



**COUNTY OF ORANGE
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Study Meeting Notes

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

Members Present: Karyl Dupee, Sandra Finestone, Matthew Holzmann, Michael Rose, Joy Torres

Members Absent: Alisa Chatprapachai, Supervisor Andrew Do, Diana Heineck, Carolyn Nguyen, Fasi Siddiqui, Gregory Swift

I. Welcome & Introduction: Michael Rose

- Meeting began at 9:04 a.m. Each member and guest introduced themselves and their respective affiliation.

II. Public Comment

- Michael Arnot-
 - Mr. Arnot provided information about a Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Audit conducted by the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Committee. He expressed his concerns with Orange County's fund balances and urged the MHB members to have more oversight on the plan and possibly hire a consultant to address the budget.
- Vattana Peong-
 - Mr. Peong expressed his concerns with the lack of mental health services as well as prevention and intervention services amongst the Cambodian community. The Cambodian Family program has met their goals for the year however, they are limited and have a waitlist. Mr. Peong would like to see this program's contract expand in services to properly address the community's needs.
- Jim Farrell-
 - Mr. Farrell commented on the need to help families locate their loved ones who have been missing and living out in the streets or incarcerated. In addition, he recommends more communication from the MHB with the Board of Supervisors (BOS).
- Iliana Welty-
 - Ms. Welty commented on behalf of MECCA, Ethnic Community Services, and expressed concern for a greater need for services amongst ethnic communities. She urges the MHB to study the numbers of people being served to have accountability and appropriate representation.

- Bill Kosareff-
 - Mr. Kosareff provided a comment urging the MHB members to have more communication with the BOS when planning for their goals and projects for that given year. He expressed concern in how the County budgets are dispersed amongst the different agencies such as Orange County Sherriff's and Health Care Agency.

III. Scheduled Discussion Item

- MHSA annual Plan Update FY 18-19, Public Hearing on April 11-
 - Michael reminded the board of the upcoming public hearing and urged the members to review the plan and be prepared on the day of the Public Hearing. Karyl Dupee requested that there be older adult representation amongst the guest speakers.
- MHB at Meeting of the Minds-
 - The members of the MHB would like to have an exhibitor table at the Meeting of the Minds (MOM) Conference taking place on May 30th. They would like to use this opportunity to outreach and recruit members to join on the MHB. Karla Perez will ensure that the MHB have a reserved table at the MOM Conference.
- Site Visits-
 - The MHB will be going on two site visits, Manchester Office (Children/ Youth) and OASIS FSP (Older Adults), they would like to hold part of their Study Committee meetings at the beginning of both site visits and obtain information of the program being toured. The dates will be confirmed and emailed out by Min Suh from the MHSA office.
- MHB Membership-
 - Michael asked that we look into applications received in 2016 and reach out to those who were not selected during that recruitment process to see if they are still interested in becoming members of the MHB. The MHB is actively recruiting and Michael urged all members to be proactive in sending out the MHB application to their contacts in an effort to fill the open vacancies on the board.
- CalOptima Community Needs Assessment / IGT Grant-
 - There will be a community event on Wednesday March 21, 2018 at the Delhi Community Center, where they will provide an informative presentation on the grant and include priority areas. Registration is required for this event.
- Letter of Support-
 - Michael has been working on drafting a letter of support for the MHSA Innovation (INN) Project: Mental Health Technology Solutions. She will email a draft by the end of week for further input from the board members. Dr. Nagel will provide specifics on the INN project to Michael.
- Special Recognition-
 - The MHB and Behavioral Health Services will thank and acknowledge Karyn Mendoza and Dr. Carolyn Nguyen for their many years of services at the upcoming General meeting in April.

IV. Open Discussion

- New Advocacy Issues-
 - Joy Torres shared of her concerns with issues dealing members of the shelters who are getting their medical equipment stolen. In addition, she expressed of her concerns for lack of housing availability for section 8 older adult clients.
 - Members engaged in a discussion about drafting a letter in response to negative media articles released due to the MHSA State audit. They would like to outline of how OC has allocated their funds and provide feedback on their plan for advocating for services.

- The MHB members would like to draft a letter to the BOS in regards to AB 1194 and advocate for a change in language provided on the Department of Health Care Services website.

V. Committee Reports

- None

VI. Announcements

- N/A

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 10:33 a.m.