

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM)
MINUTES ■ Monday, May 11, 2020

<p><u>BHAB Officers Present</u> Janis Gardner, Chair Ratan Bhavnani, 1st Vice Chair Dr. Gina Petrus, Secretary Carol Thomas, Member-At-Large Jerry Harris, Chair Emeritus</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Nancy Borchard, BHAB Jesse Finkbeiner, BHAB Roberta Griego, NAMI Ventura County Michael Rodriguez, BHAB Mark Stadler, Crisis Intervention Team Program Scott Walker, Crisis Intervention Team Program</p>	<p><u>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present</u> Dr. Sevet Johnson, Director Ophra Ashur, Senior Behavioral Health Manager – Compliance & Quality Management Dr. Loretta Denering, Division Chief – Alcohol & Drug Programs Courtney Lubell, Program Administrator – Policy & Procedure Unit Dina Olivas, Division Chief – Youth & Family Services Terri Yanez, Division Chief – Administration Vickie Poliquin, Temporary BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 8, 2020, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Virtual Meeting Via Zoom</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.	Call to Order Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.		
II.	Roll Call – Board Executive Committee Attendees Chair Gardner confirmed quorum through roll call.		
III.	Approval of the Agenda Ms. Gardner asked the Committee to review and approve today’s agenda. Mr. Bhavnani moved to approve; Mr. Harris seconded. The motion carried unanimously through roll call.	The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C	
IV.	Approval of the Minutes Ms. Gardner asked the committee to review and approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 meeting. Dr. Johnson stated that the minutes should have included the Director’s Report summary as an attachment. Mr. Harris moved to approve; Mr. Bhavnani seconded. Ms. Borchard requested a correction to the minutes stating that her public comment under agenda item VII should have read “fewer than usual” versus “a 100% decrease” in mental health patients presenting to St. John’s Hospital emergency room since the COVID-19 outbreak. Mr. Harris amended his motion and moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Bhavnani seconded. The motion carried unanimously as amended through roll call.	The minutes were approved as amended. M/S/C	
V.	Welcome and Introductions Ms. Gardner welcomed everyone that joined the Zoom meeting today, particularly the VCBH staff and thanked Dr. Sevet Johnson for authorizing BHAB meetings to be held via Zoom.		
VI.	Chair Announcements Ms. Gardner announced that May is Mental Health Month and advised that there are number of activities taking place in the community, including the NAMI Virtual Walk on May 30. Ms. Gardner stated that the Nominating Committee will announce its slate of officer at the May 18 General Meeting. Ms. Gardner advised that updates on future plans regarding COVID-19 and the slow re-opening of the County are available through the Board of Supervisors Meetings on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 AM and County Executive Officer Mike Powers, Dr. Levin and other County executives provide updates at 1:00 each day viewable on VCEmergency.com.		
VII.	Public Comments Ms. Borchard noted concern regarding projected revenue reductions within the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) budget that were discussed at last week’s California Behavioral Health Director Association (CBHDA) and NAMI’s stakeholder and listening session. Roberta Griego expressed NAMI Ventura County’s willingness to be a part of future budget discussions. Ms. Griego advised that NAMI Ventura County is continuing to utilize various online services to offer programs. She announced the NAMI Virtual Walk scheduled for May 30 via live stream from 10 AM to 2 PM with a fundraising goal between \$175,000 to \$200,000 to assist with their 15 programs that are provided free of charge.		

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VIII.	<p>Director's Updates</p> <p>A. Dr. Johnson reported that VCBH has continued to provide services and all clinics are open. With re-opening beginning to take place, some VCBH staff will return to the workplace. Preparation for the safe return of staff is being coordinated through VCBH's Safety Officer.</p> <p>B. Staff have been working daily over the past three weeks reviewing core services that are mandated by the State and those that are non-mandated in order to develop a clear picture of services that may sunset or be eliminated in response to the anticipated budget revenue shortfall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. VCBH also expects increased Medi-Cal enrollment with approximately 56,000 people filing for unemployment insurance who will become eligible for VCBH services.</p> <p>C. Dr. Johnson provided a summary of the long-term effects on school student and staff mental health, workplace mental health and suicide prevention that will create an added level of sensitivity within the community as re-opening continues and will prompt an increased need for VCBH's outreach services.</p> <p>D. It remains crucial for VCBH to offer community-wide outreach efforts related to suicide prevention and for the Logrando Bienestar Program to continue to reach out to the underserved directly and through school districts.</p> <p>E. The Crisis Team has had approximately 325 to 350 calls per week since March 13. Of these calls, there have been approximately 125 calls related to COVID-19 requesting information and referrals. The Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Access Line has also received about 40 calls related to COVID-19.</p>		
IX.	<p>Board Members Comments and Announcements</p> <p>Mr. Bhavnani commented on the CBHDA/NAMI Ventura County stakeholder and listening session and expressed concern over the projected revenue fund decreases while service requirements were expected to increase. Mr. Bhavnani requested that the Board be informed of the projections going forward.</p> <p>Ms. Gardner noted the importance of keeping Board members informed of specific information regarding decisions that VCBH makes regarding program changes related to budget shortfalls.</p> <p>Mr. Harris noted that Ms. Haffner had sent an email to Ms. Gardner, Mr. Bhavnani and himself with questions regarding the annual report and noted that because he was not involved in writing the report had not responded. Ms. Gardner advised that she had responded to Ms. Haffner and answered all her questions. Mr. Harris thanked Ms. Borchard and Mr. Bhavnani for their comments and support regarding Ms. Valley's questions regarding the Lanterman, Petris, Short (LPS) Report at the BHAB's General Meeting of April 27.</p> <p>Dr. Petrus provided an update regarding Board member term periods and attendance.</p> <p>Ms. Borchard thanked Mr. Harris and expressed appreciation for his work and leadership on the LPS Workgroup documents. Ms. Gardner concurred.</p> <p>Jesse Finkbeiner introduced himself and stated that he is honored to be a member of the BHAB. He expressed thanks to the Board for their work and noted that he is available to the Board at any time. Ms. Gardner thanked Mr. Finkbeiner for his introduction and expression of appreciation.</p> <p>Mark Stadler commented that staff time to take BHAB Committee meeting minutes could be saved if they are not required to attend the meeting and simply listen to the recording. Dr. Johnson responded that it may take the same amount of time for the staff member to listen to the entire meeting and compose the minutes and that there may not be availability to add additional hours to the staff member's work week.</p> <p>Carol Thomas thanked Courtney Lubell and Vickie Poliquin for their assistance and support in accessing and learning how to participate in the Zoom meetings.</p>		
X.	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Proposal to Hold BHAB Committee Meetings Via Zoom</p> <p>Ms. Gardner stated that questions have been raised whether VCBH is planning to hold virtual</p>		

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	<p>BHAB Committee meetings and summarized discussions regarding whether or not VCBH support staff are available to assist. Mr. Bhavnani encouraged VCBH to resume the Committee meetings, at some point, and offered to provide assistance. Ms. Borchard suggested alternative schedules that might reduce the amount of time needed to hold all four Committee meetings each month. Mr. Harris suggested developing a plan to address how to handle future Committee meetings, include setting 1-hour time limits on each meeting. Mr. Harris further stated that it could be difficult for VCBH to determine what they can and cannot support until more is known about service and staffing levels.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson thanked Mr. Bhavnani, Ms. Borchard and Mr. Harris for their comments and provided information about the requirements.</p> <p>Ms. Gardner stated that this agenda item will be added to the BHAB General Meeting agenda on May 18 for discussion.</p> <p>B. Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) Changes – Additional Revisions to Bylaws Ms. Gardner summarized the additional revisions made by County Counsel. Ms. Thomas moved to approve the Bylaws as amended by County Counsel; Mr. Bhavnani seconded. He noted that when comparing the previous Bylaws with the proposed revisions, there appeared to be significant changes. Following a lengthy discussion of detailed areas of the Bylaws, it was determined that further review and comparison between the 2019 and proposed revised Bylaws needs to take place at the BHAB’s next General Meeting prior to taking action to approve.</p> <p>Mr. Harris expressed serious concern about what may have been excluded from the revised Bylaws specific to changes in the law. He stated there are significant portions missing and made note of those areas. Mr. Harris further stated there was a change in the language referencing the composition of the Board in terms of the required percentage of consumers and family members and that the guidelines section of who can be a member was left out.</p> <p>A discussion ensued about the missing sections. Ms. Gardner asked for staff’s input. Dr. Johnson stated that she will work with Terri Yanez in Administration to complete an analysis and send the findings back to County Counsel for additional review. Ms. Gardner commented that the revisions to the Welfare & Institutions Code should be included in the Bylaws.</p> <p>Ms. Thomas recalled her original motion and moved to approve delaying action on the Bylaws until the Department further reviews and sends the Bylaws to County Counsel for additional review. Mr. Bhavnani seconded the motion. The amended motion carried unanimously through roll call.</p>	<p>Provide County Counsel with redlined version of Bylaws & WIC update for comparison purposes.</p> <p>Delay action on the Bylaws. M/S/C</p>	<p>Dr. Johnson</p>
<p>XI.</p>	<p>Develop Agenda for Virtual General Meeting Scheduled on May 18, 2020 at 1:00 PM The Executive Team reviewed the proposed agenda. The following comments and changes were made:</p> <p>A. Nominating Committee Announces New Slate of Officers Ms. Gardner advised that the proposed slate of officers will be announced at the May 18 General Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time. Voting will take place at the June 15 General Meeting.</p> <p>B. Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) Changes – Additional Revisions to Bylaws Ms. Gardner advised that this item will be added to the General Meeting Agenda for further discussion and action. Dr. Johnson stated that she located a redlined version of the Bylaws from County Counsel that will be distributed to Board members. Mr. Harris requested a copy of the Fall 2019 edition of the CALBHB/C Newsletter, which highlights the changes to the Welfare & Institutions Code, also be resent to County Counsel.</p> <p>C. Proposal to Hold BHAB Committee Meetings Via Zoom This agenda item will be added to the General Meeting Agenda.</p>		

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	<p>Ms. Borchard requested a report from the Crisis Residential Treatment Center to obtain procedural information on the process that is taking place for client placement related to COVID-19 and quarantine protocols.</p> <p>Ms. Gardner stated that Board members can make suggestions to add an agenda item to the General Meeting agenda by sending her an email with a copy to Vickie Poliquin by no later than the Thursday prior to the General Meeting.</p>		
XII.	<p>Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 PM.</p>		

Behavioral Health Advisory Board EXECUTIVE Meeting Attendance 2019-2020

Members 2019-2020	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Janis Gardner Chair	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
Ratan Bhavnani 1 st Vice Chair	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Gane Brooking 2 nd Vice Chair	X		X	X	X			X	X			
Gina Petrus Secretary	X	X		X	X				X	X	X	
Jerry Harris Chair Emeritus	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Carol Thomas Member At Large		X			X		X		X		X	

Present = X

- District 1 Supervisor Bennett
- District 2 Supervisor Parks
- District 3 Supervisor Long
- District 4 Supervisor Huber
- District 5 Supervisor Zaragoza

VENTURA COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this board shall be the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, herein referred to as BHAB.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The BHAB exists under the authority of the California Legislature by its enactment of Section 5604 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The ~~purpose of the~~ BHAB, ~~as~~ provided in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604.2, ~~shall do include~~s, but ~~is not be~~ limited to, ~~all of~~ the following:

- ~~A. All appointed members to the BHAB will have the authority to vote on all issues presented to the BHAB.~~
- ~~B.A.~~ Review and evaluate the community's public mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems in any facility within ~~the Ventura eCounty or jurisdiction~~ where mental health evaluations or services are being provided, including, but not limited to, schools, emergency departments, and psychiatric facilities.
- ~~C.B.~~ Review any ~~Ventura eCounty~~ agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5650. The ~~BHAB local mental health board~~ may make recommendations to the ~~Ventura County Board of Supervisors (herein referred to as Board of Supervisors)~~ ~~governing body~~ regarding concerns identified within these agreements.
- ~~D.C.~~ Advise the ~~Board of Supervisors governing body~~ and the ~~local mental-Ventura County Behavioral hHealth Department Director (herein referred to as eDirector)~~ as to any aspect of the local mental health program. ~~The BHAB Local mental health boards~~ may request assistance from the local patients' rights advocates when reviewing and advising on mental health evaluations or services provided in public facilities with limited access.

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E.D. Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process. Involvement shall include individuals with lived experience of mental illness and their families, community members, advocacy organizations, and mental health professionals. It shall also include other professionals that interact with individuals living with mental illnesses on a daily basis, such as education, emergency services, employment, health care, housing, law enforcement, local business owners, social services, seniors, transportation, and veterans.

F.E. Submit an annual report to the [Board of Supervisors](#) on the needs and performance of [Ventura County](#)'s mental health system.

G.F. Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a [Director](#). The [BHAB](#) shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the [Board of Supervisors](#).

H.G. Review and comment on [Ventura County](#)'s performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council.

I.H. This [article](#) does not limit the ability of the [Board of Supervisors](#) to transfer additional duties or authority to [the BHAB](#).

J.I. A part of its duties pursuant to subdivision (A), the [BHAB](#) shall assess the impact of the realignment of services from the state to [Ventura County](#), on services delivered to clients and on the local community.

[All appointed members to the BHAB will have the authority to vote on all issues presented to the BHAB.](#)

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

- A. The current membership list with terms of office shall be a matter of public record. There shall be no less than fifteen (15) and no more than twenty-two (22) members of the BHAB.
- B. Each Supervisor may appoint three (3) mental health representatives and one (1) substance use disorder representative to the BHAB. Supervisors are encouraged to appoint individuals who have some experience and knowledge of the behavioral health system. The BHAB membership should reflect the ethnic diversity of the client population of Ventura County.
- C. One member shall be recommended to the Board of Supervisors by the Ventura County Sheriff to represent law enforcement. The Board of Supervisors will make the final appointment.
- D. The BHAB shall consist of the following:
 - 1) Fifty percent (50%) or more should be consumers or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers who are receiving or have received mental health services. At least

20 percent of the membership (five members) shall be consumers and at least 20 percent

of the membership (five members) shall be family members of consumers of mental health services.

- 2) The term of each member shall be for three years, with appointments staggered over a three-year period.
- 3) Any vacancy will be filled by a new member appointed by the Supervisor who appointed the vacating member. The appointing Supervisor can seek input from the Board of Supervisors in making the new appointment. The new member will hold a position on the BHAB for the remainder of the vacating member's unexpired term.
- 4) Appointed members must commit to regular attendance at meetings and participation on one committee.
- 5) One member of the BHAB shall be a member of the Board of Supervisors.

E. After three unexcused absences of any member during a fiscal year, the BHAB Executive Committee will review the reasons for the absences and will, if warranted, notify the member in writing to inform it, in writing, within thirty (30) days, whether the member wishes to remain on the BHAB. Failure to respond timely to the notice or the continuation of absences may result in a recommendation by the Executive Committee to the BHAB that the Board of Supervisors be asked to remove and replace that member.

F. Each member is required to join at least one of the following four standing committees: Youth and Family, Transitional Aged Youth, Adult Services or Prevention.

G. Pursuant to AB 1234, each member is required to complete ethics training and obtain a certificate of compliance. The ethics training must be completed within one year of being appointed and every two years thereafter. The certificate must be submitted to the VCBH administrative assistant and will be held by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

H. It is the responsibility of the VCBH administrative assistant to notify the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in writing upon any unscheduled vacancy within ten days of the vacancy.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

- A. Guidelines for Board Meetings
- 1) All BHAB meetings and committee and workgroup meetings, with the exception of special meetings in the community, shall be conducted during regular business hours.
 - 2) The Brown Act: All meetings of the BHAB shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code relating to meetings of local agencies.
 - 3) Regular Meetings: The regular meetings shall be held monthly. The date, time and location of each meeting shall be announced at the immediately preceding meeting. A regular meeting may, for cause, be rescheduled by the Chairperson with a 72-hour advance notice.
 - 4) Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called, consistent with the Brown Act, by the Chairperson or by a quorum of the BHAB. Notice of such special meeting shall conform to Government Code Section 54956.
 - 5) Cancellation: Any meeting which a quorum of the members cannot attend or at which there is no agenda item requiring action of the BHAB may be cancelled by the Chairperson with a 72-hour advance notice.
 - 6) Quorum: A quorum shall be defined as one person more than half of the appointed members. The definition of appointed members excludes all vacant positions. A quorum shall be required for any action of the BHAB.
- B. Procedures
- 1) The agendas for BHAB meetings shall be established by the Chairperson and discussed and reviewed at the monthly Executive Committee meetings.
 - 2) The agenda shall be posted in a manner consistent with Government Code Section 54954.2.
 - 3) Any member wishing to recommend an item for the BHAB agenda shall contact the Chairperson or Vice-Chairpersons at or prior to the Executive Committee meeting.
- C. Meeting and Agenda Format
- 1) BHAB regular meetings shall be conducted by the Chairperson.
 - a) The Chairperson shall ask for introductions of the members and confirm the existence of a quorum.

- b) Approval of minutes of the previous meeting may be included.
 - c) Reports from officers and committees may be included.
 - d) Items identified as action items on the agenda by the Chairperson will be addressed and a vote will be taken.
- 2) The agenda for regular meetings shall be distributed, with requisite informational material, to each member not later than 72 hours preceding the meeting at which the agenda is to be discussed.
 - 3) The agenda shall be posted in the main lobby of VCBH at 1911 Williams Drive, Oxnard.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS, MEMBER-AT-LARGE AND MEMBER EMERITUS

- A. Officers, Member-At-Large and Member Emeritus
 - 1) The officers of the BHAB shall be Chairperson, 1st Vice-Chairperson, 2nd Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.
 - 2) The officer and the Member Emeritus positions shall be voted upon at the June BHAB meeting. Elected officers and the Member Emeritus will serve for a term of one year or until their successors have been duly elected.
 - 3) No individual shall serve more than two consecutive years in any of the officer positions unless there are no other members elected to fill the position.
 - 4) One member shall serve as the Member-At-Large. The Member-At-Large will learn the process of BHAB leadership while attending Executive Committee and regular meetings. The Member-At-Large will be appointed by the Chairperson with the confirmation of the BHAB. The Member-At-Large must be a member of the BHAB. The Member-At-Large will serve on a six-month rotating basis.
 - 5) The immediate past Chairperson of the BHAB may continue to serve on the Executive Committee as a Member Emeritus, if elected. The position of Member Emeritus is intended to ensure continuity on the Executive Committee by assisting during the transition of the newly-elected Chairperson and provide for the sharing of experience and knowledge with the Executive Committee.
 - a) The Member Emeritus must be a current member in good standing of the BHAB.

If the immediate past Chairperson's three-year term on the BHAB expires upon completion of his/her year as Chairperson, s/he will need to be reappointed to a new three-year term as a member of the BHAB before s/he can assume the role of Member Emeritus.

B. Qualifications of Officers

- 1) Must have been a member of the BHAB for at least one year, or if a member for less than a year, must be elected by a two-thirds vote of the BHAB.
- 2) Must possess good leadership qualities.
- 3) Must be able to devote sufficient time to carry on the duties of their elected positions.

C. Election of Officers

- 1) During the April meeting, the Chairperson shall appoint, and the BHAB shall confirm, a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) BHAB members.
- 2) At the May meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates. Nominations from the floor also may be accepted.
- 3) During the June meeting, the election shall be conducted by the Chair of the Nominating Committee in accordance with the Brown Act.
- 4) The Officers elected at the June meeting will take their respective offices on July 1st.
- 5) Notwithstanding the normal election process detailed in paragraphs C.1. through C.4. above, when circumstances warrant it, an election may be held at any time during the year. Circumstances which would warrant a special election include, but are not limited to: one or more of the officers wishing to resign as an officer; or the membership of one or more of the officers has terminated.

D. Duties

- 1) Duties of the Chairperson shall include:
 - a) Administer operation of the BHAB and preside at all meetings.
 - b) Call special meetings as necessary.
 - c) Appoint committee and workgroup chairs from the ranks of the BHAD membership.
 - d) Establish meeting agendas.
 - e) Maintain consultation with the Director.
 - f) Produce and forward reports, including an annual report, to the County's Board of Supervisors.

- g) Represent the BHAB and perform other duties ordinarily performed by a Chairperson.
- 2) Duties of the 1st Vice-Chairperson shall include:
 - a) Exercise all the responsibilities of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.
 - b) Meet all responsibilities delegated by the Chairperson and mutually agreed upon.
- 3) Duties of the 2nd Vice-Chairperson shall include:
 - a) Fulfill the responsibilities of the Chairperson or the 1st Vice-Chairperson due to absence as needed.
- 4) Duties of the Secretary shall include:
 - a) Perform the usual duties pertaining to secretaries.
 - b) Maintain a record of attendance of members, including unexcused absences and BHAB resignations, and promptly report this information to the Executive Committee.
 - c) Monitor and maintain a list of the members' dates of appointment and terms of expiration.
 - d) At the direction of the Executive Committee, draft letters to BHAB members who are in non-compliance of the attendance standard.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

All committees shall comply with the requirements of the Brown Act. Voting must be in public and notice of a committee meeting shall be given in accordance with the Brown Act. Members of the committee shall have one vote. A quorum shall be as defined under Article IV(A)(6).

A. Executive Committee

- 1) The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, 1st and 2nd Vice-Chairpersons, Secretary, Member-At-Large and Member Emeritus.
 - a) Each member is entitled to one vote.
 - b) Quorum for the Executive Committee shall be 50% of the members currently in office.
- 2) Duties of the Executive Committee

- a) Carry out any responsibilities delegated by the BHAB.
- b) Act in emergencies in any way it deems necessary when there is not time for the entire BHAB to act. Any such action taken will be consistent with the Brown Act.
- c) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.
- d) Assist the Chairperson in creating the BHAB regular meeting agenda.

B. Nominating Committee

- 1) The Chairperson shall appoint and the BHAB shall confirm a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) BHAB members to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- 2) The Nominating Committee shall select a slate of officers for the coming year, secure the verbal consent of those selected, present the slate of officers, and conduct the elections.
- 3) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

For the following committees, the Chairperson shall appoint a BHAB member as chair of the committee. It is at the discretion of the committee chair to determine who may be a member of the committee, who may vote, and how many individuals shall be on the committee.

C. Youth and Family Committee

Chaired by an appointed BHAB member, and reporting directly to the BHAB, this committee shall advocate for services and supports for youth with mental health and substance use disorders, including housing, and shall:

- 1) Advise and make recommendations to the BHAB regarding youth and family VCBH programs.
- 2) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

D. Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Committee

Chaired by an appointed BHAB member, and reporting directly to the BHAB, this committee shall advocate for the mental health, wellness and recovery of youth ages 16 through 25 and for other services and supports, including housing, and shall:

- 1) Advise and make recommendations to the BHAB regarding efforts to empower TAY to become healthy and productive adults.

2) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

E. Adult Services Committee

Chaired by an appointed BHAB member, and reporting directly to the BHAB, this committee shall advocate for a full continuum of care that supports the wellness and recovery of individuals with mental health and substance use issues and for other supports, including housing, and shall:

- 1) Advise and make recommendations to the BHAB regarding services and supports for this population.
- 2) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

F. Prevention Committee

Chaired by an appointed BHAB member, and reporting directly to the BHAB, this committee shall advocate for greater community awareness of behavioral health risks for individuals with mental illness, a dual diagnosis or substance use disorder and shall:

- 1) Advise and make recommendations to the BHAB regarding its efforts to prevent the onset and exacerbation of behavioral health disorders.
- 2) Comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

ARTICLE VII

WORKGROUPS

The Chairperson appoints the chair of each workgroup. It is at the discretion of the chair of each workgroup to determine (1) who may become a member of the workgroup, (2) who on the workgroup may vote, and (3) how many members shall be on the workgroup. Each member on the workgroup shall have one vote. Workgroups are not required to comply with the Brown Act. Workgroups are not required to vote and can make recommendations to the BHAB without proceeding by way of a vote. However, to the extent that votes are taken, each member of the workgroup shall have one vote and votes are not required to be made in public. All workgroups are time-limited until the agreed-upon task is complete.

ARTICLE VIII

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No member of the BHAB, or his or her spouse, shall be an employee or part-time employee of VCBH or the State Department of Health Care Services, or an employee or paid member of the governing body of any firm or agency contracting with VCBH unless the member is a consumer of mental health services who, or whose spouse, does not have any interest, influence, or authority over a financial or contractual matter concerning his or her employer. Such consumer member must abstain from voting on any financial or contractual issue concerning his or her employer.

ARTICLE IX

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Except where state law or regulations, County ordinances, County Counsel opinions or these bylaws apply, the current edition of Rosenberg’s Rules of Order shall govern the procedures of the BHAB.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendment to these bylaws must be approved at a regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the membership existing at the time, provided that notice of the proposed amendment was given in advance, with the proposal to amend the bylaws to occur at a regular meeting. This would be accomplished by a two-thirds vote of those present at the meeting, provided that such proposed amendment has been properly noticed per the Brown Act. Should the proposed amendment be approved by BHAB members, it must be approved by the Board of Supervisors before it is in effect.

Approval by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors on _____

Board of Supervisors, Chair