



# County of Orange Mental Health Board

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9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Hall of Administration  
Planning Commission Hearing Room  
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.  
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**Members Present:** Supervisor Andrew Do, Karyl Dupee, Sandra Finestone, Diana Heineck, Matthew Holzmann, Karyn Mendoza, Carolyn Nguyen, Michael Rose, Fasi Siddiqui, Joy Torres

**Members Absent:** Alisa Chatrapachai, Tia Christian, Gregory Swift,

Call to Order at 9:07 a.m. by Michael Rose

### Welcome and Introductions

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Each member and attendee introduced themselves and their respective affiliation

### Approval of Minutes – Action Item

- August 23, 2017
  1. Item was tabled to the next general MHB meeting.

### Announcements

Michael Rose-

- Announced the MHB / ADAB Joint meeting will take place on October 25, 2017, at the Orange County Department of Education. She encourages all board members to please attend this meeting.
- Announced the start of a new ad hoc committee titled Finance and Performance Reviews, which will be chaired by Matthew Holzmann. This committee will oversee the budgets with in mental health. Supervisory Do expressed he would like to be a part of this committee and added he would also like to take a look at performance reviews and reviewing the structure of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) programs while expanding to overseeing their finances and metrics. In addition, he would like to look at the structure and management throughout all of mental health and not just MHSA. Sandra Finestone and Joy Torres would also like to be a part of the ad hoc.
- NAMI Walks will take place on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Mason Regional Park in Irvine.



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### Public Comment

Jim Farrell-

Mr. Farrell expressed concerns regarding difficulty for those with mental illness and their families navigating the health care system and social security system while being a recipient of benefits.

Steve McNally-

Mr. McNally expressed concerns regarding the lack of Press Releases for Public Hearings. In addition, he would like a review of MHB Statutory Requirements.

Michael Arnot-

Mr. Arnot asked the MHB and the Finances Ad-Hoc Committee to review unspent MHSA funds and the discrepancy between allocated and unspent funds. He expressed his support for community-based services to better serve underserved population.

### Old Business

- Michael Rose updated the board on the previous meeting for Gaps in Services, which met with some community-based organizations on gaps and needs and funding opportunities for these organizations. The MHB requested County's response for the merit and viability of the Community Opportunity Fund (COF).
- Response to the MHB Regarding: Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Opportunity Fund - By: Jeff Nagel, BHS Director of Operations:
  1. Jeff met with County Counsel, County Procurement Officer, County Contracts Manager and Purchasing Manager in regards to the Community Opportunity Fund. He also reviewed the County Procurement Manual, regulatory statutes governing both MHSA planning process and MHB's authority. Some of the challenges included how the COF proposal violates some of the county procurement processes, removes authority from the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and grants that without statutory authority to the MHB. Without being granted additional authority from BOS, the COF does not appear to have merit. MHSA uses a community planning process as outlined in the Welfare and Institution Code, using a 60+ member Steering Committee which invites members of the community for their input in the community planning process. The MHB's role as it relates to MHSA is to conduct Public Hearings, review and make recommendations to the Mental Health Department. In addition, the MHB is not in the position to administer MHSA funds or conduct solicitations. He suggested that the community-based organizations participate in the community planning process by attending the Steering Committee meetings and bring their needs forward. Another suggestion is to be part of a collaborative or sub-contracting with an existing MHSA providers. Final suggestion included pursuing community grants and other funding sources that closely align with the goals of the community-based organizations.



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### **Old Business: (Continued)**

- Supervisor Do requested that information regarding finances/budgets be accessible to both macro level and micro level audiences in order for the MHB to appropriately advise the BOS.
- Michael Rose asks Massoud Shamel from County Counsel to provide a report on the legal aspects of the COF.
  1. Massoud Shamel provided the legal guidelines as to how MHSA Program and Expenditure Plans are developed through a community stakeholder planning process as required through legislation. The MHB has the advisory role of holding a public hearing on MHSA plans and recommending the plan to the BOS. COF seeks MHB's involvement in collecting unspent and disbursing MHSA funds, which is outside its jurisdiction. The community stakeholder planning process cannot be bypassed by the MHB, as COF seeks.
  2. MHB was in agreement that this issue will not be redirected to the BOS, but requested simplified financial reports on MHSA expenditures.

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#### **Program Reviews:** *(Mary Hale)*

- Mary reviewed the three new/expansion of existing programs that have been recommended and approved by the MHSA Steering committee.
  1. BHS Peer Mentoring Program: Will target Children- Older Adults, estimated to serve approximately 900 clients per year for a total of three years. This is a program enhancement of peer mentoring services, requesting \$500,000 for the first year and \$1.5M for years second and third.
  2. CHS – Jail to Community Re-Entry Program: Will target Adult and Older Adult Mental Health inmates in county-operated jail facilities, estimated to serve approximately 1600 inmates per year for a total of three years. This is a new program, requesting \$1.5M for the first year and \$3.1M – \$3.2M for years second and third.
  3. Housing: Will target Adults and Older Adults living with severe and persistent mental illness. This is an enhancement of MHSA Housing services, requesting \$1.5M one time, to be added to the 3.5M previously approved by the Steering committee.

#### **Public Comments on MHSA Plan Amendments:** *(Michaell Rose)*

- Jim Farrell-  
Mr. Farrell expressed concerns towards the communication for families of those who get released from jails. He suggested accessing treatment information provided upon discharge so that families do not see their loved ones decompensate soon after they have been released.
- Steve McNally-  
Mr. McNally questioned the amount of peers being hired for the Peer Mentoring program and what their caseload will be. He also stated that the caseloads correlate to successful outcomes. In addition, he asked if there were wraparound services included in the Housing plan.

#### **Review of Public Comments on MHSA Plan Amendments received during the 30-Day Public Comment Period:** *(Sharon Ishikawa)*

- Sharon informed the MHB of the one (1) public comment that was received during the 30-day public comment period. The comment expressed concerns with individuals who have a mental illness and often need assistance with linking them to services upon discharge from jail. Sharon addressed this comment informing the board that the CHS Jail to Community Re-Entry program will expand existing Correctional Health Services, allow referrals that are tailored to each individual which will include assistance with medication and benefits, and will include staff to facilitate linkages.



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#### **Close of Public Hearing: Call for MHB Vote** (*Michael Rose*)

- Michael Rose called for a vote for the approval of the MHSA Three-Year Plan Amendments. Members of the Board who were present approved the plan. The MHSA Three-Year Plan Amendments were approved with a 9 yes / 0 no vote.

#### **Adjournment**

- 10:48 a.m.

#### **Officially submitted by: Karla Perez**

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

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