



**COUNTY OF ORANGE
HEALTH CARE AGENCY**

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
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Study Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

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

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

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

County Staff: Dawn Smith, Karla Perez, Nicole Keefe, Letty Luna- Pinto, Linda Molina, Diane Holley, Erika Punchard, Anthony Padilla

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:

N/A

III. Schedule Discussion Items:

Follow-up Presentation for Crisis and Acute Care Services Overview- *Linda Molina*

Vanessa Thomas provided a follow up presentation on Crisis and Acute Care services. Today’s presentation included an overview of

Member questions and discussions:

Karyl Dupee thanked the staff for their presentation. Karyl inquired about older adult (OA) referrals to SHOPPE, however, there is not enough resources for OAs for inpatient especially for those that are undergoing a mental health crisis and have a neurocognitive disorder.

Susan Emerson questioned if there was duplication of clients in data, and if this data is available if needed.

CRPs are leaning towards longer lengths of stay and seeing less recidivism. County has been looking to link folks to short-term housing support for folks who are exiting a Crisis Stabilization Unit and are homeless.

Alan questioned if the team reviews re-admission rates for longer than 2-days and if it were to be possible to explore that idea of post-30 days to evaluate how successful the CSUs are. Vanessa said they do have the ability to look at it for longer periods of time, however it would not be realistic, hospitals also look at a 7-day max period.

A member requested to obtain informational data on the average length of stay at the CRPs.

Steve McNally would like more information on how programs prepare families for when a referral is provided to any of the CSUs. He would like to follow up during the Adult Committee on this information and look into the mobile crisis benefit.

Linda Smith requested data on discharge percentage rates of those who are going to the shelter/residential or streets, upon discharge.

Karyl emphasized there is a need for more OA residential beds and asked the County look into obtaining more beds. Vanessa explained this is already in the works and they are looking to add more CRPs.

Members addressed the issue behind not being able to go into residential care due to having emotional support pets or other valuable belongings that they can't bring them with them upon admission. Staff mentioned they would look into this matter.

- **Bylaw Follow-Up-** Alan advised the members that the DRAFT bylaws have been sent out to via email for their review and input. The copies provided to the members will include the changes, the were additional suggested changes by Steve McNally but those were not included for now. As a board we will revise those edits and other changes that will affect the WIC, in which will call for another bylaw revision. The hope is to review all suggested and mandatory changes during an upcoming Executive committee meeting to discuss. These changes will need to be established before the end of the year.

- **Site Visits: SUD Facilities**

The Committee is working on providing a more formal recommendation and update at a later meeting to the BHAB as a whole.

Steve would like providers to fully fill out the pre-site visit questionnaire and have ready to the members ahead of time. Some items are not fully filled out, for example program strengths and needs for improvement for the last site visit, these areas are important to know and have the programs identify.

- **Executive Committee-** Alan will be scheduling an Executive Committee Meeting soon. The hope is to schedule these meetings quarterly if possible.

IV. Announcement:

- May calendar of Events
- Juneteenth Event- June 15, 2024, Pearson Park in Anaheim, 12:00 – 7:00 pm.- Fred/ Susan/
- BHAB General Meeting- May 22, 2024- 10:00 – 11:45 am, 601 W. Ross St. Sant Ana
- Health Equity meeting this Saturday from 10-9pm.

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