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The County of Orange and Mind OC End Partnership on Be Well OC Campuses

Santa Ana, CA — Effective October 6, 2026, the County of Orange and Mind OC (dba Be Well OC®) agreed to end their collaboration and operational relationship of the Be Well OC Campuses located in Orange and Irvine. Mind OC will no longer have a ground lease or other interests in the campuses, and the County now assumes full responsibility. By bringing the campuses under direct OC Health Care Agency (HCA) oversight, the County strengthens its continuum of care and continues to advance its long-standing commitment to improve mental health and substance use disorder services for all County residents. As part of this transition, Mind OC and the County have resolved all litigation with each party dismissing their respective claims. The County is grateful to Mind OC and its efforts in their shared mission to enhance coordination and access to crisis behavioral health care for all county residents regardless of payor.

“On behalf of my fellow Supervisors and myself, I’d like to express my appreciation for the effort put into this resolution,” stated OC Supervisor Board Chairman Doug Chaffee. “This transition reflects a mutual understanding that our missions may now be best supported through separate operational pathways. We believe bringing these services directly under OC Health Care Agency (HCA) management establishes a clear line of County responsibility, strengthens service coordination among County health providers, and enhances the County’s delivery of specialized care to the individuals and families who rely on these programs.”

With preparations underway, clinical providers and operational teams are actively gearing up to begin services at the Irvine campus as soon as possible. This aims to ensure timely access to crisis stabilization, residential treatment, substance use recovery programs, as well as adolescent and perinatal services and other essential behavioral health interventions are available for those who



need them most. Services at the Orange Campus will not be affected by this change. As the County moves into this next phase, HCA is working closely with service providers, County partners and stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition and maintain the high standard of care the community expects.

In addition, the HCA will begin a full rebranding of both campuses from the Be Well OC name—trademarked and retained by Mind OC—and introduce a new County-owned identity once a new brand name and design are finalized. This transition will be completed in the near future in collaboration with Mind OC.

“The mission of Be Well OC is to enhance the behavioral health care system for all Orange County residents through transformational public and private partnerships, and we are proud to have built two state-of-the-art campuses for behavioral health services in Orange County. We look forward to continuing our mission and serving Orange County residents,” said Dr. Richard Afable, chairman of the board, Mind OC.

ABOUT THE OC HEALTH CARE AGENCY

The OC Health Care Agency (HCA) is a regional interdisciplinary health jurisdiction and an accredited health department, charged with protecting and promoting individual, family and community health through partnership and coordination of public and private sector resources. Visit www.ochealthinfo.com to learn more about services and resources.

ABOUT MIND OC

Mind OC was established in 2017 as a California 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to help strengthen Orange County’s behavioral health system through collaboration among public, private, health care, community and faith-based partners. Since its founding, Mind OC has worked to develop scalable and sustainable solutions that improve access to behavioral health care across the county. Its



mission is to enhance the behavioral health system for all residents of Orange County through transformational public and private partnerships.