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Wednesday, April 23, 2014
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Hall of Administration
Planning Commission Hearing Room
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.
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Members Present: Brian Jacobs, April Guajardo, Judith Lewis (via Teleconference), Nomi Lonky, Richard McConaughy, Carolyn Nguyen, Michaell Rose, Gregory Swift, Ehsan Gharadjedaghi, Karyn Mendoza

Members Absent: Jeffrey Davis, Supervisor Patricia C. Bates

Call to Order at 9:03 a.m. by Richard McConaughy.

Welcome and Introductions

- Each member and attendee introduced themselves and respective affiliation.

Approval of Minutes – Action Item

- March 26, 2014
  - Brian Jacobs made a motion to approve the minutes and Carolyn Nguyen seconded the motion. The minutes from March 26, 2014 were approved and placed on file. Vote: 10yes/0 no

Committee Reports

California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions (CALMHB/C): Richard McConaughy

- Richard updated the board on the recent CALMHB/C and Mental Health Planning Council (MHPC) conferences in Irvine, which he attended various meeting over a few days. Particularly, in regards to the training hosted by the California Institute of Mental Health (CiMH), there was a nice turn out and the training was productive. Attendees had the opportunity to get updates on how to evaluate local behavioral health programs. Additionally, in regards to OCLinks, Richard shared information about this program at the CALMHB/C and CiMH training and it was also well received.
- Further, the MHPC has composed a Data Notebook for each county. This notebook includes data collection questions which will require a response from both BHS staff and the MHB. Richard shared that this is a good project as it motivates the board to look into the local mental health system. Also, the MHB will discuss the process of responding to the questions in the data notebook during an upcoming Study Committee meeting.

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Committee Reports continued

Centralized Assessment Team (CAT) Ad Hoc Committee: Judith Lewis
Judith inquired on the process of the CAT Manual. The hard copy of this manual is now available for review in the BHS Administration Office – Adult and Older Adult Services. The electronic copy of this manual will be distributed to the MHB prior to the MHB May - Study Committee meeting.

Public Comment
Madeline Hall, Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) – Inpatient services for children in Orange County.

Open Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m.
Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three-Year Plan – Fiscal Year 2014/15 – 2016/17

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Mary Hale
Mary thanked and welcomed all in attendance to the meeting. She highlighted OCLinks as one of the many successful programs available to the residents of Orange County which was implemented and funded by MHSA in 2013. Also, Mary shared information about the MHSA planning process and acknowledged how collaborative the process has been between BHS Administration and the MHB. Mary briefly shared information about the new and expanded programs. Further, Mary recognized the feedback BHS received from prior years on the MHSA Plan from the MHB and how helpful it was when planning this current plan. Finally, Mary thanked the MHB for their leadership, time and input they've contributed to the MHSA Three-Year Plan.

Overview of the MHSA Three-Year Plan: Bonnie Birnbaum
Bonnie shared background information on the progress of the MHSA Planning process over the past 10 years. Also, she discussed how BHS and the community involvement process have improved each year since Proposition 63 was passed. Bonnie shared that the planning process to compose the plan was a joint team effort amongst BHS, the MHSA Steering Committee, the MHSA Steering Community Sub-Committees, the MHB, and the community. One thing that was unique with this plan is the additional funding of $26M in growth funds compared to prior years. With the additional funding and inclusive collaboration between BHS and the stakeholders, new programs and expanded programs where identified which are outlined in the plan. Finally, Bonnie recognized the transformation of the system since the implementation of MHSA and his excited about the continued progress of behavioral health services in Orange County.

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Guest Speakers
The following speakers shared their experience, personal testimonies, and thoughts on the MHSA programs and services in Orange County:

- Helen Cameron
- Martin Salcedo
- Cheryl Prutsman
- David Gibson
- Hashem Aljarrah
- Daria Waetjen

Public Comment
The following three public comments were received during the public hearing:

Ann Menasche – Ms. Menasche challenged the underlying law of Laura's Law and believes that the law is not truthful. Further, she believes that the majority of clients are not violent or dangerous and Laura's Law is another form of stigma.

Healther Huszti - Ms. Huszti acknowledged the board for their work on the MHSA Plan. Happy to hear the speakers and positive outcomes from MHSA funding.

Steve McNally - Mr. McNally thanked the board for serving as advocates for Orange County and shared information about his sons experience including homelessness. Also, he believes there should have been increased advertisement for the meeting.

Close Public Hearing at 10:20 a.m.

Adjournment: Action Item
Richard called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michaell Rose motioned and Nomi Lonky seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m. Vote: 10 yes/0 no

Officially submitted by:
Danielle A. Daniels
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