

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

<p><u>BHAB Officers Present</u> Michael Rodriguez, Chair Christopher Tejada, 2nd Vice Chair Janis Gardner, Secretary Nancy Borchard, Member-At-Large Jerry Harris, Member (Chair) Emeritus</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Facundo Alvarez, Homeland Language Services Ratan Bhavnani, BHAB Vannessa Cortez, Pacific Clinics Stacy Dalgleish Cindy Douth, Telecare Aby Fernandez, Telecare Roberta Griego, NAMI Ventura County Melissa Hannah, United Parents Mary Haffner, Haffner Law Group Shawna Morris, Casa Pacifica Patti Pape, NAMI Ventura County Gail Parker, Drug Enforcement Agency Elizabeth R. Stone Scott Walker, Crisis Intervention Team</p>	<p><u>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present</u> Dr. Sevet Johnson, Director Dr. Loretta Denering, Substance Use Services Division Chief Joanna Peterson, Management Assistant/Zoom Engineer Dr. John Schipper, Adult Services Division Chief Terri Yanez, Administration Division Chief Vickie Poliquin, Temporary BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 13, 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.	<p>Call to Order Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.</p> <p>Mr. Tejada advised all attendees of the details on how to access interpretation services.</p>		
II.	<p>Roll Call – Board Executive Committee Attendees Secretary Gardner confirmed that a quorum exists through roll call.</p>		
III.	<p>Approval of the Agenda Mr. Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Tejada asked a question about the omission of a standing agenda item under New Business that evaluates the previous month’s General meeting to identify any improvements. Mr. Rodriguez noted that comments and feedback can be made under Executive Committee Member Comments versus including this as a separate agenda item. Ms. Gardner moved to approve the agenda as written; Mr. Tejada seconded. Ms. Gardner clarified that agenda item XII.B. references review and approval, however action will take place at the General meeting and Mr. Rodriguez concurred. The motion carried unanimously through roll call.</p>	<p>The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C</p>	
IV.	<p>Approval of the Minutes Mr. Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the October 11, 2021, minutes. Mr. Tejada moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Borchard seconded. The motion to approve the minutes as written carried unanimously through roll call.</p>	<p>The minutes were approved as written. M/S/C</p>	
V.	<p>Welcome and Introductions Mr. Rodriguez welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced himself and all Executive Committee members introduced themselves.</p>		
VI.	<p>Public Comments There were no public comments.</p>		
VII.	<p>Chair Comments and Announcements Mr. Rodriguez provided a welcome and advised that New Business agenda item XII.B. would move forward for action at the November 18 General meeting. He noted that upon approval, the Board Letter would be forwarded to VCBH for processing. Mr. Rodriguez expressed</p>		

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	appreciation to members of the Workgroup who participated in the development and finalization of the draft Needs Assessment Board Letter.		
VIII.	<p>Director's Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jackson House in Santa Paula, a 16-bed crisis residential treatment facility, held its Grand Opening on Thursday, November 4. The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) will host Community Forums on November 9 and November 18 to provide updates to the community and hear feedback. Both events will be held virtually. Provided overview of California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative's two main deliverables for behavioral health. The following high-level recruitments are underway within VCBH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth & Family Division Chief (due to the October 15 retirement of Dina Olivas); Front Door Access Chief (over STAR, Crisis Team and Outreach Program); and Assistant Director. <p>Dr. Johnson answered questions from Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Borchard and Elizabeth R. Stone.</p>		
IX.	<p>Executive Committee Member Comments and Announcements</p> <p>Mr. Tejada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested utilization of the "closed caption" feature in Zoom to keep the General meeting moving forward during the time that the interpreter is provided a break. Requested receipt of information describing BHAB member indemnification rights and policies and if indemnification rights are not identified that it should be explicitly stated in the Bylaws. Requested a written description or advisement on the location of information explaining what actions would warrant a legal investigation of BHAB members and what County members would need to sign off for it to be effective. Mr. Rodriguez suggested County Counsel provide input in response to this request. <p>Ms. Borchard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In follow-up to the Adult Committee meeting, noted that Cmdr. Fryhoff advised that in-person visits jail and Therapeutic Inmate Management Unit (TIMU) are now allowable. Small group visits will be considered and could be broken up into two separate group visits and are tentatively being scheduled for early December. <p>Mr. Harris:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicated he will make a statement at the next General meeting under Board Member Comments or under a separate agenda item, whichever the Chair prefers. Mr. Rodriguez asked the subject matter of the statement and Mr. Harris advised that he would provide the subject at the General meeting. 		
X.	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>Ms. Gardner reported that attendance has been good within the Executive membership and noted that Mr. Ramirez will contact Chair Rodriguez regarding work schedule conflicts that have made it difficult for him to attend meetings and discuss how to possibly resolve the schedule conflicts moving forward.</p>		
XI.	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. Brown Act Public Emergency Allowances / Teleconferences – Requirements for Local Boards and Commissions Mr. Rodriguez noted that he inquired whether Dr. Levin had updated or modified his recommendations that all county board meetings continue to be held virtually and learned that no modifications have been made. This item will be placed on the General meeting agenda for action every 30 days, as required.</p> <p>B. 2021 Data Notebook – Establishment of Workgroup Mr. Rodriguez noted that a time extension has been requested to complete the Data Notebook, advised that Ms. Brooking and Elizabeth R. Stone have volunteered for the Workgroup and another person has voiced interest. Once the third volunteer is confirmed, the BHAB can move forward with establishing a 3-member Workgroup.</p>		

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XII.	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. BHAB Membership Identification Assessment Mr. Rodriguez advised that he is scheduled to speak with Terri Yanez today regarding the logistics of VCBH’s assistance with developing and finalizing the survey for dissemination to the BHAB members.</p> <p>B. Needs Assessment Board Letter Workgroup Report and Board Letter Review and Approval No further discussion was held with Mr. Rodriguez noting under agenda item VI that this agenda item would move forward for action at the November 18 General meeting.</p> <p>C. Presentation Requests Elizabeth R. Stone made a public comment to request time for her to provide a presentation regarding the Department of Health Services (DHCS) grants that have been received noting that she has already provided a couple of presentations to other County agencies. Mr. Rodriguez advised that he would follow-up with her to discuss the dates for her presentations.</p> <p>Ms. Borchard made a comment on a September Los Angeles Times newspaper article regarding the California Department of State Hospital’s (DSH) Conditional Release Program (CONREP) noting that the article was written from a negative perspective and a viewpoint that she had not previously heard. Following discussion of the article’s details, Mr. Rodriguez noted that the County contracts with MHM Services for its CONREP program and will reach out to the Public Defender’s Office to request a possible presentation on CONREP.</p> <p>D. Recognition Award Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Gardner will follow-up on the pending recognition award for Dina Olivas, Youth & Family Services Division Chief, who retired in October. 		
XIII.	<p>Develop Agenda for Virtual General Meeting Scheduled for November 15, 2021 at 1:00 PM No revisions to the proposed agenda were requested.</p>		
XIV.	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Mr. Harris provided feedback on ways to improve meetings by limiting presentations and reviewing a consistent public comment process.</p> <p>Elizabeth R. Stone made a public comment encouraging staff to provide an overview presentation for the 30-day Public Comment Period on the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation Multi-County Full Service Partnership (FSP) Project Extension.</p> <p>Dr. Loretta Denering provided additional information regarding VCBH’s plan for Hilary Carson to give a brief presentation detailing the FSP Project Extension and provided a reminder that the 30-day Public Comment Period scheduled for November 15 precedes the Public Hearing scheduled for December 20, which is a two-step process that provides time to learn about the project and provide public comments prior to the actual Public Hearing. Dr. Denering offered to provide a presentation to share information regarding current Innovations projects in the future in addition to the upcoming MHSA Community Updates scheduled on November 9 and November 18 and asked if additional information is requested, to provide her specific areas that the BHAB would like addressed in the update.</p> <p>Mary Haffner made a public comment responding to Ms. Borchard’s comments about assessing program effectiveness and referenced the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) website for people to review transparency reports that contain metrics on the effectiveness of programs in California counties.</p>		
XV.	<p>Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 PM.</p>		

**Behavioral Health Advisory Board EXECUTIVE Meeting Attendance
2021-2022**

Members 2021-2022	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Michael Rodriguez Chair	X	X	X	X	X							
Joe S. Ramirez 1 st Vice Chair	X	X	X	X	e							
Christopher Tejada 2 nd Vice Chair	X	X	X	X	X							
Janis Gardner Secretary	X	X	X	X	X							
Jerry Harris Member (Chair) Emeritus	X	X	X	e	X							
Nancy Borchard Member-At-Large	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