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Planning Commission Hearing Room
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Thursday, November 3, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alin Hamade, Johnnie Harris, Shelly Lummus, Rolf Parkes, Stephen Secord, Cathy Stills

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ellen Ahn, Michael Kelley, Milton Mucker

CALL TO ORDER:

- Johnnie Harris called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
- Members of the board and audience introduced themselves and their respective affiliations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ***ACTION ITEM***

- The minutes of October 6, 2011 were approved and placed on file as written. M/S/C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cathy Stills – Provider Meeting

- Cathy shared that Assembly Bill (AB) 109 clients that are being released from prison will be receiving services under the PSN contract. To date, approximately 180 clients have been released into Orange County for probation supervision. Also, there has been a paradigm shift in the overall view of treatment. The focus has shifted to time and the client needs. Providers continue to be encouraged by the county to focus on the client's needs.

Shelly Lummus – Membership

- Shelly reported that five candidates are on the November 8, 2011, Board of Supervisor agenda for approval on their appointment to the Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board.

Stephen Secord – Mental Health Board

- Stephen reported that clients in board and care facilities are expected to receive a 3.6% increase from SSI effective January 2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shelly Lummus – Community Forum

- Shelly reported that the board is looking to have the Community Forum at either the Sisters of St. Joseph or Tustin Avenue Facility in Orange. The board passed a consensus to have the forum in March, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

Johnnie Harris

- Holiday Breakfast is confirmed for Thursday, December 1, 2011 at Mimi's Café in Tustin, 8am.
- Johnnie selected Shelly Lummus and Rolf Parkes to serve on the 2011 Nominating Ad Hoc committee to complete the selection of 2012 leadership officers.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE: **Brett O'Brien, Division Manager, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services**

- Brett updated the board on AB 109 – the realignment of prisoners being released from prison to local government for supervised probation. As of October 26, 2011, 134 probationers have been released to the Orange County Probation Department. Individuals are given 48 hours upon release to report to probation before a warrant is issued for their arrest. To date, there are only 3 releases in which a warrant had to be issued. At this time, it is unsure the percentage of individuals who will need substance abuse treatment, however Behavior Health Services has placed a staff at the probation department to conduct assessments for both substance abuse and mental health treatment.
- Additionally, Brett reported that this law allows the probation department to impose various terms and conditions in alliance with their release. For example, consequences can range from community service to incarceration. Also, Brett reminded the board that the law also allows for certain prisoners to serve out the remaining of their sentence in local county jails versus or state prison.
- Furthermore, in regards to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – Innovation component, BHS staff has been placed at the primary care facilities throughout the county. This is a new collaborative effort of integrated care between behavioral and physical health care.
- Finally, Brett updated the board on the state realignment in regards to alcohol and drug programs. State administrators are working with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) to create a ballot initiative which will protect funding that has been allocated for local substance abuse treatment. CSAC is anticipating that this protection act will make the November 2012 ballot.

PRESENTATION: **Bruce Vancil, Case Manager**
Orange County Meth Task Force

- Bruce updated the board on the organizations current activities and future events. He reported that images had been adopted for a national media campaign. Primary target for this campaign is Laguna Beach. The media coverage has been widely received by the community, county contractors, and providers.

ADEPT PRESENTATION & UPDATE: **Amy Buch, Division Manager**
HCA, ADEPT

- Amy updated the board on the increasing problem of Rx drug use. According to statistical data recently published, the number of Rx overdoses is greater than that of traditional street drugs. The department hosted a number of events including their annual Red Ribbon Rock and Roll Event and Battle of the Bands and Banners. The objective of these events is to engage youth involvement and honor the Orange Police Department. Additionally, the Santa Ana Police Department was recognized for their work in the community with the Driving Under the Influence population.
- Finally, Amy is happy to report that the department will be seeking approval from the Board of Supervisors to contract with Orange Coast Community College to do brief screenings and intervention on their campuses. They are looking to school administrators to develop a Task Force, campaign, and encourage responsible driver training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Shelly Lummus – Shelly shared her concern with the increasing challenge of mis-medication, particularly in the elder population.

Johnnie Harris – Johnnie shared his concern with the continuing challenge of heroin overdose, particularly in South Orange County. Encourages board members to continue with planning efforts in having a Community Forum to raise awareness and get community involvement on the issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Elaine Werner-Hudson – Elaine informed board members and guests of an event at Saddleback Community College on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, 10am – 2pm. She has been asked to share her personal story and will also mention the heroin overdose dilemma in South Orange County.

Stacey Debbie-Reynolds – Stacy introduced herself to the board as a potential board member. She has recently been promoted to a Prevention Coordinator with the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) and has extensive experience in both substance abuse and mental health. Personally, her father is celebrating his 30th year anniversary of sobriety.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 10:12am

Danielle A. Daniels, ADAB Liaison
Reporting Secretary

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