



County of Orange Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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**Wednesday, May 22, 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, Susan Emerson, Chinh Tuong Nguyen, Kristen Pankratz, Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento's Office, Duan Tran, Chase Wickersham, Fred Williams

Members Absent: Hector Bustos, Karyl Dupee, Stephen McNally, Matthew Holzmann,

Staff Present: Annette Mugrditchian, Tracy Rick, Ian Kemmer, Mark Lawrenz, Dian Holley, Azahar Lopez, John Crump, Terri Styner, Julia Rinaldi, Linda Molina, Dawn Smith, John Crump, Amy Nguyen, Flor Yousefian Tehrani, Vanessa Thomas, April Thornton, Karla Perez, Min Suh, Ryan Yowell, Teresa Renteria

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:05 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

- March 27, 2024
 - Chase Wickersham made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2024, meeting and Susan Emerson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved for the record. Yes 8 /0 No.
- April 24, 2024
 - Susan Emerson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2024, meeting and Chase Wickersham seconded the motion with edits. The minutes were approved for the record with edits. Yes 8 /0 No.



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Karla Perez
Staff Specialist
Behavioral Health Services

Public Comment

Alejandra Capistran-

Ms. Capistran expressed her concern with mental health services for her son. She emphasized the need for services in the Latino Community and would like to connect those who are in need for services with the appropriate resources. She would like to have an office where she can provide the necessary resources to the Latino Community. She also called for Supervisor Sarmiento and thanked him for being so connected with the Latino Community.

BHS Chief's Report –

Ian Kemmer provided the Behavioral Health Services (BHS) update. He provided some highlights including, an update on the Master Service Agreement (MSA) for Mind OC, the Orange campus and the Irvine campus will be changing from Exodus to Mind OC. They will start contracting for the services at the Irvine Campus, including all substance use disorder (SUD) services, mental health services similar to the Orange campus, but additional services at the Irvine campus include a perinatal residential for SUD. The way the MSA was written over the 3 year period was that the offsets to the county go up each year with ending in a total of 22% offset to the county cost by the third year of the budget. They are currently at 4% and off by 9%, however Supervisor Foley and Supervisor Sarmiento mentioned the outcomes of the programs need come up, it was stated during the Board meeting. The BHAB members expressed some concerns in the percentages and would like for Mind OC to come in to the BHAB. Karla Perez mentioned they are scheduled for a presentation to the BHAB in June.

The May revise budget is now available, BCHIP round 6 and 7 dollars that are already allocated will continue to be spent, but later rounds that we had not applied to will be cut in the May revise budget. Some of the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing that we would have applied for has been cut. There are not huge effects on for BHS. There was no information on Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) allocations, BHS is still using the allocations from the State consultant. There are a lot of cuts in the Health Care system in general, including the Public Health Department which will affect BHS. Susan Emerson asked for an information sheet that can include some of the cuts and how services will be affected.

Behavioral Health Bridge Housing, 18 of the beds are now open and up and running to be filled. In addition, the hotline has launched, the number is 714-796-0205. They are full and currently have a waitlist.

Grand openings for permanent supportive housing, Santa Angela with 45 units and 21 of those were for the population of behavioral health. Next week there will be another grand opening for Aurora Vista, which has 60 units and 20 of them are for behavioral health.

For Children and Youth Services, the Aliso Viejo clinic closed, the new site is now open and is located in Laguna Hills.



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BHS Chief's Report – Continued

There is a new program in Crisis and Acute Care, which will divert the nonviolent and non-criminal behavior calls that now go to OC Links, this will help get folks to the services they need instead of having law enforcement respond to those calls.

In SUD, withdraw management and residential SUD programs were approved at the last Board of Supervisors meeting, this will add capacity to those services.

Presentation:

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Continuum of Care

By: Mark Lawrenz
Behavioral Health Services

Mark Lawrenz and his team provided a comprehensive overview of the SUD continuum of Care. Their team provided information on Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC ODS) and navigation of how clients access SUD services. The team provided information as well as data on outpatient services, medication assisted treatment, the ART team, withdraw management services, residential treatment, Perinatal services, evidence-based practices SUD education and prevention services.

Old Business

- Approve BHAB Bylaw Amendment:
Alan Albright called for a motion to approve the bylaw amendments, 1st motion was made by Linda Smith and a 2nd motion by Fred Williams. A vote by roll call was made, Yes 8 /0 No. The bylaw amendments were approved with no discussions.

Alan mentioned that there will be another bylaw revision soon to be current with new laws that will be effective January 2025, due to Prop 1.

Committee Updates:

- Tabled to a future meeting.

Announcements:

Alan announced upcoming committee meetings for the month of June.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Next Meeting:

The next General Meeting will take place on July 24, 2024

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 ***