

Behavioral Health Services July 2024 Highlights/Events

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Community Events

July 2024 Upcoming Events

- July 1 - Emotions and Chronic Diseases/Las emociones y las enfermedades crónicas - D2
- July 3 - U.S. VETS Art of Valor - Art Therapy Workshop #8 - D3
- July 4 - Mission Viejo Fourth of July Street Faire - D3
- July 7 - LHA Understanding Mental Health Stigma Workshop - D2
- July 11 - Angel's Baseball Promotional Activation: Tabling Event - D2
- July 12 - Farmer's Market Wellness Event - D2
- July 12 - Abrazar's Thriving and Vibing Community Block Party - D2
- July 13 - Angel's Baseball Promotional Activation: Tabling Event - D2
- July 13 - Rossmoor Family Festival - D1
- July 14 - Angel's Baseball Family Sundays: Tabling Event - D2
- July 17 - U.S. Vets Art of Valor - Art Therapy Workshop #9 - D3
- July 18 - LHA What can I do when I have a big problem in my life? Workshop - D4
- July 19 - HCA Career Fair - D2
- July 19 - U.S. Vets Beach BBQ - D5
- July 21 - Community Wellness Fair - D2
- July 25 - The Hope Card Project with the City of Seal Beach Staff - D1
- July 28 - LHA Dachshund Races - D1
- July 28 - Angel's Baseball Family Sundays: Tabling Event - D2
- July 28 - Santa Ana Mayor Valerie Amezcuca's Back to School Resource Fair - D2
- July 31 - Community Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting - D2
- July 31 - U.S. VETS Art of Valor - Art Therapy Workshop #10 - D3

August 2024 Upcoming Events

- Aug 1 - La Palma Civic Expo & National Night Out - D1
- Aug 2 - Santa Ana Councilmember Jessie Lopez's Back-to-School Event - D2
- Aug 2 - CalOptima's Back to School Event - D2
- Aug 4 - National Health Center Week - Health Resource Fair - D1
- Aug 4 - Angel's Baseball Family Sundays: Tabling Event - D2
- Aug 5 - LHA The Love of Your Life is You. Take Care of Yourself! Workshop - D2
- Aug 6 - Mission Viejo Police Services' National Night Out - D3
- Aug 6 - Seal Beach Police National Night Out - D1
- Aug 6 - Newport Beach National Night Out - D5
- Aug 6 - Fountain Valley National Night Out - D1
- Aug 6 - Cypress National Night Out Block Party - D1
- Aug 7 - U.S. VETS Art of Valor - Art Therapy Workshop #11 - D3
- Aug 8 - The Hope Card Project - D2
- Aug 8 - Supervisor Sarmiento & Anaheim Mayor Ashleigh Aiteken's Back-to-School Event - D2
- Aug 8 - Huntington Beach National Night Out - D
- Aug 9 - U.S. VETS 2nd Annual Women Warrior Make-Over & Mingle - D3
- Aug 9 - Women Warrior Makeover & Mingle - D2
- Aug 9 - Soulful Skills: Drawing - D2
- Aug 10 - Rossmoor Family Festival -
- Aug 11 - LHA Children and Technology - D2
- Aug 14 - Homeless Service Providers Networking Fair
- Aug 14 - The Hope Card Project with OC Links - D

Aug 14 - U.S. Vets Art of Valor - Art Therapy Workshop #12 - D3
 Aug 14 - Santa Ana College Family Night - D2
 Aug 16 - Angel's Baseball Promotional Activation: Tabling Event
 Aug 16 - City of Anaheim Family Resource Center (FRC) Neighborhood Event -
 Aug 17 - Hope Card Project with Boys and Girls Club of Central Orange Coast - D5
 Aug 18 - Mindful Expressions: Teen Theatre Showcase - D1
 Aug 18 - Angel's Baseball Family Sundays: Tabling Event
 Aug 21 - Los Amigos High School's Community Resource Fair
 Aug 21 - U.S. Vets Art of Valor - Art Therapy Workshop # 13 - D3
 Aug 22 - OC Department of Education School Based Mental Health Summit - D5
 Aug 24 - Orange County Educational Arts Academy (OCEAA)'s Health & Resource Fair - D2
 Aug 24 - OC Recovery Rally - D2
 Aug 28 - Breastfeeding Health & Resource Fair - D2
 Aug 29 - OCAPICA Community Wellness Fair - D2
 Aug 31 - LHA Companion Carnival Celebration - D2

September 2024 Upcoming Events

Sep 3 - HCA Staff Fentanyl Education and Naloxone Training
 Sep 4 - U.S. Vets Art of Valor - Art Therapy Workshop #14 - D3
 Sep 4 - Angel's Baseball Promotional Activation: Tabling Event
 Sep 5 - Recharging Mind and Body handout with Body Scrub Essential Oil
 Sep 6 - Healing to Action - D1
 Sep 7 - 27th Annual Tustin Police Department Open House
 Sep 7 - Wings of Hope - Mental Health & Resource Fair
 Sep 7 - Start Well Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Gathering Conference
 Sep 7 - D4 Fall 2024 Fishing Derby - D4
 Sep 9 - Happy life, Health Aging-Stress Management and Self-Care - D1
 Sep 9 - Chinese Mental Health Support Group-book club - D5
 Sep 10 - Recharging Mind and Body handout with Body Scrub Essential Oil - D1
 Sep 10 - Light Up Hope OC: Lanterns of Hope - D2
 Sep 10 - Suicide Prevention(When we think about giving up) - D1
 Sep 11 - Chinese Mental Health Support Group-Connecting Thru Craft - D5
 Sep 11 - U.S. Vets Art of Valor - Art Therapy Workshop #15 - D3
 Sep 12 - Overcoming Mental Health Stigma in the Asian Community & Embracing Help and support
 Sep 13 - "Soulful Skills: Yoga - D2
 Sep 13 - Angel's Baseball Promotional Activation: Tabling Event
 Sep 14 - Angel's Baseball Promotional Activation: Tabling Event
 Sep 14 - AFSP-Orange County Out of the Darkness Walk to Prevent Suicide - D3
 Sep 14 - 2nd Annual Recovery Happens Picnic - D2
 Sep 21 - Angels' Nike RBI Opening Day
 Sep 21 - Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee's Community Bike Ride to Raise Prostate Cancer Awareness Event - D4
 Sep 24 - Irvine Valley College Walk of Hope - D3

Program Highlights

Adult & Older Adult Services (AOA):

- On July 1, 2024, Intensive Outpatient Services implemented a new centralized referral process in order to streamline referrals from outpatient clinics for clients that would benefit from a higher level of care. To date, the team received 15 referrals and coordinated with Full Service Partnership (FSP) and Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) programs for outreach, engagement, and enrollment.
- Santa Ana Clinic has moved to 200 W. Santa Ana Blvd, 10th floor, Santa Ana, CA

BHS Navigation (Previously OC Outreach & Engagement)

- As of July 1, 2024, the OC Outreach & Engagement (OC O&E) Division became the BHS Navigation Division to represent the programs more accurately and comprehensively within the division to include re-entry program Jail to Community Re-Entry Program (JCRP) and Outreach & Engagement (O&E) Program.
- O&E Program received Fentanyl Test Strips last month and has since started distributing to the community. This in addition to the provision of Kloxxado will be a successful harm reduction tool.
- O&E Program and JCRP participated in a case presentation at Orange County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (OCCJCC) regarding the System of Care Data Integration System (SOCDIS) platform. This presentation showcased the SOCDIS program for the National Association of Counties and displayed how collaboration among departments can increase the likelihood of a client's success.

Children & Youth Services (CYS):

- Beginning July 1st, CYS East and North outpatient clinics are piloting use of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Youth Screening Tool. This tool is intended to identify the most appropriate Orange County health plan - the Managed Care Plan or the Mental Health Plan - for youth upon initial request for services and facilitate timely access to services within the appropriate level of care.
- Beginning July 1st, CYS North outpatient started administration of a brief Food Security survey, given to all families upon intake. Survey results are immediately available and families whose scores indicate possible food insecurity are handed a resource sheet with region-based food resources.
- Seneca Family of Agencies GAIT (Equine Therapy) Program officially closed on June 30, 2024.
- The Specialty Mental Health Services contract with Seneca Family of Agencies for Family Urgent Response System (FURS) services terminated on June 30, 2024. HCA and SSA have partnered to ensure that FURS services are continued within the County programs, Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) and Clinical Evaluation and Guidance Unit (CEGU) OCFC, as of July 1, 2024. FURS is a coordinated statewide, regional, and county-level system designed to provide collaborative and timely state-level phone-based response and county-level in-home, in-person 24/7 mobile response during situations of instability, to preserve the relationship of the caregiver and the child or youth who are current or former foster youth.
- OCAPICA Project FOCUS' annual Summer Picnic event was a success with approximately 100 youth and families attending the June 21st event. The event is held

to celebrate the personal successes and achievements of program participants as they work toward their mental health recovery and is also an opportunity to build upon a sense of community and support for all who attended.

Crisis & Acute Care (CAC)

- On July 17, 2024, Crisis and Acute Care-Crisis Resources began Mind OC (MOC) Contract Implementation meetings every two weeks, which also included experts from various Behavioral Health Services departments, to provide guidance to MOC as they prepare to become a provider of services.
- The County Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) has successfully started implementation of the county electronic health record system. As the nexus between acute psychiatric inpatient hospital services, outpatient, and crisis services, the County CSU's documentation within the EHR will improve continuity of care for clients throughout the BHS system of care.
- Crisis and Acute Care has also implemented a pilot notification process to report client admissions at acute psychiatric inpatient unit to their CYS and/or AOA outpatient clinic providers. The intent is to improve communication and collaboration between the inpatient and outpatient treatment teams for better continuity of care and discharge planning for clients accessing care within the CYS and AOA outpatient clinics.

Forensics:

- A new Murphy evaluation procedure has been initiated in concert with the Public Defender and District Attorney to quicken response and improve judicial efficiency. DA Spitzer has expressed his support and appreciation.
- CARE received 57 total petitions since implementation in October. Currently there are 30 active clients, 3 CARE Agreements, and 38 clients linked to ongoing services since implementation.

MHSA Program Planning and Administration

- The MHSA Team has been working closely with CSUF to bring on 7 post-baccalaureate "Fellows" for a year long internship program in BHS. They are scheduled to start at the end of August.
- Tourette's program was able to complete their voice over with OCFA which will be part of a mandated training for 1,200 firefighters/first responders. The training will support responders to be able to work effectively with individuals living with Tourette's Syndrome.
- The Office of Wellness and Suicide Prevention (OWSP) is in process of developing a FY 24/25 action plan, incorporating strategies to highlight suicide prevention activities, training events, and educational sessions, including development of a plan for Suicide Prevention month in September.
- OWSP had a busy month, participating in a variety of events throughout the County. In partnership with other OC HCA programs and outside organizations, OWSP was able to promote mental health awareness, stigma reduction and suicide prevention by sharing information and supporting access to resources. OWSP staff attended and tabled multiple events each week as part of these efforts, including such as the Juneteenth Festival at Pearson Park, and the LGBTQ Illustrating Your Pride Art Gallery Showing in

Santa Ana. We also continued our efforts around the Hope Card Project, conducting four Hope Card events in June.

- INN Staff partnered with Chorus to provide a demo of the Psychiatric Advance Directives (PADs) technology platform at the July 24th Behavioral Health Advisory Board General Meeting. The demo received positive feedback from attendees.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD):

- Genesis New Beginning Adult Drug Medi-Cal Outpatient Treatment Program now offers Medication Assisted Treatment services, including Vivitrol, Buprenorphine and Sublocade.
- Diversified Monitoring Systems (DMS) Options Adult Drug Medi-Cal Outpatient Treatment Program is now open and accepting new clients as of July 1, 2024, located on 601 S. Harbor Boulevard Anaheim, CA 92805.
- Our Santa Ana SUD clinic has moved to 200 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Suite 100. We began providing services as of July 22, 2024.

Community Education Presentations

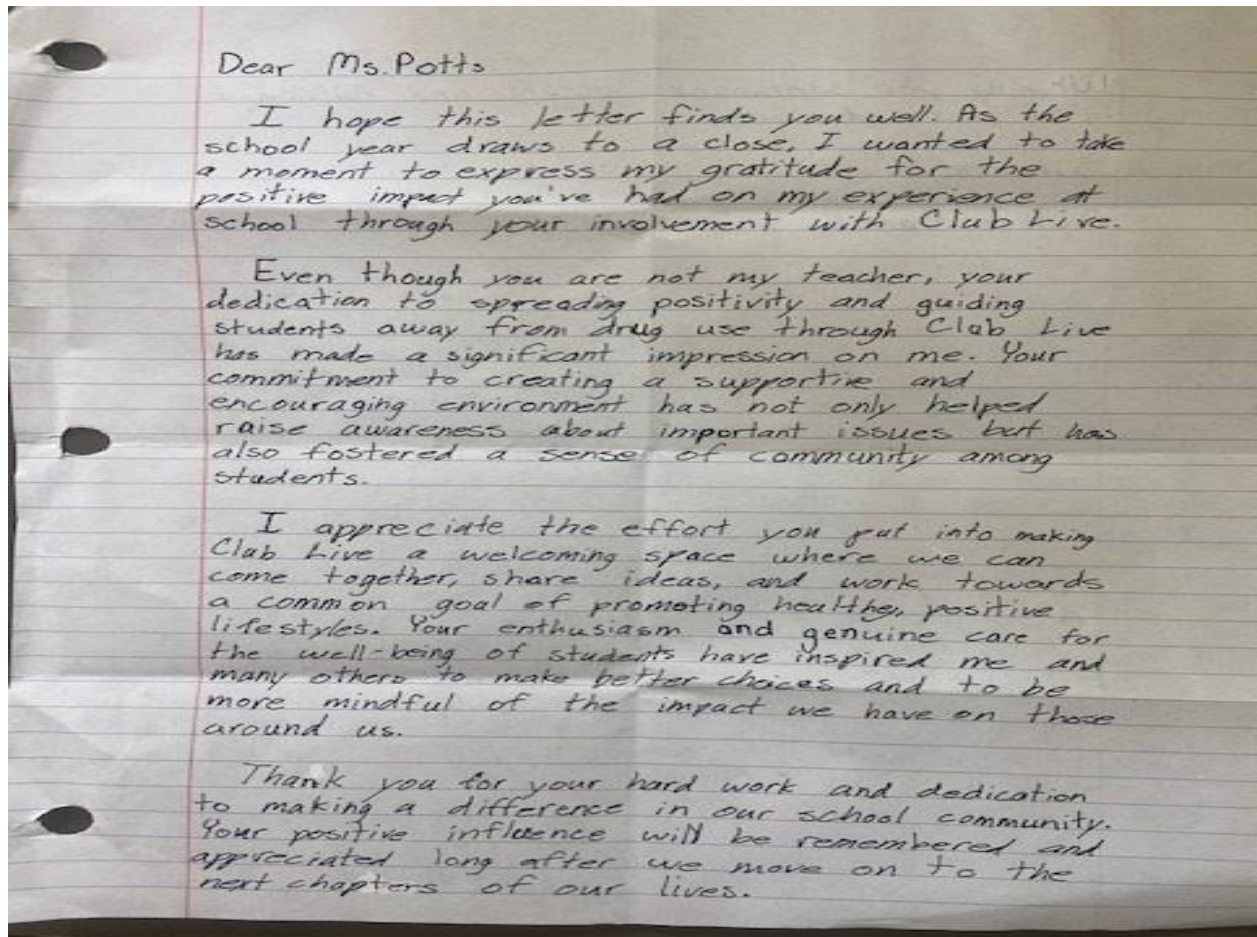
- CAC: Little Saigon TV conducted an interview with Tim Sigafoos, Service Chief II (SC II) of OC Links on July 11, 2024. The TV interview consisted of how the Vietnamese community can access resources via OC Links and OC Navigator.
- CAC: On July 24, 2024, Crisis & Acute Care leadership in partnership with Orange County Sheriff Department (OCSA) Behavioral Health Bureau PERT Deputies presented at the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and shared about the PERT collaborative model HCA BHS has with OCSA.
- The MESA Planning is gearing up for an exciting Community Planning Fiscal Year! The first Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting for the FY will be taking place on August 15 at the Behavioral Health Training Center from 10:00AM - 2:00PM.
 - The August PAC meeting will have a review of the upcoming FY 2025-26 finances, spotlighting the Prevention and Early Intervention finances.
- Univision TV interview to promote OCHCA opioid/fentanyl efforts and the FentaniloC.com website/resources; 8/9/24 air date.

HIGHLIGHTS of the Month

- AOA: OC4VETS: Veteran came into services this month, homeless and unemployed and very hopeless. Clinician accompanied veteran to Villages at Cabrillo where the clinician made a great connection, and the veteran was placed there for transitional housing. Within only 2-3 weeks, he is now in permanent housing in OC, obtained his forklift certificate and obtained employment!
- BHS Navigation: OC O&E has a client who is a US military veteran and has been homeless for thirty years. He was experiencing physical and mental health issues, which had been a barrier for him to follow through in the past. Initially, engaging the client was challenging, but after several persistent outreach attempts, he expressed willingness to work with OC O&E. His decision was influenced by the successful housing placement of his friend, which fostered a degree of trust in OC O&E services.

Despite initial trust issues, he consistently followed through with each appointment and provided all requested documents for housing. On July 23, 2024, he received his keys to his new apartment.

- SUD: ADEPT's contract with the Orange County Department of Education to provide SUD prevention services through the implementation of the Friday Night Live Partnership, received the following letter from a middle school student sharing their experiences participating in this SUD prevention/youth development program.



- Forensics & Justice Involved: A female recent graduate of WIT began her journey in 2020. She was assessed as high-risk and high-need, grappling with challenges related to her mental health and substance use. After finding her footing in the program, she actively engaged in treatment and attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings regularly. She leveraged the support and tools she gained to confront these obstacles head-on. While her journey was not without its occasional setbacks, she embodied the WIT motto of "progress, not perfection," demonstrating her unwavering commitment to rising after each fall. So dedicated was she to her growth that she even completed volunteer service hours on the very day of her graduation. Now, as she moves forward, she remains connected to aftercare and continues to prioritize her mental health and sobriety.