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Wednesday, February 28, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Meeting Location:

601 N. Ross St., Santa Ana, CA 92701
Conference Center

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Members Present: Alan Albright, Hector Bustos, Stephen McNally, Chinh Tuong Nguyen, Kristen Pankratz, Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento, Chase Wickersham, Fred Williams

Members Absent: Karyl Dupee, Susan Emerson, Matthew Holzmann, Duan Tran,

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Alan Albright who then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions

- Each member introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- January 24, 2024
 - Steve McNally made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2024, meeting and Chase Wickersham seconded the motion. The minutes were approved for the record with one edit by Alan Albright. Yes 9 /0 No

Public Comment

- Keith Torkelson:
Mr. Torkelson provided an update on a special project he is working on and information on technical devices.

Updates

- Supervisor Sarmiento provided an update on agenda items from the Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting on February 26, 2024. The BOS approved rapid rehousing to secure permanent housing, Adult residential Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) substance use disorder treatment services which are for adults seeking residential treatment services, and lastly they approved children and transitional age youth (TAY) Full Service Partnership (FSP) with wraparound services.



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The FSP is intense outpatient services for TAY and offer a holistic approach, offering housing, stability, job placement, school success, direct mental health care medication, and other supportive services. They also approved additional Behavioral Health Bridge Housing for unhoused individuals with serious behavioral health conditions and will provide bridge housing and support services for folks who are experiencing homelessness. The funding for bridge housing will create 122 additional beds through new and existing contracts. Supervisor Sarmiento also updated on a Senate Bill that will allow for local routing for 988 calls – allowing calls to be routed near to where the call was originated. This item will go before this board and then BOS for consideration.

Supervisor Sarmiento thanked the BHAB for the work that they do and for being so invested in the topic of mental health and recovery. He encouraged the members to attend BOS meetings to be able to speak on some of the agenda items that come up for MHRS where they can provide valuable perspective.

Susan Emerson requested to have a 988 update presentation, where there is data on calls and routing process.

MHRS Chief’s Report –Veronica Kelley

Ian Kemmer provided the Mental Health and Recovery (MHRS) update. He provided some highlights including, an update on adult and older adult FSP, TAO graduated 7 members and opened up a new Permanent supportive housing, Casa Paloma in Midway City offering 71 new housing units. Under Forensics, the Westminster Probation office officially opened up for screening of AB 109 clients. There is now an AB 109 System Navigator for the AB 109 clients and has started medication assisted treatment groups both at Theo Lacy and Central Jail. In addition, there was a graduation from the Collaborative Court program and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) court. There were also two Veteran Court graduations. Under Children and Youth Services, they have been providing a series of trainings on trauma at Orangewood. In addition, the department moved forward a proclamation this past January for positive parenting awareness month in Orange County. Lastly, two CYS County operated outpatient clinics have began new parent child interaction therapy.

Fred Williams asked to have a Forensics presentation in the future to learn more about their programs.



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Presentations:

- **Crisis and Acute Care Services Overview**
By: Linda Molina, LCSW
Mental Health and Recovery Services

Linda Molina provided a comprehensive overview on Crisis and Acute Care Services. She included information on OC Links which is a starting point for many and have licensed clinicians for linkage to services. She included performance outcomes data for CAT services for Adults and children. In addition, she included an overview of the Mobile Crisis Benefit Transformation and included key elements of the program, service settings and data.

Chase Wickersham suggested collaboration with 211. Susan Emerson requested data on OC Links for non-duplicated calls. Also, of those calls how many were connected to services, warm handoffs. Steve mentioned that it would be a good idea to have follow ups after through the Adults MH Committee. Supervisor Sarmiento requested to have the Sheriff's Department come and provide feedback on their experience with the CAT team calls.

The remainder of the presentation will be provided at a future meeting.

Old Business

- Discuss tabling requests- Item tabled to a future meeting.
- Review of any bylaw suggested amendments- Item tabled to a future meeting.

New Business

- Discuss BHAB community Survey- Item tabled to future meeting.

Committee Updates:

- N/A

Announcements:

- Karla Perez provided information important dates around the posting of the MHSA Plan Update leading up to the MHSA Public Hearing. The March Study Committee meeting will be dedicated solely to learning about what is included in the MHSA Plan Update, the April Study Committee meeting will be moved from April 10th to April 17th where Michelle Smith will provide an overview of all Public Comments received during the 30-day public comment period. April 24, 2024, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, will be the MHSA Public Hearing at the Westminster Community Center.
- Fred Williams announced upcoming events that included the Meeting of the Minds Conference and upcoming BHAB Committee meetings.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Officially submitted by: Karla Perez** *Note copies of all writings pertaining to items in these BHAB meetings are available for public review in the Behavioral Health Services advisory Board Office, 05 W. 5th St., Santa Ana, CA 92701, 714.834.5481 or Email: OCBHAB@ochca.com ***