



ORANGE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

ALAN V. ALBRIGHT, LMFT
CHAIR
FRED WILLIAMS, LMFT
VICE CHAIR

MAILING ADDRESS 405 W. 5TH
STREET SANTA ANA, CA 92701
<http://www.ocalthinfo.com/bhs/about/mhb>

Study Committee Meeting

NOTES

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

***In-Person meeting**

601 N. Ross St., Santa Ana, CA 92701 – County Conference Center

Hybrid Option:

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

10:06 – 10:10 a.m. Welcome & Introductions

Alan Albright

Members: Alan Albright, Linda Smith, Danielle Sena, Carla DiCandia (online), Michell Fernandez (online)

Staff in attendance: Linda Molina, Anthony Padilla, Diane Holley, Dawn Smith, Mark Lawrenz, Karla Perez, Amy Nguyen

10:10 – 11:40 a.m. Scheduled Discussion Items

- **Update on ASR Items by Linda Molina**

1. Linda Molina provided an update on the 988 portion of the Didi Hirsch contract that is set to go to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on May 20. This went out for Request for Proposal (RFP) and OCAPICA was the bidder selected based on the process. Alan Albright brought up the community's reaction to this potential shift in providers for postvention services and expressed concerns received from the community. Linda Molina provided an overview over the RFP process that led to the result of a shift from Didi Hirsch to OCAPICA for postvention services. Linda Smith had questions about the efficiency of people calling into 988 for Didi Hirsch and getting routed to OCAPICA for postvention services. Alan inquired about accessibility to services, specifically field-based services. Linda Molina clarified that this was not intended to be a field-based service. Alan asked about how billing would proceed for non-Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Linda shared billing process for non-Medi-Cal clients is currently being developed by the provider. Medi-Cal billability was a factor inquired upon during the RFP process but was not the reason for why there was a shift in provider for the postvention services.
2. Linda Molina provided an update on recommended LPS designation withdrawal for Aliso Ridge Behavioral Health. The hospital will remain open and provide services, however only to voluntary clients. The removal of designation is not permanent, so the hospital can request a reconsideration after violations have been rectified. Linda provided a high level summary of reasoning for LPS designation withdrawal. Those who were on involuntary holds at the time of suspension were either discharged or transferred to Anaheim Community Hospital. Linda Smith expressed concern for

capacity of inpatient services. Linda Molina shared that the need for beds is in long-term care, and as a result those who were in inpatient beds are taking longer to transition out. Currently difficulty in finding partners who are willing to open additional up long-term beds, so the limited bed availability in long-term care causes back up in other areas. Carla DiCandia had a question regarding the contract with Aliso Ridge to continue serving Medi-Cal constituents despite LPS designation. Linda clarified the type of contract Aliso Ridge has with OCHCA, and confirmed voluntary clients would still be served and Medi-Cal would be billed. Prop 1 would not resolve lack of inpatient resources. Next BHCIP round would be an opportunity for partnership for a sustainable long-term care site.

3. Linda provided a brief update regarding status of the Be Well Irvine campus. There will be some expected delays, but the opening of the facility is still expected for FY 25-26. This would be an additional Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and includes piloting the Triage to Alternative Destinations (TAD) between Crisis and Acute Care staff and Emergency Medical Services staff. Be Well Irvine campus will also be equipped to support a wide range of SUD services. Linda Smith asked for monthly updates on the Be Well Irvine Campus at the general meetings.
 4. Linda Smith inquired about the recent news of the termination of the Ducks contract. Reason for pivot is due to several reasons, including funding being used for community planning process in more integrated way. Similarly, Angels contract will not be renewed following the end of their contract.
 5. Linda Smith also requested monthly updates on Behavioral Health (BH) Connect and wanted further clarification as to how work groups connect with BHSS. Linda Molina suggested adding this as a future item for either Ian or Michelle to speak to.
- **Services for LGBTIQ+ Discussion**
 - Linda Smith provided a brief update on what the Children's Committee has been discussing with regard to services for LGBTIQ+. This topic will continue to be discussed in the Children's Committee and discussed with the BHAB at later meeting.
 - **BHAB Annual Report**
 - Karla provided an update on the BHAB's Annual Report. Currently in draft but anticipating finalization soon. All members will receive a copy before it gets printed. Board designated appointees to ensure Board of Supervisors receives a copy once finalized.
 - **Update on Meeting of the Minds Conference**
 - Linda Smith shared that there were many people who expressed interest and stopped by the BHAB table. A few applications for open BHAB positions were received. It was also helpful to be tabling alongside OC Links.

11:10 a.m.	Public Comment No public comment.	Alan Albright
11:17 a.m.	Adjourn: 11:17AM	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**
 April 9, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
 601 W. Ross St. Santa Ana, CA 92701- MPR Room

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodations for this meeting should notify the Behavioral Health Advisory Board's Administrative Office 72 hours prior to the meeting at (714) 834-5481