



ORANGE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

ALAN V. ALBRIGHT, LMFT
CHAIR
FRED WILLIAMS, LMFT
VICE CHAIR

MAILING ADDRESS 405 W. 5TH
STREET SANTA ANA, CA 92701
<http://www.ocalthinfo.com/bhs/about/mhb>

Children and Youth Committee Meeting NOTES

Monday, April 8, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

***In-Person meeting**

405 W. 5th Street., Room 202, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Hybrid Option:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82235220417?pwd=7hLS2a2R8wRnJ8jZoW75SGpmgPmNzh.1>

Meeting ID: 822 3522 0417

Passcode: 293846

1:00 – 1:05 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

Linda Smith

Members: Linda Smith, Alan Albright, Chinh Nguyen, Steve McNally

Staff Present: Karla Perez, Dawn Smith,

Public: Monique , Maya, Lori Pack, Frances Garfias,

1:05 – 1:10 p.m.

Public Comment: N/A

1:10 – 1:55 p.m.

Scheduled Discussion Items:

- **“Conditions of Children” Report and Meeting-**

Linda expressed concern for data percentages provided for the LGBTIQ+ community who lives with depression. She also requested an update on the how many of the LGBTIQ+ youth is currently being served by HCA. OCDE explained that they are unable to provided actual data due to confidentiality.

2019 -2021, across all age groups, reported significantly high percentage of youth likely to report depression. Linda would like to know what is being done to help this issue and would like an update to see what HCA and the schools are planning on doing to address something so concerning. Steve requested copies of the Conditions of Childrens Report presentation.

- **Access to care at clinics for children and youth-**

Linda expressed concern regarding access to services in outpatient clinics for children. She also expressed concern for the long wait times to access services on in North Orange County. Linda requested to provide current wait times at all CYS clinics. Dawn Smith did address this concern and informed the members that the County is actively hiring more staff to improve those wait times.

Linda expressed concern regarding the \$10 million deficit in funding. Dawn provided context regarding the approach that the department may take to help with those funding cuts, aside from the Prop 1 changes that will come down the line. The Department is increasing the amount of revenue by billing for activities that were not being documented in the past, such as reviewing a chart prior to the client's appointment and other things that clinicians have to work on prior to seeing a client to prepare them for their visit.

- **Feedback and Discussion of presentations by CalOptima and OCDE-**
Linda Smith was grateful for the presentations from CalOptima and OCDE, however, she would like to request for data to be provided as a follow-up to their presentations. She would like to view data if available and for this to be presented at a future committee meeting. Mayu mentioned CalOptima is working with their department on gathering data, however, they are working on identifying more staff for their departments to be able to accomplish this goal.

Additional questions included student access to Well space. They would like to more details as to when is Well Space open for students, how is a Well Space advertised for students, is there any progress or data that is available to track its progress, and lastly does the program keep a log of when students check in/ out.

OCDE staff that was present suggests having a follow-up at a later meeting to be able to expand on some of the information that is being requested.

- A member asked about doing a possible site visit to a Well space. Karla will work with Mayu to coordinate. Mayu provided some background information on Well Space. Alan would like to know how many Well Spaces are available in Orange County.

Mayu mentioned that there are a total of 40 Well Spaces in Orange County, with 18 in progress.

A member suggested it would be a good idea to have a flyer or some sort of information sheet available for students so that they have this information handy. Steve suggested that this program target students that don't feel safe at school.

- Steve would like to know the role of the MHSSA for a future meeting.

- **1:55 - 2:00 p.m. Announcements**

Meeting of the Minds Conference
Friday, April 26, 2024, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Anaheim Marriott Hotel

2:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Linda Smith

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodations for this meeting should notify the Behavioral Health Advisory Board's Administrative Office 72 hours prior to the meeting at (714) 834-5481

You may request supporting documentation distributed to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board as related to the agenda items upon request from Karla Perez, kperez@ochca.com