

VENTURA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES ■ NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Members Present

Janis Gardner, BHAB Chair
Carol Thomas, BHAB 1st Vice-Chair
Jerry Harris, BHAB Secretary
Larry Hicks, BHAB Member
Karyn Bates, BHAB Member

VCBH Staff Present

Elaine Crandall, Director
Erin Rodgers, Interim Assistant

Guests

Gane Brooking
Jeanine Singer
Cece Casey
Ratan Bhavnani
Denise Krishke
Sonna Gray
Terri Yanez
Robert

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 11, 2016
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Ventura County Behavioral Health Administration
 Lake Cachuma Conference Room
 1911 Williams Dr., Suite 200, Oxnard CA 93036

Note: The committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	Call to Order		
	Ms. Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:03pm		
II.	Approval of the Agenda (Action)		
	The November 9, 2015, meeting AGENDA was approved.	The agenda was approved.	
III.	Approval of the Minutes (Action)		
	The MINUTES of October 12, 2015 meeting were approved with changes noted. The public comments from Cece Casey were not included at all. These public comments will be included in this month's minutes.	The minutes were approved as amended. M/S/C.	
IV.	Welcome and Introductions		
	Introductions were made around the table.	Information	
V.	Chair Announcements - 10 mins.		
	1. Ms. Gardner announced that a new marijuana initiative is underway called "Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana" has been submitted to the Office of the Attorney General. This initiative will have the best chances at getting passed next November. There is also a mandate from the Governor that all cities and counties put in their policies and guidelines regarding medical marijuana usage by March 1, 2016. Failure to do so will require those cities and counties to follow State guidelines regarding medical marijuana usage. 2. The DHCS has offered to California counties, including Ventura, a Medical Organized Delivery Systems Waiver. This is a pilot program for the	Information	

	<p>organized delivery of health care services of Medicaid eligible individuals with a substance use disorder. Ventura County has opted in for this program. The waiver will make improvements to the drug medical service delivery system by focusing on critical elements of delivery service. Director Crandall advised that a stakeholders meeting took place in late October to go over the design aspect of this program. The planning is going to the State in February 2016.</p> <p>3. The 2015 International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015. This event will be held at the Agoura Library (29901 Ladyface Circle, Agoura, CA 91301) from 12pm to 4pm.</p> <p>4. At the Board of Supervisors meeting which took place in Santa Paula on October 13th, the Supervisors unanimously approved an additional \$50,000 for mental health prevention outreach services to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish team. Director Crandall noted that are not going to be additional prevention efforts, but they will be doing additional outreach that will be very personalized. Clients will be followed through the system to help identify program strengths and gaps.</p> <p>5. Law Enforcement held their Crisis Intervention Team Awards and our own Kiran Sahota was honored for her outstanding work in the enhancement of the CIT. Congratulations, Kiran!</p>		
VI.	Public Comments - 3 min. per speaker		
	Cece Casey re-read her public comments from the October meeting regarding her family's experience with her son's care. Her son has been out of the county for 5 years to receive services and would like to be closer to home.	Information	
VII.	Old Business - 30 mins.		
	<p>A. Bylaws Update - the Bylaws are now with the CEO's office. Ms. Gardner has been in constant contact with Jacqueline Smith and hopes to have a draft of the proposed Bylaws by before next week so they can be discussed at the BHAB General Meeting on November 16, 2015.</p> <p>B. Laura's Law - Ventura County Behavioral Health department is working on a PowerPoint to incorporate additional information that they would like to see in the Board Letter and what will go to the CEO's office. Director Crandall advised that the first draft is complete and has gone through Fiscal. All of this information needs to be brought to the next CLC Meeting and will be on that meeting's agenda to be discussed. BHAB member, Jerry Harris, believes the whole process is taking too long to complete the actions needed. This concerned was echoed by other BAHB members. Director Crandall noted that if the BHAB's letter can be done separately from the VCBH's submission, but ultimately needs to be submitted together to be completed. Ms. Gardner advised that the Board of Supervisors is aware that the BHAB has approved Laura's Law already. Mr. Harris noted that he has seen the board letter and would like to offer his services to VCBH if needed.</p> <p>C. Data Notebook Update - The Data Notebook was turned in on time.</p>	Information	
VIII.	New Business - 30 mins.		
	A. Recognition Awards for BHAB General Meeting - There are 15 clinicians that went above and beyond and will be recognized at the BHAB General Meeting next Monday, November 16, 2015.	Information	

	B. Cancellation of the December BHAB Executive Meeting - all members agreed to cancel the Executive BHAB December Meeting as long as the BHAB General Meeting agrees to be canceled as well.		
IX.	Events and Announcements - 10 mins.		
	<p>A. The Client Network is having an event on Friday, November 13, 2015 from 9:45am to 12pm. This will take place in the Training Room at the Ventura County Behavioral Health building. All RSVP's need to be in by Wednesday, November 11, 2015 by contacting Regina Poynter at bloomingflowergal@yahoo.com or by calling 805-981-4228. A healthy breakfast will be served.</p> <p>B. NAMI is having an event, "Mental Illness and Criminal Justice" on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 in Camarillo at 7pm. The NAMI Holiday Party will be at the Elk's Lodge in Oxnard on December 8, 2015 at 5pm.</p> <p>C. Ms. Gardner provided a printed article, "7 Ways Pharmacists Will Participate in White House Campaign Against Drug Abuse". She discussed how the drug, Naloxone, will save the lives of people who are on the brink of death due to an overdose.</p> <p>D. Director Crandall noted that the job posting for the Management Assistant II/III has closed and hopefully a new assistant will be hired quickly. She advised that she is meeting with the State Directors to go through a planning and prioritization process. She hopes to gain lots of information and bring it back to implement with the county. Big decisions need to be made for next fiscal year. The mapping process is almost complete!</p>	Information	
X.	Board Member Comments - 3 mins. per speaker		
	<p>Karyn Bates traveled to Folsom County to attend the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions. We completed the audit for that association. Each individual county board is mandated by the legislation through the Welfare and Institution Codes, but the State association has never been mandated, so funds are needed to help complete this task. Bylaws have been re-written and the name of the organization has been updated to Behavioral Health Advisory Board and Commissions (instead of Mental Health). New policies and procedures are also being written. Discussion was had regarding why the name was changed from Mental Health to Behavioral Health. Ms. Gardner advised that because the funding has changed, Drug and Alcohol boards and Mental Health boards merged, which resulted in the name change that blends the two groups.</p> <p>Carol Thomas has volunteered to gather all materials from past chairs for training for the board (how to be a board member, etc). She would like to conduct training for all board members sometime at the beginning of the year.</p>	Information	
XI.	Adjourn		
	The meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM. Next BHAB Executive Meeting:	January 18, 2016	

Behavioral Health Advisory Board EXECUTIVE Meeting Attendance November 9, 2015-16

District	TERMS	Member	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
District 2 Sup. Parks	9/17/13-9/17/16	Janis Gardner-CHAIR	X	X	X	X	X				
	1/5/15-1/7/19	Carol Thomas-1 st Co-Chair		X	X		X				
	3/18/14-3/17/17	Beverly Wisotsky, LMFT-2 nd Co-Chair		X	X						
District 4- Supvr Foy	9/17/13-9/17/16	Jerry Harris, Secretary	X	X	X	X	X				
District 3	4/14/15-4/14/18	Kay Wilson-Bolton		X							
Supvr. Long	12/2/14-12/1/17	Larry Hicks		X	X		X				

Present = X