

BHS Older Adult Council
MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, August 17, 2016
1:00-3:00 p.m., BHS – La Jolla Room



Meeting Lead: Martin Celnar, Chair-Elect

ITEM	SUMMARY
1. Welcome-Olita Harris, Past Chair	In Maureen’s absence, Olita welcomed all to this month’s meeting and asked members to introduce themselves.
2. Public Comment	None.
3. Review and approval of Minutes- Virginia West	July 2016 minutes were approved as read.
4. Chair’s Report- Martin Celnar, Chair-Elect	Martin Celnar, Chair-Elect (stepping in for Maureen Piwowarski absent Chair) endorsed having a speaker to address the Council about ideas for helping the transportation needs of seniors. This is an increasingly expensive and problematic issue for seniors. The County tried an INNovations contract for transportation a few years ago in North County but getting willing and able volunteer drivers failed. Lyft and Uber sprung up for drivers willing to provide taxi type services part time. Some flex funds are available from ACT teams for bus passes; Case managers provide some needed transportation; and Cal Medi-Connect sometimes provides taxi service but these services are only available to a few. A more comprehensive service is needed particularly for very low income seniors.
5. Behavioral Health Director’s Report/Updates-Alfredo Aguirre	(Absent)
6. Older Adult SOC Update-Piedad Garcia	Budget Build process- A letter was sent to Contractors with timelines when to discuss any augmentations requests with their CORs POFA (Project One For All- The implementation plan provided 200 ACT slots for homeless individuals mid-year in 15-16; those slots are now 80% filled (City of) San Diego Housing Commission has committed 700 subsidies; County Housing and Development (HCD) has committed 300+. HCD is now under the HHSA umbrella---a new family member. Today is National Homeless Awareness Day.
7. MHSA Report -Gary Ulmer-Goodrich	Community Engagement Forums (CEFs) will start late August and continue into early October. Gary provided the CEF handout with schedule of places/times. He noted that the “parking lot” of ideas from prior year CEF’s has not changed. This year, format will be different with “pods”. Participants can join one of four sets of tables- Children’s Behavioral Health; Unserved and Underserved; Care Coordination; and Innovations. There will then be some rotation

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	between pods and reporting out. It is hoped this facilitated approach will improve the harvesting of ideas.
8. Whole Person Care Project- Caryn Sumek	<p>Caryn was asked by Piedad to talk about the Whole Person Care/Wellness Grant. Caryn explained that this was a 5 year DHCS \$4.8mil grant to be matched with other funds. The grant will provide 3 mos. of outreach, housing navigation, and two years of care coordination 1000 high utilizers with SMI/SUD/high co-morbid physical health needs. This is seen as a complement to POFA. The Health Plans are involved.</p> <p>Some responses from OAC members were that many highest utilizers had ADHD; Hx trauma; Substance Abuse but were not clients who met criteria for specialty MHS; yet desperately needed super intensive services aka ACT level.</p>
9. "Dental Care for seniors with challenging mental health issues" Joe Gavin, Senior Care Navigator, Serving Seniors	<p>Joe first identified the housing Serving Seniors provides to poor seniors: 350 supportive housing units; 150 furnished studios; and 200 unfurnished studios and 1 bedroom apartments; as well as a general overview of other services such as meals; Cyber Café; case management on site; events and activities. He then spoke to the new dental services program at the Gary and Mary West Center downtown exclusively for older adults. A comprehensive Geriatric assessment is done on a digital platform that provides a tiered scoring system to help identify barriers and needs. "A supported informed client = dental suite efficiency". Green- client presents well; Yellow- Client may need assistance; presents moderate risk; Red- Client scores for high risk, assistance and services discussed and referrals provided. Senior Care Navigator coordinates flow; Digital chart allows for bi-directional referral and status review; daily interdisciplinary meeting with the dental team. Individualized support needs have surfaced such as recognizing the role of chronic pain; anxiety at the dental office; and previous bad experiences. Staff works on educating clients what to expect. Sharp MV collaboration provides a psych nurse 2x week and a visiting psychiatrist.</p>
10. Housing Council Update-Ruth Covell	Ruth reported that Veteran's Village was planning a 50 bed site in North County. (?)
11. OAC discussion on CEF themes	OAC members noted that transportation and more long term mobile case management is particularly needed for seniors who demonstrate SX . Also In-home Support services. "How do you find a modality for OA's who are homebound and not primarily English-speaking?" More telemedicine?
12. QI Update- Dasha Dahdouh	(Absent)
13. Announcements/Public Comments	<p>Elisa Barnett from BHETA announced there was an Advanced Geriatric Training starting tomorrow with no prerequisites required. Caitlin Woodruff announced JFS was offering training about Evictions in Adult Residential Facility Tuesday, 10/25/16 from 10am-12 noon. 2 Free CEUs provided. Joan and Irwin Jacobs Campus at 8788 Balboa</p>

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**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
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