

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES ■ Thursday, July 2, 2015**

<p>Present: Karyn Bates, Co-Chair Nancy Borchard, Co-Chair Larry Hicks, BHAB Gane Booking, BHAB Sid White, BHAB Cheryl Malinowski, Telecare Gretchen Marshall, Telecare Larry Berent, Telecare Asencion Romero, Pacific Clinics/TAY Tunnel Roberta Griego, NAMI Ratan Bhavnani, NAMI Lynn Gibbs, NAMI Cary Davis, Family Member David Davis, Family Member Eileen Tracy, Family member Cece Casey, Family member Kalie Matisek, Turning Point Foundation Denise Noguera, VCAAA Debora Schreiber, VSSTF/NAMI</p>	<p>VCBH staff: Pam Fisher, Adult Division Manager Pam Roach, Transformational Liaison Office Irma Victorino, Management Assistant</p> <p>Next meeting: Thursday, August 6, 2015 Lake Tahoe Conf. Room, 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 10:05 a.m.		
II.	Welcome and Introductions Co-chair Bates welcomed everyone and requested introductions.		
III.	Approval of the Agenda 1. Co-chair Nancy Borchard 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	
IV.	Approval of the Minutes 1. Co-Chair Borchard asked the Committee for any discussion or changes to the June 4, 2015 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	
V.	Chair Announcements		
	1. Co-Chair Bates shared the following articles from Ventura STAR featured on June 16, 2015: a. <i>County approves \$2.05B budget.</i> The article mentioned that the approved budget will create 250 new positions for county health care and human services programs. Funds were also set aside to pay for capital projects, 3 fire stations, a mental health center, and upgrade to a dispatch system for the sheriff's department. b. <i>Laura's Law program endorsed.</i> The article noted that the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) recommended court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment for severely mentally ill residents. BHAB unanimously voted to ask the Board of Supervisors fund the program. It also recommended that the program should be implemented for a period of 18 months, with evaluation measures incorporated. 2. Co-chair Bates distributed copy of the BHAB TAY letter to consumers and partners. She recommended that the Committee would endorse a similar letter to adults.		

	<p>3. The Committee agreed to make similar letter for consumers and partners of the adult population. It was suggested that a draft letter be presented to Committee next meeting for review and approval. Discussion next meeting will also address letter distribution.</p>	Item for next meeting	
VI.	<p>Public Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cece Casey, family member, expressed her concerns regarding gaps in services for individuals that are seriously mentally ill/gravely disabled. 2. Cary Davis, family member, expressed her concerns about homelessness of individuals who are mentally ill. She highlighted housing-related legislative bills: AB 35, AB 90, AB 1056, AB 1335, and HR 1854. 		
VII.	<p>Presentation of Telecare Corporation, Cheryl Malinowski, Regional Director Central Coast; Gretchen Marshall, Administrator; and, Larry Berent Time Certain 10:45 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Marshall discussed Telecare's brief history, their culture and beliefs about people. 2. Ms. Marshall described the nature of Telecare Programs namely Recovery Certification Clinical System (RCCS), Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Ventura Opportunities for Integrating the Community Environment (VOICE) and Ventura Innovative Services Telecare Act (VISTA). Flyers for these programs were provided as handouts. 3. Ms. Marshall confirmed that the Telecare team is experienced/educated in psychiatry, psychology, nursing, social work, rehabilitation, substance abuse treatment, and employment. 4. It was noted that the VOICE Program is an ACT model that provides services to individuals coming out of California Department of Corrections. Identified individuals in need of mental health services are seen by the ACT Team while being supervised by the Probation Department of Ventura County. 5. Larry Berent, Clinical Director, discussed the four casas which are part of the campus operated by Telecare located in Lewis Road. Each casa houses a maximum of 15 individuals three of the casas are social rehabilitation facility with a maximum length of stay of 18 months and one casas is permanent housing with extensive supportive services. 6. Mr. Berent mentioned that the casa program is a full partnership with Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) providing 24-hour case management and adheres the same philosophy as Telecare. There are approximately 56 individuals enrolled in the program. Prior approval from VCBH is required for admission to all Telecare programs. The casas each offer 4 to 5 group therapy session a day. 7. Telecare celebrated its 50th year anniversary last June 17, 2015. 8. Telecare staff is attending the Provider Education Training series offered at no charge through NAMI. 		
VIII.	<p>Review membership roster</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-chair Borchard reminded everyone that the Committee roster is currently being updated. She requested members to provide Board Secretary email addresses if they are not receiving meeting notifications. 		
IX.	<p>Provider's Comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NAMI, Robert Griego <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Retirement party for Ratan Bhavnani was held last Tuesday, June 30. Ms. Griego was appointed Interim Executive Director until a new director is selected. b. Family-to-Family education program classes are filling up 2. Turning Point Foundation, Kalie Matisek <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Social Rehabilitation Programs at New Visions in Ventura and the Oxnard Clubhouse are ongoing (open Monday to Friday) and combined membership is 110 individuals. For Fiscal Year 2015-16, 	Electronic copy of flyer will be sent to	Irma Victorino

	<p>VCBH contract requires all members to be referred by VCBH clinical staff. There is a “Drop-In Day” once a month at New Visions and the Oxnard Clubhouse to orient those not yet enrolled/referred.</p> <p>b. The Oxnard Wellness Center Mixteco evening program is ongoing; outcome report will be forthcoming.</p> <p>3. Pacific Clinics, Asencion Romero – A Health Navigation Training in Ventura County is scheduled on July 24 for Orientation of Supervisors from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and July 27-30 when paraprofessionals and care coordinators have Classroom Training from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Electronic copy of flyer will be sent to Committee. Flyers were provided as handout.</p> <p>4. VCAAA, Denise Noguera – VCAAA is partnering with the Housing Authority. Ms. Noguera is currently working with the Housing Authority as a community liaison for a pilot project. Ms. Noguera will invite representatives from the Housing Authority at our August meeting.</p>	committee.	
X.	<p>Mental Health Update - Pam Fisher, Adult Division Manager</p> <p>1. The department is working with Ventura Housing Authority on Castillo del Sol project, an independent living housing community, located at the corner of Central and Main Streets in Midtown Ventura. There will be 14 units set aside for adult behavioral health clients. Applications are now being accepted. The project is expected to be completed in 2016. Consumers who meet criteria can call Tel. 981-5422 to get on the list.</p> <p>2. The department just completed the 2-day Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) training for all Clinicians. Amanda Pyper, Region Manager Oxnard Adult and Angela Riddle, Clinic Administrator Oxnard Youth and Family are spearheading our Evidence Based Practice trainings.</p> <p>3. Marry Allport, Region Manager of Ventura and Santa Paula Clinic and overseeing Benefits Program, is retiring at the end of the month. The department is currently recruiting for her replacement.</p> <p>4. Meloney Roy, Chief Deputy Director, HCA and former Director of Behavioral Health, is retiring after 19 years of service with the HCA. Retirement party is on Tuesday, July 7 from 3:30 to 6:00 pm.</p>		Denise Noguera will invite Housing Authority to present next meeting.
XI.	<p>Alcohol and Drug Update</p> <p>None</p>		
XII.	<p>Members’ Comments</p> <p>1. Co-chair Bates informed the Committee that she will not be present at the August meeting.</p> <p>2. It was suggested we invite representative from the Older Adults Program to our August meeting for an update of their program progress and challenges.</p>	Invite Older Adults Program to present next meeting.	Karyn Bates / Irma Victorino
XIII.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm. Next meeting is scheduled on August 6, 2015.</p>		