ethnic Collaboration of Community Agencies (MECCA) will start off with a kickoff event on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Bowers Museum.

*Mitch Cherness:* A provider has been identified for the Co-Occurring Residential Request for Proposal (RFP) for the severe and persistent mentally ill population, we hope to have it up and going by the end of the year. Moreover, the provider meeting is Tuesday at 3:00pm at the Data Center in Santa Ana, they will cover local and state updates on alcohol and drug related items. Furthermore, the current waitlist is approximately 160 to get into residential treatment, this is equivalent to a 2-3 week wait time for injection drug use (IDU) and for non- IDUs it's a month or two months wait time. Grandma's House of Hope, a provider for short term housing, will open up a house for males and willing to take persons with mental illness and AB 109. The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) residential program, Opioid and AB 109 services will be going to the BOS on April 25<sup>th</sup> for their approval. The Kraemer facility will start taking their residents by early May and will be in phase 1, taking approximately only 100 residents by reservation only and from persons who are from north county area. In addition, Shelter Plus Care will start allowing shared housing, they will allow people to use their voucher to rent a room inside someone's home to avoid losing their housing voucher. Finally, we have applied to receive 6,000 doses of Naloxone which will be available to the community.

*Sandra Fair-* The Drug Medi-Cal plan is still in the rate setting process. HCA outpatient clinics are currently seeking certification for Drug Medi-Cal. An RFP went out for outpatient providers and is in

the evaluation process; this RFP will require all providers to be Drug Medi-Cal certified and required to provide linkages to medication assisted treatment. Moreover, the Opioid workgroup is moving forward working on developing a survey to get it out the community. In addition, we have established an email mailbox available to submit public comment, [Opioidinfo@ochca.com](mailto:Opioidinfo@ochca.com) Sandra Fair or Karla Perez will be monitoring this mailbox for all incoming comments. Cal Optima had an informational series meeting covering all areas on how to deal with the opioid issue that is going on.

## **VII. Presentation**

### ***Marijuana Fact Check Website***

Presentation by: Brett O'Brien, Director Children, Youth and Prevention Behavioral Health Services  
Amy Buch, Division Manager of Health Promotion  
Health Care Agency

Brett O'Brien and Amy Buch provided a full overview and navigation of the information the website provides. The website offers information on the latest research related to children and youth's health and safety.

For additional information on the Marijuana Fact Check Website, please contact Karla Amezcua at [kperez@ochca.com](mailto:kperez@ochca.com) or log on to <http://www.mifactcheck.org/>

## **VIII. ADEPT Report**

- Amy Buch –
  - Amy shared of some acknowledgements made by Public Health Services of partners who have helped them meet the goals and objectives of the Community Health Improvement Plan; those were Mission Hospital, BCC Gary Center, various Boys and Girls Clubs, DUI Courts team, and Sheriff's department. In addition, there will be a reality party on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2-5 pm in Garden Grove. Finally, May 29<sup>th</sup> will be a drug take back day. Finally, they will be going before the BOS on April 25<sup>th</sup> to renew some agreements in the community.

## **IX. Public Comment**

- Leslie Madershied: Ms. Madershied shared her story in the loss of her daughter due to opioid addiction. She urges the board to increase Naloxone use, incorporate more detox facilities, and implement a comprehensive mandatory training program for teachers and families.
- Claudia: Ms. Claudia shared about the loss of a loved one due to opioid addiction. She shared addiction is a disease of the brain and concern should be paid to outpatient programs.
- Aimee Dunkle: Ms. Dunkle shared about the loss of her son to an opioid addiction, she runs her own program with her husband providing hope to those who need help with their addiction and working hard to put people into detox treatment. They provide Naloxone to members of the Civic Center, under the 57 frwy in Anaheim and at the needle exchange program. Their program needs help with funding for more Naloxone purchases.
- Kathy Berkowitz: Ms. Berkowitz shared her story with the loss of her son due to opioid addiction. She urges the need for training in the workplace to recognize signs and provide help for their employees.
- Amy Pacios: Shared her story as an addict, through her recovery and losing loved ones along the way. She recommends educating the community and a need for campaigning past the "Just say No".
- Will Congdon: Mr. Congdon provided three recommendations, 1) the need for a program to encourage disposal of opioid prescription drugs 2) addiction is a long process, help support sober living homes 3) talk about your addiction and share your story.

- Jody: Ms. Jody touched on the issue of over prescribing from physicians in Orange County, doctors need to be addressed to stop overprescribing. In addition, people should be educated on the opioid prescriptions. She also shared of her documentary “Overtaken” to educate the community on the opioid issue.
- Phillip Falcetti: Mr. Falcetti is part of the NCADD- OC program and shared he and his program are not supportive of the DUI fee increase. He asks for a re-evaluation of the system and revenues and asks the board to not be supportive of the fee increase at the moment.
- Cristal Pizano: Ms. Pizano shared that in 2013 the same study was done and DHCS did not approve a 3-year increase on fees therefore she believes they will not support this 3-year increase because it is more than a 5% increase. She asks that the providers be advised of such increases ahead of time and be provided with a copy of the fee study.
- Shannon O’Conner: Ms. O’Conner shared her story on the loss of her child due to opioid addiction. She urges the board for more education for parents and in the community.
- Gloria Mullendore: Ms. Mullendore shared that providers did not receive proper notice of the fee increases and advised the board that Orange County is highest in fees in the State. Their program is long standing and they don’t see the need for an increase, they have done their share for savings in their program and urge the County to do the same.

## **X. Adjournment**

- **11:06 a.m.**

\*Note: Copies of all writings pertaining to items in these ADAB minutes are available for public review in the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Board Office, 405 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 354, Santa Ana, CA 92701, 714.834.5481 or Email: [kperez@ochca.com](mailto:kperez@ochca.com)\*