

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
**ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES ■ Thursday, May 6, 2021**

<p><b><u>Members Present</u></b>  Nancy Borchard, Committee Co-Chair  Gane Brooking, Committee Co-Chair  Jerry Harris, BHAB  Ratan Bhavnani, BHAB  Scott Walker, VCPD CIT  Elizabeth R. Stone, BHAB  Liz Warren, Client Network  Gray Wilking, VC Area Agency on Aging</p> <p><b><u>Others Present</u></b>  Mary Haffner, community advocate  Maya Lazos, Vista Del Mar  Soledad Barragan, BHAB  Stephen Kass, Ventura Housing Authority  Chris Tejada, BHAB  Anthony Marron, TAY Tunnel  Carole Shelton, parent  Lorena Suarez, Interpreter</p>	<p><b><u>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Managers/Staff Present</u></b>  Dr. John Schipper, Adult Division Chief  Jessica Davis, Substance Use Treatment Services (SUTS)  Joanna Peterson, BHAB Assistant  Thomas Taylor, Behavioral Health Manager  Tina McDonald, Clinic Administrator  Greg Bergen, MHSA</p> <p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b>  <b>Thursday, July 1, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b></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.	<b>Call to Order</b> Co-Chair Nancy Borchard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and addressed issues related to membership and attendance.		
II.	<b>Approval of the Agenda</b> Mr. Harris moved to approve the agenda as written. Ms. Stone seconded approval. A roll call vote occurred all approved without modification.	The agenda was approved as written.	
III.	<b>Approval of the March 4, 2021 Minutes</b> Mr. Harris moved to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Wilking seconded approval. A roll call vote occurred; all approved with Ms. Warren and Ms. Stone abstained from voting. The minutes were approved as written.	The minutes were approved as written.	
IV.	<b>Approval of the March 4, 2021 Special Meetings Minutes</b> Mr. Harris moved to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Bhavnani seconded. Roll call vote occurred; all approved with Ms. Warren and Ms. Stone abstained from voting. The minutes were approved as written.		
V.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Ms. Borchard welcomed all attendees. She explained how attendees could become members, encouraged future attendance and the voicing opinions in meetings.		
VI.	<b>Public Comments</b> None.		
VII.	<b>Chair Announcements</b> In response to a question from the last meeting Ms. Borchard advised that BHAB Committee meeting recordings are available for up to 30 days following the meeting and can be accessed by contacting Vickie Poliquin. She also noted BHAB’s General meeting recordings are posted to the VCBH website 24 hours following the meeting: <a href="https://vcbh.org/en/general-meeting?own=0">https://vcbh.org/en/general-meeting?own=0</a>		
VIII.	<b>Member and Participant Comments</b> None.		
IX.	<b>Update and Discussion:</b> <b>a. Suicide Information from the Jail</b> Ms. Borchard provided a detailed verbal report of information received from Commander Rubright of the Sheriff’s Office in response to her inquiry regarding jail suicides in Ventura County. (see attached PDFs)		

	<p><b>b. Presentation: Ventura County Behavioral Health’s Empowering Partners through Integrative Community Services (EPICS) / Adult Residential Services (ARS) Team</b> <i>(Time Certain: 10:45 AM)</i></p> <p>EPICS / ARS Clinic Administrator Tina McDonald with input from Drs. Taylor and Schipper presented on the EPICS/ARS program. (see attached PowerPoint) She spoke to ARS staffing (i.e., numbers and disciplines), the referral sources to the program (i.e., Hillmont Psychiatric Center, jail, etc.), the array of placements both in terms of location and levels of care, and the nature/extent of the VCBH involvement with clients in placement. Limited time prevented the portion of the presentation pertaining to EPICS.</p> <p>Ms. Borchard inquired if Casa Esperanza is permanent supportive housing. Ms. McDonald confirmed Casa Esperanza is licensed as a Board and Care (B&amp;C). Dr. Schipper added the other three Casas are licensed as adult residential care facilities with stay restrictions of up to 18 months.</p> <p>Ms. Stone inquired about description of roles and activities of the staff doing check-ins. Ms. McDonald clarified Dr. Taylor and the assigned clinician work with HPC assessing the client while in the hospital to determine the best placement. The clinician remains in contact with the client and facility staff to track progress their progress and assess the treatment they are receiving. Ms. Stone expressed concern regarding the lack of amount of support and treatment being provided during “check-ins”. Dr. Schipper informed the contract providers have the primary responsibility for providing the treatment and ARS staff monitoring client progress and ongoing need for that level of care. Dr. Taylor added the ARS staff meet with the treatment teams of each placement along with reviewing treatment plans.</p> <p>Ms. Haffner requested data regarding health outcome of EPICS participants along with how many exit the program and their reasoning for exiting and number of visits clients have with VCBH staff.</p> <p>Ms. Warren expressed concern about the utilization of peers and offered to meet with VCBH staff to provide details from her past experience working on the EPICS/ARS team.</p>		
<p><b>X.</b></p>	<p><b>VCBH Update:</b></p> <p><b>a. Adult Operations</b></p> <p>Dr. Schipper reported Thompson Place Board and Care had a soft opening after having been remodeled. Turning Point is the contracted provider. Ribbon cutting to occur within the next month or so when COVID restrictions might allow.</p> <p>BAI STAR assessment expected to be ready for July meeting.</p> <p><b>b. Substance Use Services</b></p> <p>Two DMCODS audits occurring and received SABG funding for adolescent and perinatal populations.</p>		
<p><b>XI.</b></p>	<p><b>Items for Next Meeting Agenda</b></p> <p>Continue with the EPICS portion of the presentation begun today.</p>		
<p><b>XII.</b></p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:28am.</p>		