

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM)
MINUTES ■ Monday, March 8, 2021

<p><u>BHAB Officers Present</u> Jerry Harris, Chair Ratan Bhavnani, 1st Vice Chair Mary Haffner, Secretary Michael Rodriguez, Member-At-Large Janis Gardner, Chair Emeritus</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Soledad Barragan, BHAB Nancy Borchard, BHAB Gane Brooking, BHAB Katherine Emerick, Ventura County Psychological Association Roberta Griego, NAMI Ventura County Lorraine Kaiser, La Ventana Treatment Programs Jennifer Morrison, BHAB Patti Pape, Twig Education Asencion “CiCi” Romero, Pacific Clinics-Ventura County Carole Shelton Elizabeth R. Stone, BHAB Lorena Suarez, Homeland Language Services Scott Walker, Crisis Intervention Team Liz Warren, Client Network Barry Zimmerman, Health Care Agency</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, April 12, 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 1:00 PM.		
II.	Roll Call – Board Executive Committee Attendees Ms. Haffner confirmed that a quorum exists through roll call. Mr. Bhavnani provided protocol information on how public comments are heard during Zoom meetings.		
III.	Approval of the Agenda Mr. Harris asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Gardner moved to approve the agenda as written; Ms. Haffner 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 February 8, 2021 minutes. Mr. Bhavnani moved to approve the minutes as written; Ms. Gardner seconded. The motion carried unanimously through roll call.	The minutes were approved as written. M/S/C	
V.	Welcome and Introductions Mr. Harris welcomed everyone from the community, VCBH staff and members of the Executive Committee.		
VI.	Public Comments There were no public comments.		
VII.	Chair Comments and Announcements Mr. Harris referenced an article from the March 7 Ventura County Star on “Zoom” fatigue.		
VIII.	Director’s Updates Dr. Johnson provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked all BHAB members that participated in the MHSa Strategic Planning Committee Recommendations process. • Requested feedback to the Strategic Planning Survey specific to the goals, VCBH vision and mission and any recommended revisions. The Survey was sent out by Courtney Lubell on behalf of VCBH and the feedback is due this week. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The exit session for the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) audit was held last week. Continue to collaborate and are engaged in the Interagency Leadership Team meetings. Held the Psychiatric Inpatient Unit (IPU) monthly Operations Meeting where discussions took place regarding transitioning back to a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU). <p>Mr. Harris asked for the status of County Counsel’s review of the Lanterman, Petris, Short (LPS) Reform Workgroup Report. Dr. Johnson advised that feedback has not been received.</p> <p>Mr. Bhavnani asked who the audience was that received VCBH’s Strategic Planning Survey. Dr. Johnson stated that the Survey was sent to BHAB members and stakeholders.</p> <p>Ms. Haffner requested a copy of the EQRO Audit report. Dr. Johnson advised that once the report is finalized, the link to the public document will be shared.</p>		
IX.	<p>Executive Committee Member Comments and Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Bhavnani noted Mr. Zimmerman’s attendance at today’s meeting and complimented him on leading the effort for a very smooth rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine. Ms. Gardner provided praise to the Sheriff’s Department for their recent human trafficking and prescription drug busts. 		
X.	<p>Secretary’s Report</p> <p>Ms. Haffner reported on BHAB member attendance at the February General meeting and noted one vacancy in both District 4 and District 5. She has followed up with Supervisors regarding the vacancies. A letter was received regarding the proposed reappointments of Ms. Gardner and Ms. Armann and Ms. Haffner thanked both members for their decisions to continue serving on the BHAB.</p>		
XI.	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. Process to Review Gaps in Service Response Document Containing VCBH Comments Mr. Harris asked for opinions from the Executive Committee members in terms of the process that is being followed to review Gaps in Service and whether the process is working and should continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Johnson asked for a clear understanding of the data that is being requested from the BHAB to ensure that staff provide accurate information that targets exactly what has been requested. Both Ms. Haffner and Dr. Johnson agreed that statistical data that will be provided will be estimates versus actual data due to the nature of gathering information from a variety of resources and to account for information that may not be available. <p>Mr. Zimmerman made a public comment providing feedback to the discussion. He noted that gathering data is important however simple validation of the acquired data versus discussion of more data and specific items may be the best approach and most important. He advised that data gathering can consume a lot of time and could divert from what everyone is trying to achieve as far as understanding system needs.</p> <p>Ms. Stone made a public comment expressing concerns about assertions and statistics that people “never get better” and described the reasons for her concerns.</p> <p>Katherine Emerick, Government Affairs Chair for the Ventura County Psychological Association (CPA) and the local area representative for the California Psychological Association, made a public comment noting that they are very involved in lawmaking in Sacramento through the CPA and expressed her concern that the County has no records for local 5150’s. She acknowledged that this is a statewide issue.</p> <p>Ms. Borchard made a public comment to ask about the feasibility of focusing on data through the County’s hospital system only.</p> <p>B. Ombudsman/Peer Advocate Job Description and Recruitment Update Dr. Johnson reviewed the status of the BHAB’s request to create a classification for a Peer Ombudsman to help with navigating the mental health system. She noted VCBH is committed to the establishment of the position.</p>		

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XII.	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Evaluate February General Board Meeting to Identify Need for Improvement Mr. Bhavnani noted the meeting went well, however there was some confusion about how to utilize the translation service feature provided through the interpreter service and the Zoom platform. He recommended explaining the process at the beginning of each meeting on how to translate the audio from Spanish to English by clicking on the interpretation icon (globe) at the bottom of the Zoom screen.</p> <p>B. Update on Therapeutic Inmate Management Unit Ms. Borchard made a public comment that she is working with the Commander of the program and plans to have them make a presentation at a future BHAB Adult Services Committee meeting.</p> <p>C. FY2019-20 Annual Report Preparation Update Mr. Harris advised that he has completed his portion of the Annual Report and the cover letter and that all Committee Reports have been received except the Youth & Family Division report. This Committee will condense their Annual Report for approval at their March 10 meeting. He noted that the report will be formatted and finalized for presentation at the April General meeting.</p> <p>D. Presentation Requests Mr. Harris asked Vickie Poliquin to provide a list of outstanding presentations for review at the General meeting. Ms. Stone made a public comment reiterating the priorities of MHSOAC on two major initiatives—the California Reducing Disparities project and the School Based Intervention programs. Ms. Gardner mentioned that Ms. Stone and Ms. Torres sent out the California Reducing Disparities Project link and asked Mr. Harris to send the link to all BHAB members noting that the link provides information to assist with aligning the County’s work on reducing disparities with the State and to learn about what is being done at the State level. No requests were made for additional presentations.</p> <p>E. Recognition Award Recommendations The status of two pending recognition awards was discussed. One will be ready for the March General meeting and another one will be scheduled in April.</p>		
XIII.	<p>Develop Agenda for Virtual General Meeting Scheduled for March 15, 2021 at 1:00 PM</p> <p>ADD:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open 30-Day Public Comment Period on Innovation Project Mobile Mental Health – ACTION (10 min.) 2. Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program (ASSIST) Follow-Up Report – Dr. John Schipper (10 min.) 		
XIV.	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Ms. Morrison brought up an item for follow-up regarding people that have approached her regarding their claims that staff members in the ASSIST Program were providing inaccurate information to members of the public and being turned away from the program.</p>		
XV.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 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	X	X			
Ratan Bhavnani 1 st Vice Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Joe S. Ramirez 2 nd Vice Chair	X	X		e		X	X	X				
Mary Haffner Secretary	X	X	X	e	X	X	X	X	X			
Janis Gardner Chair Emeritus	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Michael Rodriguez Member-At-Large								X	X			

Present = X

District 1: Supervisor LaVere

District 2: Supervisor Parks

District 3: Supervisor Long

District 4: Supervisor Huber

District 5: Supervisor Ramirez