



COUNTY OF ORANGE
HEALTH CARE AGENCY

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Study Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**750 The City Drive South, Suite 130,
Orange, CA 92868**

Members Present: Alan Albright, Karyl Dupee, Susan Emerson, Steve McNally, Linda Smith, Duan Tran, Chase Wickersham, Frederick Williams

Members Absent: Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento's Office, Hector Bustos, Matthew Holzmann, Tuong Chinh Nguyen, Kristen Pankratz

County Staff: Dawn Smith, Michelle Smith, Flor Yousefian Tehrani, Terri Styner, Karla Perez, Ryan Yowell, Brad Hutchins

I. Welcome and Introductions:

- Alan Albright called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Members of the committee introduced themselves.

II. Public Comment:

Sonia Marin-

Ms. Sonia shared a person story regarding her son's mental health, she expressed concern with services available for her son and asked the board and BHS for help.

III. Schedule Discussion Items:

- **Overview of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan Update for FY 2024 – 2025 Public Comments Received: *Michelle Smith***

Michelle provided an overview of the requirement behind the posting of the MHSA Plan Update; in addition, she provided information on how the MHSA Office shared with the community the posting of the MHSA Annual Update and 30-day public comment period. The Plan Update was disseminated through a press release to 2,669 media contacts, an email and flyer were distributed to nearly 1,500 individuals, community partners and County/ County contracted agencies, and posting on the HCA website.

The Plan was posted from March 11, 2024, through April 15, 2024, for a total of 35 days and a total of 20 public comments were received. Michelle provided an overview of the public comments received and included information on stakeholder satisfaction. The public comments received included the following: concern for reduction of funds for PEI,

dissatisfaction with the public system focusing on SMI/ SUD in the future and not population health, advocating for Wellness Center services, Support for Health and Wellness Coach Program, information about the Community Planning Process, and request for more data. Copies of the full comments received were provided to the BHAB members and were publicly available for the public present at the meeting.

Feedback from the BHAB Members:

- Karyl suggested asking specific questions for the community to be more inclined to provide a response.
 - Fred suggested providing incentives for their participation.
 - Steve questioned how many people downloaded and received a copy of the Plan.
 - Linda thanked and commended Michelle and her staff for all of the community planning that was done and trying their best to reach the community.
 - Alan reminded the BHAB members of the upcoming Public Hearing and Michelle provided information on what is a Substantive Recommendations. This definition will be emailed to all members.
- **Bylaw suggested edits-** Alan suggested that any suggested edits by any of the members will be taken into consideration in the meantime and the board will be taking a vote on the bylaws at their next BHAB General meeting in May.
 - **Site Visits: SUD Facilities**
ART Team Site Visit- The members discussed what issues or successes they saw during their site visits. Chase suggested looking into complaints that are being received by the facilities and how are they handled.

The Art Team agreed to put together a flow chart that would help community members navigate residential treatment services from start to being in treatment for individuals. This would be a process flow chart to be used as a navigation for the community. Mark Lawrenz mentioned that his staff can process this flow chart, including FAQs and get it out to the community. Alan asked that when this is finished, it should be added to a future agenda to be presented to the BHAB.

Steve suggested having the community and staff in the same room to build trust in the and a sense of community.

Mark suggested having a future presentation or overview on withdraw management at an upcoming SUD Committee meeting. Mark provided a quick overview of the withdraw management that is currently being provided.

Linda Smith questioned what the BHAB should do to address recommendations post the site visits.

IV. Announcement:

- MHA's Meeting of the Minds Conference- April 26, 2024, was announced.
- MHSA Public Hearing: April 24, 2024, 10:00am – 12:00pm, Westminster Community Center.
- All upcoming BHAB Committee meetings for the month of May were announced.

V. Adjournment: Meeting ended at 11:44 a.m.