



**COUNTY OF ORANGE  
HEALTH CARE AGENCY**

**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

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**Study Committee Planning Meeting Notes**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2014  
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

Health Care Agency  
405 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room #202  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**Members Present:** April Guajardo, Brian Jacobs, Judith Lewis, Richard McConaughy, Karyn Mendoza, Michael Rose

**Members Absent:** Supervisor Patricia C. Bates, Jeffrey Davis, Ehsan Gharadjedaghi, Nomi Lonky, Carolyn Nguyen, Gregory Swift

**I. Welcome & Introduction**

- Opened at 8:05 am
- Each member and attendee introduced themselves and their affiliation.

**II. Public Comment**

- Madeline Hall: Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC); Youth hospitalizations
- Joy Torres: Consumer Advocate; Consumer employment

**III. Board Retreat Discussion**

- Board members discussed the agenda for the MHB Annual Retreat Planning Meeting. The meeting will be Saturday, February 22, 2014, Upper Newport Bay Preserve, 2301 University Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.
- Brian Jacobs suggested the board add a review of the Mental Health Board's statutory requirements according to the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

**IV. Open Discussion**

- The board continued their discussion on how the Mental Health Board can assist Behavioral Health Services in strengthening the partnership between the Psychiatric Evaluation Team (PET)/designated facilities and the county. Staff will send the MHB a list of designated facilities and further discussions on this topic will continue.

**V. Committee Reports**

- Brian shared information from the previous Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Steering Committee meeting.

## **VI. Announcements**

- Mary Hale updated the board on Senate Bill (SB) 82, Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act 2013 sponsored by the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA). Orange County has been approved for the \$3 million/3 year Award. The department will be going to the Board of Supervisor to get final approval to receive the funding.
- Mary shared with the board a letter signed by her and Supervisor Shawn Nelson to Darrell Steinberg, California Senate Pro Tempore. The letter outlined Orange County's MHSA Three-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17; particularly noting a Laura's Law (AB 1421)/Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program which is also in the plan. The letter also recognized Senator Steinberg for his strong advocacy for mental health services in California.
- Finally, Mary also reminded the MHB of the MHSA Three-Year Plan Timeline as follows:
  - March 20, 2014: Post for Public Comments
  - April 21, 2014: Public Comment Period ends
  - April 23, 2014: Mental Health Board Public Hearing
  - April 30, 2014: Mental Health Board Special Meeting to Vote
  - May 13, 2014: Board of Supervisor Agenda Item

## **VII. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.