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## Children and Youth Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, August 12, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### **\*In-Person meeting**

405 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street., Room 202, Santa Ana, CA 92701

### **Hybrid Option:**

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**1:00 – 1:05 p.m.**

### **Welcome & Introductions**

**Linda Smith**

Members Present: Linda Smith, Alan Albright, Steve McNally

Public: Marcy Garfias, Michael Arnot, Michaela, Jeffrey,

Staff: Dawn Smith, Karla Perez, Linda Smith

Linda Smith introduced herself as the new Chair of this committee and thanked Kristen for all of her work and efforts during her time on the board and this committee.

**1:05 – 1:10 p.m.**

### **Public Comment: N/A**

**1:10 – 1:55 p.m.**

### **Scheduled Discussion Items:**

Dawn provided further data on Suicide deaths from years 2010 – 2023, which included total number of suicides from various age ranges, suicides by modes and other important information including, the most common mode being strangulation and second being by gunshot.

Linda suggested reviewing ethnicity and geographic location to be able to analyze more in depth as well as being able to identify where the need for more services is located. Dawn suggested this is not possible as the average per year is less than 12 which it is not allowed to be shared publicly.

Linda questioned how quickly HCA knows of a death by suicide. Dawn mentioned that for the youth who are receiving services, it is quickly rather than those that are not. HCA only responds to those who are receiving services.

Linda Molina provided total number of crisis mobile number of youth evaluation for 23/24 and 22/23. For FY 22/23 it was 2,449 completed evaluations, of those 899 were hospitalized and 621 of those were on an involuntary basis. For 23/24 ending in January 2024, we had a total of 1,246 evaluations completed, of those 478 hospitalized and of those 368 were on an involuntary basis.

BHS is working on implementing the mobile crisis unit which will have dyads going to crisis calls.

Linda requested to receive information on referral system for children and access to services, such as wait times.

Linda will send out the report of Childrens Now and take a look at the new measures being recommended and seeing how we can incorporate these measures and look into that data. Dawn mentioned that BHS is currently already collecting some of these measures.

The number of youth that were in residential for SUD for FY 23/24, there was a total of 19 youth total in residential treatment. For youth 13-17 years of age.

**2:00 p.m.**

**Adjourn**

**Linda Smith**

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