

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

<p>Members Present Nancy Borchard, Committee Co-Chair Gane Brooking, Committee Co-Chair Jerry Harris, BHAB Ratan Bhavnani, BHAB Sheri Valley, BHAB Dana Secor, BHAB, Turning Point Foundation Gray Wilking Roberta Griego Scott Walker Elizabeth Stone Liz Warren</p> <p>Others Present Jennifer Hinkle, Telecare Cynthia Bautista-Rodriguez, TAY Tunnel Katy Krul, Oxnard Family Circle Casey Wake, Telecare Stephen Kass, Ventura Housing Authority Adele Montijo Lynne Gibbs Cindy Doult</p>	<p>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Managers/Staff Present Jessica Davis, Substance Use Services Dr. John Schipper, Adult Division Chief Susan White Wood, Housing Manager Kayla Fisher, Adult Division Management Assistant Mariella Aguilar, BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 7, 2020, 10:00am – 11:30am Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87680728818?pwd=b3dCdjBncGszRUJ4VzM2TXY1clJIQT09 Meeting ID: 876 8072 8818 Password: 156974 Dial-In: 669 900 9128</p>
<p>Note: The committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.</p>	

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	Call to Order Co-Chair Nancy Borchard called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda Ms. Borchard asked the committee to review and approve today’s agenda. Carol Thomas moved to approve, Ratan Bhavnani seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	The agenda was approved as written.	
III.	Approval of the Minutes Ms. Brooking asked the committee to review and approve the minutes of the September meeting. Elizabeth Stone and Adele Montijo noted they were present at the meeting however not listed as present. The motion to approve minutes as amended carried unanimously.	The minutes were approved as amended.	
IV.	Welcome and Introductions Ms. Brooking welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
V.	Public Comments None.		
VI.	Chair Announcements Ms. Borchard informed the Annual Report will be sent out in the next day or two and will be asking for any suggestions for edits. Ms. Borchard spoke of the Oregon CAHOOTS program: a mobile Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) designed as alternative to police response for non-violent crisis. Ms. Booking did not have any announcements.		
VII.	Members and Participants Comments None.		
VIII.	Update and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Discussion of gaps in treatment and services (to be forwarded to the General BHAB) Liz Warren spoke of VCBH contracting a data and research company in 2018 & 2019 to look at what the stakeholders’ number one concerns were. In order: homelessness, substance use, depression, and access/lack thereof mental health. Of 4,000 – 5,000 		

individuals, 26% of the community didn't receive mental health services and 35% of family members didn't feel their family members received services.

Liz Warren stated two programs came out the data study: outreach with Older Adults and the expansion of mental health services in schools.

Elizabeth Stone stated she is very concerned about anyone being presented to the department as "not yet sick enough or symptomatic enough" for services.

Jerry Harris stated we need to be in a position to provide services when a person needs them rather than waiting until they go into crisis. Crisis can be prevented.

Gray Wilking voiced concern about no designated mental health inpatient unit in Ventura County.

Ms. Borchard asked Dr. Schipper if older adults can be admitted to CSU. Dr. Schipper replied there is no explicit cut off, depends on client's function ability.

b. No Place Like Home update (Susan White Wood)

Susan White Wood provided updates regarding No Place Like Home (NPLH).

NPLH is a voter approved carve out from MHSA funds.

Small counties like Ventura are required to apply for funding in a competitive process and larger counties like Los Angeles are given money outright to use as they decide is best in creating additional housing.

Three categories of need are considered for funding: people who are newly homeless, the chronic homeless, and in danger of becoming homeless (eviction notices). The application process is very involved and time sensitive.

Ventura County applied during the first and second rounds of funding but was not granted approval. The third round of funding will be presented to the BOS in December 2020 and Ventura County is presenting:

1. More funding for Fillmore Terrace (68 units).
2. Site in Oxnard operated by Mercy House with 1st floor shelter and social services and upper units of permanent supported housing to provide 55 total unites of housing with 27 NPLH units
3. Rancho Sierra Apartments in Camarillo with 49 – 1 bed units and 1 – 2 bed manager unit. All units for homeless and mentally ill seniors

Some of the considerations that make the program competitive are:

1. Conditional land use permit
2. Having a mix of financing set up and ready to go
3. Convincing the public these projects will be a good thing
4. Eligible mentally ill (MI) who are clients of VCBH for ease in providing support to residents

IX. Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Updates

a. Adult Division – Dr. John Schipper, Adult Division Chief

Dr. Schipper reported on two separate private efforts to expand mental health services in the county. Alvarado Parkway Institute (API) was reported to have successfully obtained a conditional use permit to open a Crisis Residential Treatment program in Santa Paula. The current projected date for opening is in the fall of 2021. Dignity/St. John's Hospital continues to work with VCBH to resolve billing/financial arrangements for a Crisis Stabilization Unit. The current projected date (for opening for what is expected to be an eight-chair facility) is the May of 2021. Limited time did not allow for a discussion of placements (i.e., locked to board & care); to be addressed in the next meeting.

b. Substance Use Disorders (SUS)– Jessica Davis

Ms. Davis spoke on SUS increasing residential treatment beds with Tarzana Treatment Center. SUS now has Residential and Withdrawal Management beds at Tarzana Treatment Center in Lancaster and Long Beach.

X.	Item for Next Meeting Agenda Dr. John Schipper to speak on Out of County Placements		
XI.	Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.		