

# VENTURA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES ■ OCTOBER 12, 2015

<p><b>Members Present</b>  <b>Janis Gardner, BHAB Chair</b>  <b>Jerry Harris, BHAB</b>  <b>Nancy Borchard, BHAB</b></p> <p><b>VCBH Staff Present</b>  <b>Elaine Crandall, Director</b>  <b>Gloria Cloud Vega, Interim Assistant</b></p>	<p><b>Guests</b>  <b>Gane Brooking</b>  <b>Cece Casey</b>  <b>Ratan Bhavnani</b>  <b>Judy Holder</b>  <b>Denise Krishke</b>  <b>Sonna Gray</b>  <b>Jeff Burgh</b>  <b>Jeanine Bair</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 12, 2015</b>  <b>1:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ventura County Behavioral Health Administration          Lake Cachuma Conference Room          1911 Williams Dr., Suite 200, Oxnard CA 93036</p> <p><i>Note: The committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.</i></p>
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	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	Call to Order Ms. Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:03pm		
II.	Approval of the Agenda ( <i>Action</i> ) The October 12, 2015, meeting AGENDA was approved with the Chair's changes to omit any Action under Old Business A,B,C and New Business Item B as well as moving public comments up on agenda to accommodate guest speaker.	The agenda was approved as amended. M/S/C	
III.	Approval of the Minutes ( <i>Action</i> ) The MINUTES of September 14, 2015 meeting were approved with changes noted.	The minutes were approved as amended. M/S/C.	
IV.	Welcome and Introductions Introductions were made around the table.	Information	
VI.	Public Comments – 3 mins. per speaker Ms. Jeanine Bair stated that she is the mother of a 23yr old autistic man/child and as his caregiver, she is requesting that this committee consider improving the current system of care for autistic people. She has had difficulty finding care for her autistic son and urged the BHAB to consider single and dual diagnosis intervention solutions; to get a collaborative Crisis Intervention Center (locked) especially for the autistic population with autism trained Crisis Intervention specialists, as well as an interactive system to aid families of autistic people during times of crisis with detailed procedures to follow for family, emergency responders and health care staff.	Information.	
V.	Chair Announcements – 10 mins. Chair, Janis Gardner made the following announcements. 1. October is "Breast Cancer" awareness, National Substance Abuse Prevention" and "Anti-Bullying" month. 2. Gov. Brown signed a trio of bills providing statewide rules for CA Medical Marijuana growers and sellers. 3, Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) had its ground breaking and hopefully will be opening in 6-8 months.	Information	
VII.	Old Business – 30 mins. A. Laura's Law (LL) Letter – No Action Chair Janis Gardner announced that all BHAB Member suggestions have been incorporated into this final Laura's Law document. Mr. Harris requested	Changes in yellow-DONE	Gloria Cloud Vega

	<p>that the changes be highlighted in yellow for clarification. After the Letter has been approved by the BHAB Committee, it will go to VCBH Management for any final changes/edits, before going to County Counsel. It was clarified, that it is the responsibility of VCBH to outline financial implications of Laura's Law, not the BHAB.</p> <p>B. Bylaws Update – No Action - The Chair submitted to County Council Article II from (current) Bylaws as well as the (current) Welfare and Institutions Code wording. Pending clarification whether verbatim WIC wording is necessary, at County Council's recommendation, the BHAB will modify the Bylaws accordingly. Also there was discussion to reinstate the reference to "...County Mental Health Director" in Article II G., to coincide with the State description of the Director.</p> <p>C. Data Notebook Workgroup Update – No Action Janis Gardner, Chair conveyed that the Chair of the Data Notebook Committee, Karyn Bates announced that the Data Notebook is completed and will be seeking approval at the BHAB General Meeting October 19, 2015.</p>	<p>Clarify</p> <p>Make change to Bylaws</p>	<p>Janis Gardner</p> <p>Gloria Cloud Vega</p>
IX.	New Business – 10 mins.		
	<p>A. BHAB Approval of the ADP Rx Workgroup Support Letter – Support for Opioid Safety Coalition - Action - The Chair discussed a support letter written on behalf of the BHAB and Prevention Committee to address safe prescribing practices, access to treatment for those with a major drug problem and Rescue Naloxone kits to help save lives. There was discussion to include in this letter specifically, that "BHAB approves...." The motion was made and seconded to approve this letter with the suggested change.</p> <p>B. Adult and TAY Letters to the Public – There was discussion whether the Chairs of the individual Committees can approve a letter going to the public or whether all correspondence on behalf the of the BHAB, needs to be approved by the BHAB General prior to distribution. This will be discussed at BHAB General Meeting, October 19, 2015.</p> <p>C. Proposed Partnership with Law Enforcement/Mental Health Crisis Concerns – Director Crandall has visited Kern County to observe their program. Ms. Crandall is waiting to be briefed on the outcome from Mark Stadler.</p> <p>D. Discussion of MHSA Funding for SPMI – Director Crandall responded to the question of how much money is allocated for SPMI which is \$3.8M. This includes preventing people from becoming SPMI as well. Clinicas, Wellness and Recovery Centers, are recipients of this including outreach work, internet, training, etc. goes towards this. Director Crandall mentioned that STAR is the initial screening treatment/assessment and they get about 4000 referrals per month for various sources; i.e., autism. Director Crandall asked the question of staff, about what VCBH is doing in the treatment models that actually acts as a prevention method.</p> <p>E. Crisis Stabilization Unit/Crisis Residential Unit – This is the number one focus of the Crisis Team. Director Crandall is currently working on a strategy for funding. SELPA may be of assistance. Two other funding sources are being looked at as well. Still looking at January, but may be February now.</p> <p>F. IPU Update – VCBH is working with the IPU to determine first, if the client is currently in our system and prior to that person being released, there are a series of steps. They have a choice to make whether they want help from VCBH team resulting in a warm handoff in the transition. Currently, the Client is to make an appointment within 7 days – Director Crandall has asked staff to reduce that time to 1-2 days. Law enforcement are begging us to notify them of a release (if someone is not going to IPU) so at least they can be looking for them. Prior to coming into IPU a medical clearance or medical screening needs to be conducted. Currently clients are being sent to the ER for this which has caused a terrible backlog. VCBH is working on IPU A/R unit to do some screenings at IPU and having greater capacity. VCBH is also working with hospitals to designate ER doctors and nurses to reassess 5150's (VCBH is checking within their departments as well) and to notify VCBH if they feel they can't provide placement by the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of admission. VCBH needs to be sure that clients were notified and if they are released, we can then schedule at least talk to them at their homes. A 5150 can be only held 72 hours in a hospital (not IPU). Bill AB1194 signed by Gov. Brown, discusses changes to the 5150 process.</p> <p>Mr. Harris (BHAB Board Member) mentioned a program where he previously worked that had a saying, "discharge starts at time of admission"; They actually had an internist who came to the hospital to conduct physicals and histories. This process may be more efficient than sending clients to the ER. Director Crandall stated that the IPU is doing this now for screenings but not medical clearances.</p> <p>Director Crandall also announced that VCBH is working with Public Health and HSA-foster care and mental health for foster kids. A big change is that they will be therapeutic foster homes and HSA will be responsible for certifying them. The goal is to return kids to their homes, but an issue has been that there has been very little support for the families. They are looking at a model to develop a screening tool to assess the entire family (all needs) to return the children</p>	M/S/C	Janis Gardner/Patrick Zarate dtd 10/14/15



## Behavioral Health Advisory Board **EXECUTIVE** Meeting Attendance October 12, 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					
	1/5/15-1/7/19	Carol Thomas-1 <sup>st</sup> Co-Chair		X	X						
	3/18/14-3/17/17	Beverly Wisotsky, LMFT-2 <sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair		X	X						
District 4- Supvr Foy	9/17/13-9/17/16	Jerry Harris, Secretary	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						

Present = X