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Wednesday, May 23, 2012
9:00 am – 10:30 am

Hall of Administration – Board Hearing Room
10 Civic Center Plaza
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Members Present: Jeffrey Davis, Brian Jacobs, Carol Langone, Judith Lewis, Nomi Lonky, Carolyn Nguyen, Dick McConaughy, Michaell Rose, Gregory Swift, Gregory Wright

Members Absent: Cecile Dillon, Suzie Gulshan, Jenny Monge

Call to Order and Announcements from the MHB Chair

- Dick called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Each member and guest introduced themselves and their perspective affiliations.
- Dick informed the board that Jenny Monge has submitted has resigned from the board. On behalf of the board, he wished her well wishes and told her to remain in touch. Also, Dick reminded board members that they will discuss data at the next Study Committee meeting. Finally, immediately following the next Study Committee meeting, the board will have a site visit to the Telecare STEPS program in Santa Ana.

Approval of Minutes – Action Requested

- Minutes from April 25, 2012 were reviewed for approval. Dick called for a motion to approve the minutes. Brian Jacobs motioned to approve the minutes with amendments. Carolyn Nguyen seconded the motion. Minutes placed on file with amendments. M/C/S

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Update – Mary Hale

- Mary recognized Jenny Monge and her dedication on the Mental Health Board and to the mental health community.
- Mary updated the board on the state and local budget. The state revised budget has been released and fortunately there are no major impacts to Behavioral Health Services (BHS) funding. Also, it appears that realignment is looking positive. Additionally, Mary reported that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has received the Health Care Agency's (HCA) proposed budget for next fiscal year. There will be a public budget hearing at the June 12 and June 13 Board of Supervisors meetings.
- Moreover, most of BHS contracts have been approved by the BOS.
- Furthermore, the Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS), formerly known as AB 3632 which is an agreement between the Health Care Agency (HCA) and local school districts will go before the BOS in June.
- Finally, Mary reminded the board that BHS (Quality Improvement and Program Compliance (QIPC), Center of Excellence (COE), and IRIS) is looking forward to continuing work with the MHB to gather and analyze data in efforts to complete the MHB Annual Report.

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Remarks from Mark Refowitz, Interim Director, Health Care Agency

- Mark recognized Mary Hale and her role as the Interim Behavioral Health Services Director. He also updated the board on Laura's Law (AB 1421) and CalOptima Operations.

Public Comment

Joy Torres: Ms. Torres shared concern with the process of scholarships being awarded to consumers. She suggests that a scholarship committee is established to streamline the process.

Meeting Adjourned

- 11:00 a.m.

Officially submitted by:

Danielle Daniels, Reporting Secretary
Note: Copies of all writings pertaining to items in these MHB minutes are available for public review in the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Board Office, 405 W. 5th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701, 714.834.5481 or Email: ddaniels@ochca.com.

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