

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES ▪ Monday, April 9, 2018**

<p>BHAB Officers Present Jerry Harris, Chair Ratan Bhavnani, 1st Vice Chair Kay Wilson-Bolton, 2nd Vice Chair Nancy Borchard, Secretary Gane Brooking, Member-At-Large Janis Gardner, Chair Emeritus</p> <p>Others Present Scott Walker, Crisis Intervention Team Cece Casey Sonna Gray</p>	<p>VCBH Staff Present Pete Pringle, Interim Director Terri Yanez, Administrative Division Chief Loretta Denering, Alcohol & Drug Programs Division Chief Edith Pham, BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 14, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ventura County Behavioral Health 1911 Williams Drive, Lake Cachuma Room (second floor), Oxnard</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 Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda Mr. Harris asked the Committee to review and approve today's agenda. Ratan Bhavnani moved to approve, Nancy Borchard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C	
III.	Approval of the Minutes Mr. Harris asked the committee to review and approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting. Janis Gardner moved to approve, Mr. Bhavnani seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	The minutes were approved as written. M/S/C	
IV.	Welcome and Introductions Mr. Harris welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
V.	Chair Announcements Mr. Harris noted that he neglected to add to the agenda the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) visit the previous week. He asked Mr. Bhavnani and Gane Brooking to report on the closing session during the Board Members Comments. Mr. Harris reported briefly on the NAMI golf tournament on April 6, in which he participated.		
VI.	Public Comments Scott Walker highlighted the following proposed legislations making their way through the legislative process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB 2156 would expand the definition of "gravely disabled" to include medical issues.; • SB 1045 would establish a procedure for the appointment of a conservator for people who are chronically homeless and high utilizers of emergency departments and the jail. • SB 1363 would allow tax payers to contribute to a California Highway Patrol Crisis Intervention Team fund. • AB 437 would create a voluntary statewide database of people who are disabled, which would help first responders. <p>Mr. Walker also noted that a new form for 5150 involuntary hold has been issued. It is two pages long, with an additional two pages of directions. He will share the form with the BHAB Assistant, who will disseminate it.</p> <p>Mr. Harris would like to have the BHAB follow up on pending legislation having potential impact on behavioral health services. Mr. Bhavnani noted that NAMI California meets once a month to discuss the bills being proposed. He volunteered to update the BHAB as appropriate.</p>	<p>Share the new version of the 5150 Application</p> <p>Update the BHAB on legislations</p>	<p>S. Walker, E. Pham</p> <p>R. Bhavnani</p>

<p>VII.</p>	<p>Board Members Comments and Announcements</p> <p>A. Ms. Gardner noted she attended the National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit in Atlanta April 2-5. It was very informative.</p> <p>B. Kay Wilson-Bolton attended a meeting in Santa Paula on recreational marijuana. It was an opportunity for the city council to hear from its constituents before voting on the issue.</p> <p>C. Mr. Bhavnani noted that SB 906 would require the state to establish a peer specialist certification program, which would allow peers to bill Medi-Cal for their services.</p> <p>Mr. Bhavnani noted that he attended the closing session of the EQRO team. It pointed out the problems with the Outpatient Psychiatric Observation Services (OPOS) inside the Ventura County Medical Center Inpatient Unit (VCMC IPU). The EQRO team also wants to see more input from clients, especially in the Quality Improvement Committee (QIC); Ms. Brooking noted she has not been receiving invitations to these meetings. EQRO wants to see better data collection. Mr. Bhavnani felt that, overall, the EQRO closing session was positive.</p> <p>D. Mr. Harris attended the EQRO opening session and the Quality Wrap-up Session. The EQRO team members seemed to be impressed by the work being done by VCBH. The issue of the inpatient psychiatric bed crisis was not directly addressed, although this continues to be an ongoing community problem. Mr. Harris told the team members at the Quality Wrap-up Session that the continued use of the medical emergency rooms to hold clients on involuntary holds is totally and completely unacceptable. He further stated that the BHAB supports the Department's efforts to resolve this problem.</p> <p>E. Sonna Gray and Cece Casey made public comments regarding the problems linked to family visits at the VCBH Inpatient Unit and NAMI's Friends in the Lobby outreach program. Following a discussion, Pete Pringle volunteered to contact Dan Powell, Operations Supervisor, to set up a meeting on this issue and invite David Deutsch, NAMI Ventura County Executive Director, and Ms. Gray and Casey in addition to Nancy Borchard.</p>	<p>Set up a meeting with Dan Powell re family visits at VCMC IPU</p>	<p>P. Pringle</p>
<p>VIII.</p>	<p>Director's Updates – Pete Pringle, Interim Director</p> <p>A. Mr. Pringle introduced Loretta Denering, the new Alcohol & Drug Programs Division Chief.</p> <p>B. The EQRO visit the previous week went well. The report on the visit will be shared when available.</p> <p>C. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will audit the VCMC Inpatient Unit on April 23, 24 and 25.</p> <p>D. Emergency legislation that was recently passed allows Vista del Mar Psychiatric Hospital to reopen its intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization programs. VCBH will meet with Vista del Mar to discuss access to these services for Medi-Cal clients.</p> <p>Scott Walker asked about opening a geropsychiatric unit for older patients. Mr. Pringle agreed to discuss this with Vista del Mar.</p> <p>E. MHSA is putting together a steering committee to work on a needs assessment.</p> <p>F. VCBH will conduct a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on April 17 regarding Marijuana FactCheck.</p> <p>G. VCBH has seen a steady decline in youth hospitalizations, most likely due to better stabilization in the field and the use of the Crisis Stabilization Unit, which has a 55% diversion rate.</p>		

IX.	<p>Secretary's Report – Nancy Borchard</p> <p>A. Karyn Bates is resigning from the BHAB as she has been caring for her elderly mother in Arizona.</p> <p>B. One person has applied to be appointed to the BHAB.</p>		
X.	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Evaluate the March 26 General Meeting The Executive Team agreed that the room was too small. Mr. Harris is planning to no longer change the dates of any future General Meeting. The Executive Team agreed.</p> <p>B. Identify Potential Nominating Committee Members Mr. Harris suggested Claudia Armann, Cmdr. Nelson and Mary Haffner to be the Nominating Committee. The Executive Team agreed and proposed Patricia Mowlavi as an alternate. Ms. Borchard volunteered to contact the first three and ask them to serve on the Nominating Committee.</p> <p>C. BHAB Annual Report Fiscal Year 2017-18: Format, Distribution A discussion took place regarding the size of the report compared to other counties' reports and its intended audience. Mr. Harris would like to distribute the report more widely than in the past and share it with entities such as the social work and psychology departments of local colleges and universities, NAMI, and the media.</p> <p>D. Contract Review Data Elements Mr. Harris has requested that the Contracts office provide data in its Executive Summary, which will help BHAB members as they vote on the contracts. Terri Yanez agreed to this. Mr. Harris noted that the quality of the Executive Summaries has vastly improved over the last several years. A brief discussion took place regarding VCBH vetting the contracts prior to presenting them to the BHAB for a vote.</p> <p>E. 2018-19 BHAB Objectives and Progress Mr. Harris feels that the committees could better assess whether they achieve their objectives if they only have one objective. He plans to include their Action Plans in the BHAB Annual Report.</p>	<p>Ask C. Armann, Cmdr. Nelson, M. Haffner to serve on the Nominating Committee</p> <p>Provide data in Executive Summaries</p>	<p>N. Borchard</p> <p>T. Yanez, Contracts office</p>
XI.	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. Member-At-Large Mr. Harris noted that no BHAB member has expressed an interest in serving a six-month term as Member-At-Large. The Executive Team suggested new member Margaret Cortese. Mr. Harris agreed to contact her.</p> <p>B. Future Presentations Mr. Harris requested a budget presentation at an upcoming BHAB General meeting. Ms. Yanez will ask the Fiscal manager to present in May or June.</p> <p>C. Future Recognitions Ms. Wilson-Bolton proposed Karyn Bates. Ms. Borchard will draft the certificate and contact Ms. Bates to find out when she can attend a BHAB General meeting. Mr. Harris noted that Judge Bysshe will be recognized, most likely in June. Ms. Brooking proposed Dr. Frances O'Sullivan, a psychiatrist at the Conejo Adult Clinic. Ms. Yanez suggested that line staff who have daily contacts with the clients be recognized for outstanding work. The Executive team agreed and requested help identifying such staff.</p>	<p>Ask Margaret Cortese to serve as Member-At-Large</p> <p>Schedule a budget presentation</p> <p>Draft certificate, contact Karyn Bates</p> <p>Identify line staff for recognition</p>	<p>J. Harris</p> <p>T. Yanez</p> <p>N. Borchard</p> <p>P. Pringle</p>
XII.	<p>Develop Agenda for the General Meeting – Discussion</p> <p>The team reviewed the agenda for the upcoming General meeting. Mr. Harris requested that Ms. Gardner give a brief report on the Rx conference in Atlanta, along with ADP manager(s). This will be added under New Business.</p>		
XIII.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.</p>		

Behavioral Health Advisory Board EXECUTIVE Meeting Attendance 2017-2018

Members	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Jerry Harris Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ratan Bhavnani 1 st Vice Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		
Kay Wilson-Bolton 2 nd Vice Chair						X			X	X		
Nancy Borchard Secretary	X		X		X	X	X	X		X		
Gane Brooking Member At Large	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Janis Gardner Member Emeritus	X	X	X	X	X	X	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

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Luncheon Keynote speaker:

Dr. Elinore F. McCance-Katz

Assistant Secretary for
Mental Health and Substance Use

Monday, April 16, 2018

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Town & Gown Ballroom

University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

**Lunch will be provided on a
first-come, first-served basis**

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

★ Light Continental Breakfast available at 8:00 - 8:30 am

8:30 - 8:40 AM WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Andrew T. Guzman

Dean and Carl Mason Franklin Chair in Law, USC Gould School of Law

Elyn Saks

Director, Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics

SESSION ONE

8:45 - 9:45 AM LEGAL / INTERNATIONAL CONVERSATION

Judith Klein

Director, Open Society Mental Health Initiative, Open Society Foundations

Montserrat Perena Vicente

Professor of Law and Senior Researcher, King Juan Carlos University, Madrid, Spain

Candice Player

Assistant Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Moderator: Elyn Saks, Director of the Saks Institute, USC Gould School of Law