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Study Committee Meeting AGENDA

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

***In-Person meeting**

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

Hybrid Option:

<https://zoom.us/j/99364554212> / **Meeting ID:** ID: 993 6455 4212

10:00 – 10:05 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions: 10:06 am

Alan Albright

Members: Kristen Pankratz, Karyl Dupee, Linda Smith, Duan Tran, Alan Albright, Fred Williams, Chinh Nguyen, Susan Emerson

Staff in attendance: Michelle Smith, Karla Perez, Ian Kemmer, Brad Hutchins, Flor Yousefian Tehrani, Anthony Le, Min Suh, Rayan Yowell, Wesley Shain

10:05 – 10:20 a.m.

Public Comment: N/A

Fred Williams

10:20 – 11:35 a.m.

Scheduled Discussion Items

- Update on Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Substantive Recommendations for 2023: Michelle provided an overview of the MHSA Substantive Recommendations received for 2023. Alan asked that we receive a list of all recommendations that have been provided and included with in the outcome of each recommendation.

Recommendation 1- Creating a standing MHSA community forum comprised of local stakeholders. The primary functions of the standing community forum, at a minimum would include the following: Meet regularly to assist in identifying challenges and barriers for MHSA funded services, recommend strategies, Remain informed, and Review all MHSA funding proposals and provide critical feedback.

Michelle Smith provided information on the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings. This committee was created in FY 23/24 with the primary focus to provide thoughtful recommendations or observations from a diverse stakeholder perspective to BHS as related to MHSA programs, implantation, evaluation, quality important, finance and policy. Stakeholders can share their opinions and perspectives and inform on services, issues and develop recommendations as a group. Michelle also provided information on the process of collecting and tracking participation in stakeholder meetings that are not hosted by BHS, dedication of additional staff to coordinate the Community Planning Process (CPP) and establishing short term contracts for professional consultation / facilitation services.

Alan suggested including information about how BHS is addressing stigma, suicide prevention, and homelessness. As well as including where the community can search for this information aside from PAC meetings.

Recommendation 2: Workforce- Ensure Orange County and its contractors meet and exceed

goals and expectations relative to the recruitment and retention of MHSA funded program staff by incorporating streamline onboarding process to reduce the time staff vacancies remain unfilled. Consistent salaries and wages with current living wage standards and forming collaborative relationships with local schools to promote and facilitate opportunities for students to seek employment in the public behavioral health sector.

BHS has partnered with HR to host hiring events and have reduced the overall vacancy rates. Working to support Peer Support Specialist and Substance Use Disorder Counselor positions. BHS has been discussing positions and salaries as part of all contracted negotiations and has approve contract modifications to support providers in adjusting salaries and wages. In addition, HCA collaborates with collective bargaining representation in Town Halls. BHS continues to partner with universities, colleges, and high schools to strengthen career pathways.

Recommendation 3: Info Dissemination-Dedicate additional funding and resources to the development and dissemination of public facing information specific to MHSA plans, resources, and access to services in a manner that is user-friendly, reflective of the cultural diversity and demographics of the county, and routinely updated.

Progress is coming along, more recently, the MHSA office was able to update the MHSA webpage. In May 2024, they implemented use of a platform for maintaining a list serve of over 1,500. BHS attended or coordinated over 340 community events. Revamp their social media and assign more staff to support the CPP/ outreach. Continued development of the OC Navigator.

Members would like to encourage more awareness of OC Navigator, not just in the communities but also in the people's homes. Michelle mentioned that OC Navigator is running adds on Univision targeting the Latino community and Saigon TV targeting the Vietnamese community.

- **Review of 2024 Action Plan:**

Alan encourages the committee Chairs to have focus areas for their committees as well as action items. The goal is to have the action items/priorities on the BHAB's action plan so that this will help drive the action plan for the year. This will also be added to the end of the year recommendations as needed. It will be up to the committees to drill down data and update information to help tackle those priorities.

Karyl mention there is a Condition of Children's Report and questioned why there is not one for older adults. Their committee would like to push for this development. SUD has been addressing residential care and will formulate some recommendations soon.

11:35 – 11:45 a.m.

Announcements

Alan Albright

- Juneteenth Event- June 15, 2024, Pearson Park in Anaheim, 12:00 – 7:00 pm
- RFP Panel opportunities

10:45 a.m.

Adjourn: 11:24

Alan Albright

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

Next Meeting:

BHAB Study Committee

July 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

601 W. Ross St. Sant Ana, CA 92701- MPR Room

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