

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES ■ Thursday, March 5, 2020

<p><u>Members Present</u> Nancy Borchard, Committee Co-Chair Gane Brooking, Committee Co-Chair Jerry Harris, BHAB Ratan Bhavnani, BHAB Sheri Valley, BHAB Stuart Fiedler, Client Network Scott Walker, Crisis Intervention Team Kalie Matisek, Turning Point Foundation Gray Wilking, Ventura County Area Agency on Aging</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Michael Rodriguez, BHAB Sean Emerick, Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Sean Blum, Telecare Rosy Tellez, Disability Rights California</p>	<p><u>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Managers/Staff Present</u> Salvador Manzo, Oxnard and Santa Paula Regional Manager Chris Ford, Alcohol and Drug Programs Manager Clara Barron, MHSA Programs Operational Manager Peter Schreiner, Older Adult Clinic Administrator Susan White Wood, Housing Manager Edith Pham, BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 2, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm</p> <p>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) 1911 Williams Drive, second floor, Oxnard</p>
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Note: The committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	Call to Order Co-Chair Gane Brooking called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda Ms. Brooking asked the committee to review and approve today's agenda. She moved to approve, Ratan Bhavnani seconded. Ms. Brooking noted that item IX.C., MHSA Update, needs to be moved up and will be done right after Public Comments. The motion carried unanimously.	The agenda was approved as amended. M/S/C	
III.	Approval of the Minutes Ms. Brooking asked the committee to review and approve the minutes of the February meeting. Jerry Harris moved to approve, Mr. Bhavnani seconded. Stuart Fiedler stated the minutes do not reflect a comment he had made; he will make a similar comment today. Co-Chair Nancy Borchard stated the minutes will not need to be amended. The motion carried unanimously.	The minutes were approved as written. M/S/C	
IV.	Welcome and Introductions Ms. Brooking welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
V.	Public Comments None.		
VI.	Chair Announcements Ms. Brooking noted that she attended a meeting of the Ventura Social Services Task Force the previous day. She will give details later on in the meeting. Ms. Borchard noted that she and some BHAB members did a site visit of the Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT). There is a deficit in follow-up placement, partly due to a lack of Board & Care facilities. The new provider who manages the CRT is doing a good job.		
VII.	New Business Housing for Older Adults and the Homeless or Those at Risk of Homelessness Susan White Wood, VCBH Housing Manager, provided the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Permanent supportive housing does not require licensing, but Board & Care (B&C) facilities and Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFEs) do. 2. B&C facilities are not financially viable. Statewide, 80% of B&C have six or fewer beds. 3. Permanent supportive housing can be scattered sites (vouchers are provided to the clients) or site-specific (a building has some units reserved for low-income tenants). Available funding for this type of housing includes No Place Like Home. 4. The coordinated entry system has 40+ agencies. Every two weeks a case conference is held to prioritize clients based on their vulnerability. 5. The County Executive Office (CEO) heads the Continuum of Care (CoC). State and federal funding go to the CEO, which contracts with the Human Services Agency to administer the funds. The goal is to have fair access to housing. 		

	<p>6. Case managers need a special set of skills to place their clients in appropriate housing.</p> <p>7. Every three years, the hospitals have to report on the gaps in the community. This last time, all local hospitals, public and private, wrote their plan together; substance use, homelessness and mental illness were the top three needs.</p> <p>8. New housing being built for seniors does not require the builders to set aside some beds for disabled or low-income older adults.</p> <p>Ms. Borchard noted that during the previous month’s meeting the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura said that VCBH did not respond to their requests for help. Ms. White Wood could not comment as she did not have the details. Peter Schreiner, VCBH Older Adult Clinic Administrator, noted that his clinic often deals with the stigma of disruptive clients. VCBH is protective of its clients and educates landlords without releasing clients’ health information. Mr. Schreiner also noted that clients receive less in Supplemental Security Income (SSI) than the RCFE rate. Supplementing clients’ rent can be viewed as income, which can affect SSI rate.</p> <p>Ms. White Wood noted the Assisted Living Waiver can help qualified individuals. The County could advocate to have this program expanded to Ventura county.</p> <p>Ms. Brooking noted that things are going well at The ARCH, the permanent shelter in Ventura. The City of Camarillo is using Community Development Block Grants funds to buy back affordable housing so they can be sold at an affordable rate.</p>		
VIII.	<p>Members and Participants Comments</p> <p>A. Carol Thomas noted many acronyms were used during the meeting and requested a list.</p> <p>B. Mr. Bhavnani noted that NAMI will have its general meeting on March 10; an estate planning attorney will speak about disabilities and CalABLE.</p> <p>C. Michael Rodriguez noted that the Mental Health Diversion is ready to have its first graduate. The program is pre-conviction and last up to 15 months. Participants who successfully complete it have their case dismissed.</p>		
IX.	<p>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Updates</p> <p>A. Adult Division – Sal Manzo, Oxnard and Santa Paula Regional Manager</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) conducted its review in late February. It was positive. EQRO will release its report in 3 to 4 months. 2. Behavioral Assessment, Inc. is conducting an outside review of the Screening, Triage, Assessment and Referral (STAR) and its intake process. 3. The Department of Health Care Services will conduct its triannual review in April. <p>B. Substance Use Disorders – Chris Ford</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first EQRO review of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) went well. The reviewers said that the staff is caring and committed, and they were impressed by the care coordination team. They encouraged improvement on time to service and noted that Alcohol & Drug Programs is behind in the use of Avatar. 2. Medication Assisted Treatment: ADP is looking at bringing some in-house. <p>C. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) – Clara Barron, Programs Operational Manager</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A public hearing will take place on March 30 on a Full Service Partnership (FSP) Data Exchange Innovation project, which is posted on the MHSA website. 2. The Multi-County FSP Innovation Project is posted on the MHSA website. Six counties are cooperating, with Ventura as the lead county, to better coordinate FSP service delivery, operations, data collection and evaluation. 3. MHSA will release its Three-Year Plan on March 16. This Plan will include several appendices and details on future years. 4. Funding for FSP will increase for the next three years. <p>Mr. Harris stated that MHSA programs are required to report outcomes. Those that are available can be viewed at https://www.calbhbc.org</p> <p>Mr. Fiedler suggested looking at Taxation Code 19280.</p>		
X.	<p>Item for Next Meeting Agenda</p> <p>No suggestions were made for the next meeting.</p>		
XI.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.</p>		