

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES ■ Thursday, July 1, 2021

<p>Members Present Nancy Borchard, BHAB and Committee Co-Chair Jerry Harris, BHAB Ratan Bhavnani, BHAB Carol Thomas, BHAB Elizabeth R. Stone, Independent Peer Advocate Liz Warren, Client Network Gray Wilking, VC Area Agency on Aging Scott Walker, VC CIT</p> <p>Others Present Soledad Barragan, BHAB Chris Tejada, BHAB Cheryl Hindman, BHAB Maya Lazos, Vista Del Mar Patty Pape, NAMI Clarisa, Interpreter</p>	<p>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Managers/Staff Present Dr. John Schipper, Adult Division Chief Jessica Davis, Substance Use Treatment Services (SUTS) Susan White Wood, Behavioral Health Housing Manager Dr. Thomas Taylor, Behavioral Health Manager Kayla Labrum, Adult Division Management Assistant Joanna Peterson, BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 2, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Meeting via Zoom</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 Nancy Borchard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and queried if the Spanish translation was recorded and available for subsequent review.	VCBH staff to follow-up with information	
II.	Roll Call As only 7 members were present, a quorum was not established and action items would not be able to be voted on for this meeting.		
III.	Approval of the Agenda None due to lack of quorum.	None due to lack of quorum.	
IV.	Approval of the Minutes None due to lack of quorum.	None due to lack of quorum.	
V.	Welcome and Introductions Ms. Brooking welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
VI.	Public Comments None.		
VII.	Chair Announcements Ms. Borchard stated she was absent from General BHAB meeting and asked if the interpreter is also recorded during virtual meetings. Ms. Borchard encouraged people to visit the Spirit of Santa Paula website as it provides a lot of useful information. She shared a piece about how to best place 911 calls: (1) state the problem without a lot of detail, (2) know that the dispatcher knows where you are and that help is on the way, and (3) answer questions asked which will inform the responding officer		
VIII.	Member and Participant Comments Mr. Harris followed up stating he heard LA County is diverting mental health calls to a BH contractor to try to resolve issues to avoid having to send a police officer that has appeared to be successful in working with over 400 cases. Mr. Walker added that he is aware of this pilot program which has expanded to 24/7. Ms. Stone shared information on a webinar attended on the use of peers in crisis situations that described various programs based in New York. She also noted the Alternatives Conference put on by a SAMHSA-funded, peer organization was coming up.		

IX.	<p>Update and Discussion:</p> <p>a. Continued EPICS/ARS presentation begun in the May 2021 meeting</p> <p>Dr. Taylor described the nature/scope of treatment and services extended to the EPICS clients by the multi-disciplinary team, along with the common sources of referrals. He also spoke to placements at the level of board and care and skilled nursing facilities.</p> <p>Ms. Stone asked for more information about the range of ACT services including employment services and the use of marked vans in field-based services. Dr. Taylor described Growing Works as one example of employment services available to EPICS clients and offered assurances that field-based contacts were conducted with sensitivity. Dr. Schipper spoke to the typical differences in levels of engagement between EIPCS versus RISE/Assist.</p> <p>Ms. Warren spoke to her experience as a peer with EPICS and stressed the value of the benefits of utilizing recovery coaches. Mr. Harris noted the similarity between wrap around services and the ACT model and suggested “position sharing” for peers who may not be interested in full time employment.</p> <p>Dr. Schipper spoke to the way EPICS service delivery departed from the ACT model in the areas of 24/7 access to the treating team and caseload division.</p> <p>Citing the past, Mr. Bhavnani raised the issue of whether or not peers might be employed through an outside contractor.</p> <p>Ms. Wilking asked if there was a waitlist for EPICS and Dr. Taylor noted there was not.</p>		
X.	<p>VCBH Updates:</p> <p>a. Adult Operations-Dr. Schipper reported on a division-wide effort to ascertain client vaccine status and supporting those who were interested and in need of assistance. Additionally, he spoke to the COVID protocols in place in the clinics (i.e., mask required in health settings). Lastly, Dr. Schipper reported on RISE Expansion grant coming to a conclusion and plans for sustainability.</p> <p>b. B. Substance Use Treatment Services-Jessica Davis reported on two RFPs out for consideration (i.e., withdraw management and recovery services).</p>		
XI.	<p>Items for Next Meeting Agenda</p> <p>Mr. Tejada asked for more discussion on the jail data previously shared. Ms. Wilking suggested a presentation on the Older Adults program. Mr. Harris asked for a presentation about what was approved in the budget for behavioral health.</p>		
XII	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.</p>		