

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES ■ Monday, January 9, 2017**

<p><b><u>Board Members Present</u></b> Janis Gardner, Chair Nancy Borchard, Secretary</p> <p><b><u>Others Present</u></b> Karyn Bates, BHAB Ratan Bhavnani, BHAB Gane Brooking, BHAB Patricia Mowlavi, BHAB Kalie Matisek, Turning Point Foundation</p>	<p><b><u>VCBH Staff Present</u></b> Patrick Zarate, COO Edith Pham, BHAB Assistant</p> <p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> <b>Monday, February 13, 2017, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.</b></p> <p>Ventura County Behavioral Health 1911 Williams Drive, Training Room (first floor), Oxnard</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.	<b>Call to Order</b> Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:10.		
II.	<b>Approval of the Agenda</b> Ms. Gardner noted that due to lack of quorum, the Committee could not vote on approving today's agenda.	The agenda was not voted on.	
III.	<b>Approval of the Minutes</b> Ms. Gardner noted that due to lack of quorum, the approval of the November 14, 2016 minutes is postponed until the next meeting.	The minutes were not voted on.	
IV.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Ms. Gardner welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
V.	<b>Chair Announcements</b> A. The Board of Supervisors has appointed Marlen Torres to the BHAB. B. Supervisor John Zaragoza has resigned from the BHAB. Supervisor Linda Parks will take his place. C. Carol Thomas has resigned from the BHAB. She is joining the NAMI Board. A discussion took place regarding appointing an interim 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair to replace Ms. Thomas until the June election. The committee agreed to have the Chair appoint an interim 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, to be voted on at the upcoming General Meeting. D. The BHAB TAY Committee is now chaired by Cmdr. Ron Nelson. E. There is a mandatory Brown Act training on January 23 <sup>rd</sup> from noon to 12:50, just prior to the General Meeting. F. The 2017 Homeless Count will take place on January 24 <sup>th</sup> . The count is a requirement for every community that receives federal funding from HUD. Volunteers are needed. G. The Horizon View Mental Health Rehabilitation Center ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on November 17 <sup>th</sup> . Clients have moved in. H. The Children's Short-term Crisis Residential Unit is pending licensing. I. During its General Meeting on January 10 <sup>th</sup> , NAMI will have a panel discussion on the Laura's Law/Assist program. J. The expansion of the SELPA (Special Education Local Plan Area) includes the first in the state to have school-funded clinicians at the Juvenile facility. This aids the youth transition more smoothly from the Juvenile Facilities back to their regular school. K. Ventura is the pilot county for PASS (Priority Access to Services and Support) for foster children and their families. L. The RISE (Rapid Integrated Support and Engagement) triage grant has been extended to June 2018.	Information	

	<p>M. The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant has been approved for \$250,000 for one year.</p> <p>N. The upcoming Mapping Marijuana 2017 Leadership Forum will take place on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration is required, space is limited.</p> <p>O. Dr. Brian Taylor has taken over as Medical Director. Dr. Celia Woods will be serving more clients in VCBH clinics.</p> <p>P. In 2016 the Latino Disparity Focus included Status for Farmworkers Innovation Project, the MICOP Innovation Project, the Latino Outreach Project, the expanded Promotores contract, the hiring of more bilingual clinicians, a contract with New Dawn to replace City Impact, and many other improvements.</p> <p>Q. Highlights for 2016 include the first LGBTQ Convening, the first Suicide Prevention conference, and the first Mapping Marijuana conference.</p>		
VI.	<p><b>Public Comments</b> None.</p>		
VII.	<p><b>Board Members Comments and Announcements</b></p> <p>A. Patricia Mowlavi is coordinating a site visit to the TAY Tunnel.</p> <p>B. Ratan Bhavnani noted that with the implementation of Laura's Law/Assist, the BHAB AOT workgroup has completed its mission. The committee agreed that information on the implementation needs to be provided to the BHAB on a regular basis. Ms. Gardner asked Mr. Bhavnani and Mary Haffner to remain involved.</p>		
VIII.	<p><b>Director's Updates</b> On behalf of Director Crandall, Ms. Gardner shared the following information:</p> <p>A. On January 11<sup>th</sup>, VCBH will present to the Ventura County Grand Jury, which had requested an overview of the department and an update on Laura's Law.</p> <p>B. The children's Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) is open. It is having a slow start, probably due to the holiday season.</p> <p>C. The Adult A&amp;R (Assessment &amp; Referral) is in jeopardy with the state and faces possible closure. VCMC (Ventura County Medical Center) has submitted a plan of correction and is awaiting a response from the state. Contingency plans have been prepared.</p> <p>D. VCBH will go to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to request seven new clinician positions for PRIME (Public Hospital Redesign and Incentives in Medi-Cal) in primary care clinics.</p>	Information	
IX.	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>A. Recognition Awards. Ms. Gardner proposed to recognize Supervisor Zaragoza and the CIT Officer of the year in February, and Carol Thomas and Dan Hicks in March.</p> <p>B. VCBH Participation in the Homelessness advocacy groups A list of Community Meetings on Homelessness and of the Continuum of Care (CoC) groups attended by VCBH staff was distributed. Members requested to get the address of the meetings that are open to the public.</p> <p>C. New Data Notebook for the state Karyn Bates has received from the state the electronic version of the new Data Notebook. Ms. Gardner noted that a committee will be formed to work on it; Ms. Bates and Gane Brooking volunteered.</p> <p>D. Presentation at the General Meeting The General meeting of January 23<sup>rd</sup> will include a Prevention and Integration presentation. The presenters will be Dan Hicks, ADP Prevention Manager, and Kiran Sahota, MHSA Manager.</p>	Add meeting addresses	E Pham

X.	<b>Old Business</b> Recognition Awards See above IX.A.		
XI.	<b>Events and Announcements</b> Patrick Zarate noted that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Children's CSU will take place on January 26 <sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Invitations will be sent out shortly.		
XI.	<b>Adjourn</b> The meeting adjourned at 2:10.		

## Behavioral Health Advisory Board EXECUTIVE Meeting Attendance 2016-2017

Members	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec DARK	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Janis Gardner Chair	x	x	x	x	x		x					
Carol Thomas 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair			x	x	x							
Jerry Harris 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	x	x	x	x	x							
Nancy Borchard Secretary		x	x	x	x		x					
Larry Hicks Member At Large	x	x										

Karyn Bates	x		x	x	x		x					
Ratan Bhavnani	x		x	x	x		x					
Gane Brooking	x		x	x	x		x					
Patricia Mowlavi	x	x	x				x					

Present = x

District 1	Supervisor Bennett
District 2	Supervisor Parks
District 3	Supervisor Long
District 4	Supervisor Foy
District 5	Supervisor Zaragoza

## Community Meetings on Homelessness

in Ventura County

1/3/17

City of Ventura Homelessness Committee: City Council and city staff meeting, open to public comment.

Community Intervention Court: Superior Court program to address vagrancy issues (ADP, City Attorney, Public Defender, Police Dept., Project Understanding and Salvation Army).

Oxnard Commission of Homelessness: Citizen advisory group that provides recommendations to the CoC.

Pathways to Home: Coordinated entry meeting with homeless service providers, housing providers and county staff for housing placements.

Santa Paula Project HOPE: Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce members, homeless service providers and stakeholders discuss local concerns on the efforts to address homelessness (no website)

Simi Valley Task Force on Homelessness: Citizen advisory group that provides recommendations to the CoC.

Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG): City Council members from all ten cities plus County staff address regional issues and planning efforts.

Ventura Social Services Task Force: Citizen advisory group provides recommendations to the Ventura City Council.

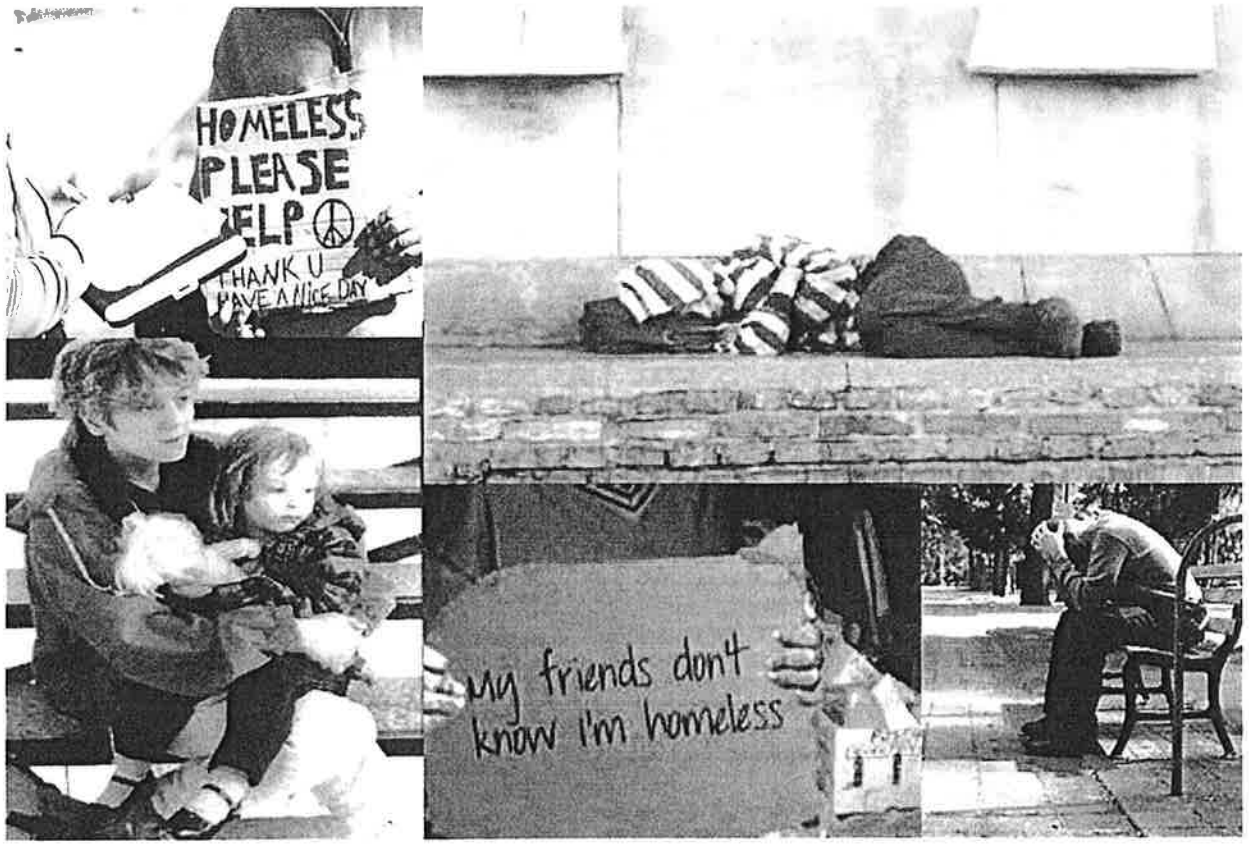
### Continuum of Care (CoC) Groups on Homelessness attended by VCBH staff as of 11/21/16

Group	Lead Agency	Frequency	Location	Participants
Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC) Alliance	CEO's Office (Tara Carruth)	Quarterly. Last mtg: 10/20/16. Next: 1/19/17, 10:00	Ventura County Community Foundation in Camarillo	VCBH (Rebecca McCloud, Joan Aska), HSA, Community Action, Turning Point, Salvation Army, Housing Authority Buena Ventura, Samaritan Center, Lutheran Social Services, BOS reps, others
CoC Pathways to Home Case Conference	CEO's Office (Tara Carruth), HSA (Rebecca Evans)	Weekly, Monday 10:30-noon	Ventura County Community Foundation in Camarillo	VCBH, Salvation Army, Turning Point, Samaritan Center (Simi Valley), Lutheran Social Services, HSA, Many Mansions, Project Understanding, Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Community Action of Ventura County, Salvation Army of Ventura
CoC Housing and Services Committee	CEO's Office (Tara Carruth), Clyde Reynolds	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday when CoC Quarterly is not taking place	Ventura County Community Foundation in Camarillo	Participants break into 3 groups: Housing, Income, Services. VCBH, Salvation Army, Turning Point, Samaritan Center (Simi Valley), Lutheran Social Services, HSA, Many Mansions, Project Understanding, Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Community Action of Ventura County, Salvation Army of Ventura, One Stop, Ventura City Task force on homelessness, some faith-based reps

CoC Quarterly	CEO's Office (Tara Carruth)	Quarterly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday Next mtg: January 19, 2017	Ventura County Community Foundation in Camarillo	VCBH (Ken Porter)
CoC group to apply for a HUD grant for a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (up to \$1 million)	CEO's Office (Tara Carruth)	To be determined if the project is selected for the grant		VCBH (Sevet Johnson), Youth Advocate, Pacific Clinics, Probation, Public Health, CSUCI, VCOE, Interface, CoC, Turning Point, Casa Pacifica, Children and Family Services, City of Ventura (and hopefully Salvation Army and Kingdom Center)

VCBH occasionally is invited to attend other meetings, such as:

- On 3/2/16: Meeting with Ventura Social Services (VSSTF) to address homelessness. This was a one-time meeting per their invitation to give a presentation. This was encouraged by Supervisor Bennett's office.
- On 4/18/16: Meeting with the City of Ventura for a Workshop on Community Homelessness. This was a one-time meeting per their invitation.



Let's Make Everyone Count!

VENTURA COUNTY  
CONTINUUM OF CARE ALLIANCE



Homeless Point-In-Time Count: Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
Youth Count & Survey: Friday, January 27, 2017  
Please volunteer today at [www.volunteerventuracounty.org](http://www.volunteerventuracounty.org)  
*Training is provided at locations around the county.*

For more information, contact Jennifer Harkey at 805-658-4342