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COUNTY OF ORANGE HEALTH CARE AGENCY

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Study Committee Planning Meeting Notes

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

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

Members Present: Alisa Chatprapachai, Karyl Dupee, Sandra Finestone, Matthew Holzmann, Michael Rose, Fasi Siddiqui, Gregory Swift, Joy Torres,

Members Absent: Supervisor Andrew Do, Karyn Mendoza, Carolyn Nguyen

I. Welcome & Introduction: Michael Rose

- Meeting began at 9:02 a.m. Each member and guest introduced themselves and their respective affiliation.

II. Public Comment

- Arlene Garcia
 - Ms. Garcia thanked the Health Care Agency (HCA) for their continuous efforts and support with respect to housing and other services. Furthermore, Ms. Garcia shared some concern with the living conditions at the Civic Center Courtyard.
- Jim Farrell
 - Mr. Farrell shared his concern with the shortage of Board and Care facilities.

III. Scheduled Discussion Item

- Inpatient Psychiatric Beds: *Debbie Lent*
 - Debbie provided a comprehensive overview of the various facilities offering psychiatric services. She provided information on short and long term psychiatric beds and the differences amongst both types of facilities. Debbie provided documents which included detailed information on the levels of care and the amount of beds each program has available and informational data on consumers served over the years.
- MHB Annual Report
 - Examples of previous MHB annual reports were provided as samples to review to obtain ideas for the next annual report. It was suggested to form an ad hoc committee to work on this project.

IV. Open Discussion

- *Public Comments Received*
 - Civic Center Courtyard- The concerns from the members of the Courtyard were discussed and the MHB will be scheduling a tour of their facility in the near future. Jason Austin, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Staff, explained that the Civic Center Courtyard is a program of Orange County Community Resources, however BHS staff will soon be expanding their outreach hours to weekends and evenings at the Courtyard. He also added that Midnight Mission (one of the service providers of the Courtyard), has formed a grievance process; Jason suggested funneling any further concerns on the Courtyard through him.
 - Matt Holzmann suggested getting the Courtyard staff trained in Mental Health First Aid while staff are dealing with members who may have a mental illness.
 - Section 8 evictions: Members of the Board will look further into this matter.
- *New Advocacy Issues Received*
 - Concerns were raised with the new Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) in Garden Grove not moving forward. Linda Molina, BHS Staff, explained efforts are being made to continue moving forward with a new landlord. She will keep the Board informed of any updates.

V. Committee Reports

- The members revisited the options for future tours of County Mental Health programs; voted to tour 2 sites, Kraemer and Mercy House. In addition, they would like to tour the Civic Center Courtyard when it is available to tour.

VI. Announcements

- Michael Rose reminded the members of the MHSA Public Hearing on May 9th at 9:00am, at the Norman P. Murray Community Center. They will be reviewing and voting on the approval of the MHSA 3-Year Plan Update.

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 10:32 a.m.