

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES Thursday, March 6, 2014**

<p>Present: Karyn Bates, Co-chair, BHAB Irene Mellick, BHAB Carol Thomas, BHAD Ratan Bhavnani, NAMI Diane Bustillos, NAMI Liz Warren, Client Network Cary Davis, Client Network Debora Schreiber, VSSTF/NAMI Vanessa Lauzon, CMH Corliss Porter, Turning Point Foundation Mary McQuown, Recovery Innovations Jackie Kennedy, VCAAA Joseph Preciado, VC Sheriff Kiran Sahota, CIT Karen Mallery, PDAP</p>	<p>VCBH staff: Meredyth Leafman, Older Adult / TAY Manager Linda Gertson, ADP Pam Roach, Transformational Liaison Irma Anilao, Management Assistant</p> <p>Next meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2014 Conf. Room C., Williams Drive, Oxnard</p>
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Note: The Committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be corrections before they are accepted in their final form.

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	Call to Order Co-chair Karyn Bates called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda 1. Co-chair Bates asked the Committee for any discussion or changes to the agenda. 2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented.	The agenda was approved as presented. M/S/C	
III	Approval of the Minutes 1. Co-Chair Bates asked the Committee for any discussion or changes to the Feb. 6, 2014 minutes of meeting. 2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented.	The minutes were approved as presented. M/S/C	
IV.	Welcome Co-chair Bates welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for introductions.		
V.	Chair Announcements 1. Co-chair Bates mentioned that Co-chair Nancy Borchard is unable to attend meeting today. 2. Co-chair Bates honored Carol Luppino, who recently passed away last Feb. 18. Ms. Luppino was a member of this Committee for many years and she was strong advocate for housing for the mentally ill 3. Medi-Cal is expanding its dental benefits beginning May 1 covering services such as root canal, dentures, x-rays and others. For more information, visit www.denti-cal.ca.gov or call 1-800-322-6384. 4. The Community Leadership Committee (CLC) is now accepting applications for four vacant positions in the committee. For details contact Rajima Danish at (805) 981-6440. Application forms will be emailed to the Committee. 5. United Parents is conducting tours twice a month starting March 13, 2014. Schedule of tours was distributed. 6. The City Council has postponed the decision to keep or move The Harbor Community Church homeless program due to series of complaints from neighborhood.	Send application form to Committee	Karyn Bates / Irma Anilao

VI.	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Cary Davis mentioned that her son is now in Anne Sippi. She extended her appreciation to the department and all who helped her son. She also reported that she wants a similar facility in Ventura County.</p>		
VII.	<p>Providers' Updates/Announcements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transformational Liaison, Pam Roach Consumer orientations in the East and West County are ongoing. Resource packets are provided to consumers and family members. The department has been receiving positive responses and good turnout. 2. Deborah Schreiber reported that the Mission Church on Johnson Dr., Ventura (previously theater location) has sheltered homeless people during the past week during the heavy rains while the Oxnard Armory was unavailable; 40 of these homeless are identified with mental health challenges. 3. Turning Point, Corliss Porter <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ms. Porter extended appreciation to everyone who attended the annual breakfast last Feb. 27. b. The Homeless to Home project continues to help homeless people in collaboration with Salvation Army and Project Understanding. Ms. Porter anticipates that Oxnard will follow through the same program. c. Ms. Porter also extended her appreciation to those who attended the Quality of Life Stakeholders' meeting last March 4, 2014. They have been receiving positive responses from consumers and B&C owners. d. A new program manager replacing Don Cole will be introduced to the Committee in the near future. e. Turning Point is partnering with the volunteer programs to train people. One of their goals is to change client culture in understanding the value of volunteering in different fields. f. There will be two yard sales – one in Centerpoint Mall and one in Main Street. Date to be forthcoming. g. Turning Point Foundation is participating in the coming NAMI walk. 4. Recovery Innovation, Mary McQuown <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The next graduation is on March 27, 11:00 am in the Training Room b. RI has been advised that starting this week, Connections in the lobbies will no longer serve coffee due to spill hazard. McQuown will make inquiries if they can offer juice in place of coffee. Updates will be given as soon as available. 5. NAMI, Rata Bhavnani <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. NAMI General Monthly meeting is on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm. With the theme Double Jeopardy Mental Illness and Substance Abuse, Nancy Swanson as the guest. b. Next Friday is the kickoff luncheon of NAMI Walk. The walk is scheduled on May 3. c. Provider Program starts on March 31 in NAMI new location in Camarillo. d. Diane Bustillos, new staff member, is working on Stigma Reduction Program as well as the School-based programs. 6. Ventura County Sheriff – Joseph Preciado <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Outreaching to different providers and agencies dealing with mental illness, alcohol and drug issues, and housing. Long term goal is create an office in East and West County. Can be reached at (805) 947-8319. b. One of Mr. Preciado's projects is working with the collaborative HOPE (Helping Our Community Progress Efficiently). 7. Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) – Kiran Sahota <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Last year, CIT developed a new database; currently working on informational pamphlet b. Currently doing briefing on video about autism coming in April. This is a quick 8-slide presentation to increase awareness on autism. c. The Academy will only have 36 in the class instead of 50 as in the past. 		

	<p>8. Client Network – Liz Warren</p> <p>a. Client Network is celebrating 15h year of advocacy in April. Every April, Client Network conducts a community celebration. This year, there will be a day of bowling offered to individuals in the Board & Care participating in the Quality of Life Program. The invitational event is to increase socialization and a way of celebration.</p> <p>9. Community Memorial Hospital – Vanessa Lauzon</p> <p>a. Described her role as being a liaison between the Emergency Department and Hillmont Inpatient Unit and working on effective transfer of patients once appropriate disposition is determined.</p> <p>b. CMH is conducting a training for residents in order to gain knowledge, competencies and skills in providing mental health services and making the right referrals</p>		
VIII	<p>A. Mental Health Update – Meredyth Leafman (on behalf of Pam Fisher)</p> <p>1. Ms. Leafman, Older Adult/TAY Manager, mentioned that Ms. Pam Fisher, Adult Division Manager, is unable to attend today’s meeting due to the ongoing Audit.</p> <p>2. The department continues to identify and assist clients who are Medi-Cal eligible in signing for benefits. The goal is to have everyone signed up by March 31, 2014. This is critical to the department as reimbursement for newly eligible clients will be 100%.</p> <p>3. May is Mental Health Month is on May 29. This year’s topic is focused on schizophrenia. The Keynote Speaker is Keris Myrick, President of the National Board of NAMI and Robert Lieberman will deliver the plenary session. Brochures will be available soon.</p> <p>4. The department is working on the development of memorandum of agreement (MOU) with the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura. They are working on an application for the development of 40 units at the old Bandar site off of Main St., Ventura.</p> <p>5. The department went to the Board of Supervisors regarding the award of Contract for Tenant Improvements for the Centerpoint Mall project on Feb. 25.</p> <p>6. “Horizon View” is now the new name of the locked MHRC which will be built at the Camarillo Airport.</p> <p>7. The Housing and Jail Report for the month of January is available as a handout.</p> <p>8. Mary Stahlhuth who is now handling the Housing Project scheduled to be introduced to the Committee is unable to attend meeting today due to her jury duty.</p> <p>B. Older Adults Program</p> <p>9. The Older Adults Program serves individuals who are 60 years old and above experiencing serious mental illness or people who have significant medical impairment. Census as of today is 97. Meredyth is happy to announce the significant role of Victoria Bradley, Clinic Administrator, who has been efficiently running the program and working with the staff to create programs in decreasing social isolation and provide rehabilitation opportunities.</p> <p>10. There have been activities for clients every two months. For the men’s events, there were two meetings so far and a third one coming up in March. These events are facilitated by male interns. The Women’s Tea in Simi was successful.</p> <p>11. The team is planning an outing to the Gardens of the World in Thousand Oaks.</p> <p>12. Various events are scheduled in the following months aimed to solidify core group of clients to participate in a weekly socialization and rehabilitation group. They are -</p> <p>a. Hoedown, April</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Mother's Day, May c. American Celebration, July d. Luau, September e. Thanksgiving Feast, November and f. Holiday event, December. <p>13. The easiest way to connect with the program is through the STAR Team. Ventura County AAA is also a program closely involved with needs and services for the Older Adult population.</p> <p>C. Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Carolyn Briggs has just recently retired. Fernando Medina will assume the duties on an interim basis. b. EPICS and Older Adults have completed the Health Navigation Training. This is to help clients access the medical system. Staff are now doing the 6-month follow up assessments. c. Carla Cross of the Internship and Training Program conducted the first internship Open House last February 28 with about 90 students in attendance. 		
IX.	ADP Update		
	<p>Dr. Linda Gertson (on behalf of Patrick Zarate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The medical expansion of the Healthcare Reform has shown an impressive success in getting people enrolled in Medi-Cal. This is the highest priority of the department in reaching out to clients in determining their eligibility and assisting them in their medical enrollment. Prior to the health care reform, clients with alcohol and drug issues were not covered by health insurance. Under the Health Care Reform program, clients are now getting coverage for services. 2. New Start for Moms is a unique program in VCBH treating mothers with alcohol and drug issues and at risk of losing minor children. This is an MH/ADAB integrated program focusing on trauma issues which provides a safe treatment environment. 3. Dr. Gertson emphasized the need to integrate co-occurring education for all therapists especially for college/university students pursuing careers in mental health and/or addiction recovery. 		
X.	Review Committee Goals Table next meeting	Table next meeting	
XI	Adult Safety Plan – Distribution and Assignment The Committee will discuss next meeting who will be in charge of the distribution of the approved Adult Safety Plan and on how to circulate the material.	Table next meeting	
XII.	Member's Comments		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carol Thomas expressed concern that the older adult population may need equipment such as oxygen tank or a cpap machine which would create a barrier for them to receive treatment at some facilities (such as the CRT or the IPU.) She believes this is an issue and there is no place to go. A Committee member suggested she seek guidance from Tina Coates, the Ventura County Patient's rights advocate. 2. It was suggested that the Committee hold one of its meeting in the Older Adults Program location at Ralston. Chair Bates suggested to table this item next meeting for Committee to make a vote. 	Table next meeting	
XIII	Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.		