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Study Committee Meeting NOTES

Wednesday, August 14, 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: 10:05 am Alan Albright

Members: Steve McNally, Linda Smith, Alan Albright, Fred Williams, Duan Tran, Chinh Nguyen, Vasila Ahmad for Supervisor Sarmiento,

Staff in attendance: Brad Hutchins, Annette Mugrditchian, Brad Hutchins, Michelle Smith, Flor Yousefian Tehrani, Julia Rinaldi, Terri Styner, Karla Perez

10:05 – 10:20 a.m. Public Comment: Fred Williams
N/A

10:20 – 11:35 a.m. Scheduled Discussion Items

- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Update- Michelle Smith
Michelle provided a comprehensive update on MHSA and the look ahead for Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). Her update included information on County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA) discussions. Some of the discussions included information on possible changes for full services partnerships (FSP). Prevention services are being aligned with California Department of Public Health (CDPH). In addition, Michelle made mention of an Innovation project idea to implement a substance use disorder (SUD) FSP.

Linda expressed concerns with programs such as OC Links which are outlined as prevention, she would like to know where those programs are transitioning to. Michelle mentioned some of these can be outlined under Crisis Services as they have early prevention services.

Steve suggested creating a list of those programs which may be at risk of budget cuts or closing their programs. He also asked for a presentation on the NAMI Warm line, to include their stats and data outcomes.

Michelle included information on funding within the various BHSA buckets. There is an IT committee which include reporting, integrated platforms, designing tools such as streamlining a better system as to how things get submitted and communicated to the State.

Michelle informed the BHAB of the upcoming MHSA PAC meeting, which is taking place on August 15, 2024. Anthony Le will present a high level overview of the budget and there will

be discussions on PEI. Discussions are being made internally with providers who are losing funding or that will not continue with their contract, those discussions are being held privately and not publicly. Linda Smith urges HCA to include BHAB in the front end of those decisions with regard to funding or programs cuts. Alan asked to be made aware of the decisions being made with programing, this would allow the BHAB to better advise HCA. Alan also mentioned he would like for the BHAB to be included and advised as programs are being notified of those cuts and changes to their contracts. Michelle would like to meet with Alan and Ian and discuss what this would like in including BHAB in these discussions. Alan suggested tightening up the confidentiality for BHAB members so that this allows for a bigger capacity in access to delicate information.

Michelle mentioned that during the FY 25/26 MHSA update, programs will be right sized in programing and budgets will be updated. Steve McNally asked for BHS to balance expectations. Linda Smith expressed concern with how the decision-making process is currently stated at with BHSA and the right sizing of programs. She stated BHAB is an advisory committee and is not being utilized properly by not advising prior to the decision making, rather being told after decisions have been set in stone.

Alan Albright asked that we have a calendar of what the planning is for the MHSA transition to BHSA. Karla will resend the 6-month overview that of what the current plan is for the Community Program Planning Process (CPPP). Alan questioned if there will be more public involvement beyond the PAC meetings; Michelle will provide those details at a later time.

Oversight and Accountability Committee (OAC) Meeting Dates: The OAC will meet next week for the Psychiatric Advance Directive (PAD) II and an extension of the CPPP. During the month of October, HCA will present the INN Pivot Project. There are multiple counties that are interested in opting in on the same pivot project. The OAC is interested in heling support this project and also including this in the BHSA.

Michelle reminded the BHAB that September is Recovery Happens Month and Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. There will be various events throughout the month of September and the BHAB will get reminders for these events.

Steve asked Michelle for a quick overview of the MHSA department and their roles. Michelle provided a quick overview of her department and included staffing roles and responsibilities. Steve requested a copy of the BHS org chart be sent to the BHAB.

- In addition, the committee discussed other items that should be addressed and planned for in the coming months:
 - Learning about what the BHAB can analyze- based on their purview.
 - Steve mentioned looking at framework, to include what BHS would like for the BHAB focus on.
 - Alan would like to schedule an executive committee meeting for August 28th following the General meeting. He also commented on how the BHAB can work together with HCA; emphasizing BHAB members should have better access to information than the public to be advise accordingly.
 - Alan summarized what the committees are currently working on, which will allow the board to identify needs and gaps in services and formulate recommendations.

- **Areas of Focus for the BHAB Committee-**

Alan reviewed the areas of focus for the BHAB Committees, which included the following:

Childrens and Youth Committee- Reviewing and evaluating findings around suicide rates.

Older Adults Committee- Monitor and advocate for the MHSA INN proposal project.

Adults Committee- Review and evaluate community awareness and ability to access services.

SUD Committee- Will work on providing a focus area.

11:35 – 11:45 a.m.

BHAB in the Community

Alan Albright

- IVC Walk of Hope- September (Alan and Karla)
- Recovery Picnic- September 14 (Volunteers needed)
- Walk of Hope- September 14 (Steve)
- Vanguard – October 2, 2024
- Pride Parade- October

Announcements:

- MHA Multicenter is closing at the end of December 2024. Alan Albright would like to get an update on the data outcomes of this program to get a sense of the loss from this program’s closure.
- Diane Holey has taken the new Director over Adult and Older Adult.

Members requested to include information regarding recent legislation with ending encampment’s and providing housing for homeless population.

10:45 a.m.

Adjourn: 11:38

Alan Albright

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Next Meeting:

BHAB Study Committee

September 11, 2024, 10:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

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

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