

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM)
MINUTES ■ Monday, January 11, 2021

<p><u>BHAB Officers Present</u> Jerry Harris, Chair Ratan Bhavnani, 1st Vice Chair Mary Haffner, Secretary Joe S. Ramirez, 2nd Vice Chair Carol Thomas, Member-At-Large Janis Gardner, Chair Emeritus</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Soledad Barragan, BHAB Nancy Borchard, BHAB Gane Brooking, BHAB Roberta Griego, NAMI Ventura County Matthew Haffner Johanna Jones Jennifer Morrison Asencion “CiCi” Romero, Pacific Clinics-Ventura County Carole Shelton Elizabeth R. Stone, BHAB & Client Network Scott Walker, Crisis Intervention Team Jerry Weaver Alex Zajdman, Homeland Language Services</p>	<p><u>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present</u> Dr. Sevet Johnson, Director Dr. Loretta Denering, Substance Use Services Division Chief Dina Olivas, Youth & Family Services Division Chief Dr. John Schipper, Adult Services Division Chief Terri Yanez, Administration Division Chief Joanna Peterson, Management Assistant Vickie Poliquin, Temporary BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 8, 2021, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Virtual Meeting Via Zoom</p>
<p><i>Note: The committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.</i></p>	

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	Call to Order Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.		
II.	Roll Call – Board Executive Committee Attendees First Vice Chair Bhavnani confirmed that a quorum exists through roll call.		
III.	Approval of the Agenda Mr. Harris asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Gardner moved to approve the agenda as written; Mr. Bhavnani seconded. The motion carried unanimously through roll call.	The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C	
IV.	Approval of the Minutes Mr. Harris asked for a motion to approve the December 7, 2020 minutes. Ms. Thomas moved to approve the minutes as written; Ms. Gardner seconded. Ms. Stone proposed an amendment within agenda item IX to correct the reference to “re-purchase” to read “lease” regarding the Board & Care facilities being sold. Minor punctuation edits were noted; moving forward such changes should be emailed in advance to the minute taker. The motion to approve the minutes as amended carried unanimously through roll call. Mr. Bhavnani provided protocol information on how public comments are heard during meetings that is normally stated under agenda item I.	The minutes were approved as amended. M/S/C	
V.	Welcome and Introductions Mr. Harris welcomed all meeting participants. Members of the Executive Committee introduced themselves.		
VI.	Public Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Haffner commented in support of a presentation that his wife, Mary Haffner, gave to the community on January 10, relative to services provided by VCBH. • Jennifer Morrison commented on the mental health services discussion that took place at the January 10 Democratic Club of Ventura County. • Johanna Jones introduced herself as a mental health therapist interested in finding ways to become involved in bridging mental health services between law enforcement and the community and learning more about the BHAB’s purpose. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Stone noted that the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Committees will be heard on VC Pop regarding the Early Psychosis Intervention Program. She noted that questions will be requested in advance to assist with the development of presentations. She further noted that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will hold a stakeholder's listening session on SB 803 on January 22. 		
VII.	<p>Chair Comments and Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Harris commented on concerns he received regarding a BHAB member addressing the public without providing the BHAB's policy statement for Expressing Personal Opinions in advance. Mr. Harris advised BHAB members to follow protocol and state if they are speaking on behalf of the BHAB and clarified that if they are not speaking on behalf of the BHAB, it is not necessary to make this statement to members of the public. It is not a violation of the BHAB policy to indicate that you are a member of the BHAB on flyers and at presentations. 		
VIII.	<p>Director's Updates</p> <p>Dr. Johnson provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the COVID-19 surge continuing, VCBH clinic and administration service levels could fluctuate if additional VCBH staff are reassigned as Disaster Service Workers to assist with supporting public health efforts. The Psychiatric Inpatient Unit (IPU) has expanded to 36 beds and the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) expanded to 8 chairs. Four of the 36 beds at the IPU have been converted into a COVID ward to admit individuals diagnosed with mild to moderate COVID symptoms. VCBH is holding a COVID vaccine clinic from January 12-14, in support of Public Health's vaccination efforts. VCBH has provided information to long-term care facilities (tier 1A) to ensure they register with Public Health for their COVID vaccination plan. The Governor's budget was released on January 8 containing substantial items related to behavioral health. 		
IX.	<p>Executive Committee Member Comments and Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ramirez commented on the effects of emotional stress and social isolation that the County's youth are experiencing and urged VCBH and BHAB members to stay connected to this vulnerable population to assist them with their needs. Ms. Gardner provided clarification regarding the communications that Mr. Harris spoke of regarding the possible violation of BHAB protocols regarding speaking in public and requested Vickie Poliquin research and provide the date and motion made at a previous General meeting adopting the protocol in question. Ms. Stone is working on providing the BHAB with an up-to-date list of acronyms using VCBH existing lists and a resource document from UCLA. 	Provide date and motion adopting BHAB protocol regarding speaking in public.	Vickie Poliquin
X.	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>Ms. Haffner reported that Ms. Borchard will renew her BHAB term of office and noted that she will report Executive Committee and General meeting attendance at the next General meeting. Mr. Harris noted that Ms. Thomas' Member-At-Large term on the Executive Committee has expired and will appoint another BHAB member at the next General meeting. He thanked Ms. Thomas for her service and Ms. Thomas expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate and thanked members for their confidence in her work.</p>		
XI.	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. 2020 Data Notebook Completion Update A clarification to a question was provided; no additional comments or questions were received.</p> <p>B. Gaps in ServiceAssessment was provided by VCBH staff as requested, that will be provided to the full BHAB.</p> <p>Ms. Stone requested a current list of all VCBH programs to include in the BHAB binder update and to provide a resource when making referrals. VCBH will provide the listing as requested.</p>	Provide a list of all VCHB programs.	Dr. Johnson

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	<p>C. Update on Revisions to the Lanterman, Petris, Short (LPS) Reform Workgroup Report and Cover Letter – Discussion</p> <p>Mr. Harris advised that he re-wrote major sections of the Report and cover letter and provided it to the Workgroup members for review. Only one member of the Workgroup responded. A final Workgroup meeting will be scheduled, and a decision made whether to send to the full Board of Supervisors, which will require County Counsel review or to each individual member of the Board of Supervisors.</p>										
<p>XII. New Business</p>	<p>A. Evaluate December General Board Meeting to Identify Need for Improvement</p> <p>Ms. Gardner spoke in support and encouraged BHAB members to join in on discussions to improve communication amongst the entire BHAB. Mr. Harris encouraged BHAB members to provide responses when requested on BHAB issues, noting that this has not been occurring.</p> <p>B. Update on BHAB Members Willing to Serve as Chair and/or Member of the Disparities Reduction or Peer Specialist Workgroups</p> <p>Mr. Harris announced the following recommendations for Workgroup Chair and membership designations:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="253 758 1089 894"> <thead> <tr> <th>Disparities Reduction Workgroup</th> <th>Peer Specialist Workgroup</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Gane Brooking – Co-Chair</td> <td>Elizabeth R. Stone – Chair</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marlen Torres – Co-Chair</td> <td>Ratan Bhavnani – Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Janis Gardner – Member</td> <td>Nancy Borchard - Member</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Ms. Borchard expressed concern regarding the timing to start two new Workgroups with the pandemic situation that could limit BHAB administrative support if matters worsen. Mr. Harris noted that traditionally, Workgroups are not provided with staff support and the BHAB Bylaws state that the Brown Act does not apply to Workgroups.</p> <p>C. Presentation Requests</p> <p>Mr. Harris noted the VCBH budget including the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) is scheduled for the next General meeting. Mr. Zimmerman’s presentation on the accomplishments of the Mental Health and Safety Task Force has been postponed indefinitely due to his priority assignments related to the pandemic.</p> <p>Ms. Stone requested the following presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ David Swanson-Hollinger, Child & Family Services Senior Manager – educational presentation on children and family services previously provided to the Youth & Family Services Committee. ▪ Dr. John Schipper, Adult Services Division Chief – Presentation on housing that was provided to the Adult Service Committee. Mr. Harris noted that Dr. Schipper will provide detailed information contained in a spreadsheet that he will share with the Executive Committee members. <p>D. Recognition Award Recommendations</p> <p>Ms. Gardner noted that she drafted one recognition award and that Dina Olivas is currently working on one. Ms. Stone noted that she is working on two additional awards and asked questions about the process and deadlines for each. Mr. Harris provided the information requested.</p>	Disparities Reduction Workgroup	Peer Specialist Workgroup	Gane Brooking – Co-Chair	Elizabeth R. Stone – Chair	Marlen Torres – Co-Chair	Ratan Bhavnani – Member	Janis Gardner – Member	Nancy Borchard - Member	<p>Provide copies of Dr. Schipper’s PPT to the members of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Mr. Harris</p>
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<p>XIII.</p>	<p>Develop Agenda for Virtual General Meeting Scheduled on January 25, 2021 at 1:00 PM</p> <p>The Executive Team reviewed the proposed agenda, discussions took place and comments were addressed regarding the items. The Executive Team made the following revisions:</p> <p>Add: BHAB Committee Reports (5 min)</p> <p>A. Old Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Change from: Update on Revisions to the Lanterman, Petris, Short (LPS) Reform Workgroup Report and Cover Letter – Discussion (10 min) Change to: Approval of Revisions to the Lanterman, Petris, Short (LPS) Reform Workgroup Report and Cover Letter – Jerry Harris ACTION (Roll Call) (10 min) 										

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	<p>B. New Business</p> <p>2. Change from: Request for Creation of Incarcerations, Criminal Justice and Mental Health Committee – Mary Haffner – ACTION (Roll Call) (10 min.) Change to: Request for Update on the Progress from Board of Supervisor’s Resolution No. 19-107 dated September 2019 - Stepping Up Initiative – Mary Haffner – (10 min.)</p> <p>Ms. Borchard asked for information regarding the January 10 meeting of the Democratic Club of Ventura. Ms. Haffner provided requested details.</p> <p>Mr. Harris thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p>		
XIV.	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>No additional public comments were made.</p>		
XV.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 PM.</p>		

**Behavioral Health Advisory Board EXECUTIVE Meeting Attendance
2020-2021**

Members 2020-2021	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Jerry Harris Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Ratan Bhavnani 1 st Vice Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Joe S. Ramirez 2 nd Vice Chair	X	X		e		X	X					
Mary Haffner Secretary	X	X	X	e	X	X	X					
Janis Gardner Chair Emeritus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Carol Thomas Member At Large		X	X	X	X		X					

Present = X

District 1: Supervisor LaVere

District 2: Supervisor Parks

District 3: Supervisor Long

District 4: Supervisor Huber

District 5: Supervisor Ramirez