

**Homeless Provider Forum in Partnership with CalOptima**  
**Behavioral Health Forum: Helping Your Clients Maintain a Healthy Outlook**

Thursday, March 5, 2015

8:30 – 11:00 am

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Saint Andrew's Hall

1855 S. Orange-Olive Road, Orange, CA 92865

**Minutes**

- I. Welcome
  - **La Shawn Hye and Cruz Rios, III** Co-Chairs, Homeless Provider Forum
- II. Continuum of Care Updates - **Juanita Preciado**
  - a. Exec Committee Meeting update – Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting
    - i. CA/CI Assessment Tool – recommended use of best practices and lowest costs to get program moving – will be looking at VI-SPDAT – come to CA/CI workgroup meetings for more
    - ii. Ad Hoc Governance Committee – There will be a role for the HPF. We are meeting to work out details and will be in touch with HPD chairs
  - b. Development Options Board Item going March 10<sup>th</sup> - emergency shelter and also CA/CI funding – come show support
  - c. NOFA – HUD indicated it would NOT be earlier than Late May – maybe June? We are meeting and gearing up at the staff level –
    - i. Ad Hoc has met and will be looking at all options
    - ii. Performance reports for all including DV are anticipated
    - iii. Scoring/ranking will be continuation of last year – performance based – both outcomes of clients per HUD and also Agency performance – financials/spending, audits, timeliness of HMIS reports, APRs.
    - iv. At NAEH we again heard that HUD is emphasizing SYSTEM performance so that will likely be reflected in the NOFA and our LOI
- III. Announcements
  - a. Illumination Foundation nurses will be at First Southern Baptist Church in Buena Park on the second Tuesday of each month from 5pm to 8pm. No appointment necessary. Walk-ins are welcome.
  - b. First Southern Baptist Church in Buena Park is looking to hire bus drives for MV transportation. Apply Monday through Friday. Training will before 11am to 3pm.
  - c. Orange County Community Housing Corporation will be moving to their new location at 501 N. Golden Circle, Suite 200, Santa Ana, 92705 as of April 1, 2015. You may contact them at the same phone number, 714-558-8161.
- IV. Opening

- **Claudia Hernandez**

V. Presentations

- a. **Edwin Poon, Ph.D.** Behavioral Health Manager, CalOptima
  - b. **Mike Garcia**, Social Services Supervisor I, Orange County Social Services Agency
  - c. **Pam Reed Presnall**, Director of Development , Mental Health Association Of Orange County
- Reference [CalOptima Presentations](#)

VI. Questions and Answers

- Medi-Cal renewal process or any questions in regards to mailings can be made by calling 800-281-9799.
- If the client needs treatment but needs transportation to appointments? CalOptima does not typically offer transportation service. There are some agencies in the community who offer that service. CalOptima does encourage patients to discuss difficulties or challenges to see if anything can be done.
- How does one apply for MediCal? Applying for MediCal is year round, there are no date restrictions. Covered California follows certain dates. You may apply for MediCal online, at any of the Social Service Agencies, and other community based organizations. Certified Enrollment Counselors can help individuals apply for MediCal and private insurance through Covered California.
- How long does it take for people to get benefits after applying for MediCal? From the time an application is filled out, it all depends on when it is filled out, how thoroughly it is completed, and how fast it goes up to the state. Typically, a person who applies for MediCal is on fee for Service Medical before CalOptima takes them on. This can be done in an emergency scenario.
- Are dental benefits covered through MediCal for adults? In the last year, some dental services have been restored but CalOptima does not manage the delivery of those services for members. The
- Is an undocumented individual eligible for benefits? To receive MediCal benefits you have to have legal US residency. Undocumented individuals may be eligible for limited scope emergency MediCal benefits. The Mental Health Association of Orange

County serves everyone regardless of immigration status. However, some programs offered through the Mental Health Association of Orange County would require documentation.

- Reference [Fee for Service CalOptima Flyer](#)

VII. Closing

- **La Shawn Hye and Cruz Rios, III** Co-Chairs, Homeless Provider Forum