

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM)
MINUTES ■ Monday, December 13, 2021

<p><u>BHAB Officers Present</u> Michael Rodriguez, Chair Christopher Tejeda, 2nd Vice Chair Janis Gardner, Secretary Nancy Borchard, Member-At-Large Jerry Harris, Member (Chair) Emeritus</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Ratan Bhavnani, BHAB Roberta Griego, NAMI Ventura County Chris Ridge, Ventura County Office of Education Carolina Rodriguez, Homeland Language Services Elizabeth R. Stone, Peer Advocate Scott Walker, Crisis Intervention Team</p>	<p><u>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present</u> Dr. Sevet Johnson, Director 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, January 10, 2022, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Virtual Meeting Via Zoom</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.	<p>Call to Order Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.</p> <p>Mr. Tejeda 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. Ms. Gardner moved to approve the agenda as written; Mr. Tejeda seconded. The motion carried unanimously through roll call.</p>	The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C	
IV.	<p>Approval of the Minutes Mr. Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the November 8, 2021, minutes. Mr. Tejeda moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Gardner seconded. The motion to approve the minutes as written carried unanimously through roll call.</p>	The minutes were approved as written. M/S/C	
V.	<p>Welcome and Introductions Mr. Rodriguez welcomed everyone to the meeting noting that this is the last meeting of the calendar year and wished everyone a safe and pleasant holiday season. The members of the Executive Committee introduced themselves.</p>		
VI.	<p>Public Comments Scott Walker requested that the Susan Luckey “Mental Health Professional” Recognition Award be added to the January General meeting agenda. Mr. Rodriguez approved adding the item which will be presented by the Crisis Intervention Team. Scott Walker noted that Chris Dyer, the 2019 CIT Deputy of the Year, was recently recognized by Vince Scully for the services Deputy Dyer provided to a military veteran widow.</p>	Add Susan Luckey “MH Professional” Recognition Award to January GM agenda.	Michael Rodriguez
VII.	<p>Chair Comments and Announcements Mr. Rodriguez voiced appreciation Board Member’s participation and efforts on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board. He noted that as of December 6, only 13 BHAB members had responded to the Membership Identification Assessment Survey and asked that members of the Executive Committee encourage other members to respond by the December 31 deadline.</p>		
VIII.	<p>Director’s Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four VCBH Board Letters are on the Board of Supervisors December 14 agenda and are accessible through the BOS website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive and non-competitive funding applications for the No Place Like Home Program; • Agreement amendment for the Electronic Health Record with Netsmart Technologies; 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis Care Mobile Units Program Grant Program Application to the California Department of Health Care Services for Transitional Age Youth (TAY) crisis mobile units; and • Agreement for Short Term Residential Treatment Program Services with Kids to Kids. • VCBH will join NAMI Ventura County on December 15 for its “Party in a Box” that will travel to County Board & Care facilities to celebrate the holiday season with gifts and fun for clients. This is the second year that NAMI has provided this parade-style event which is greatly appreciated by VCBH and clients. • California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) goes live January 1 with changes to both Medical Necessity and Enhanced Care Management (ECM) where VCBH will be a provider. Training, process mapping and protocol formation continues in preparation for providing the new ECM benefit and adjusting to the new changes with Medical Necessity. 		
IX.	<p>Executive Committee Member Comments and Announcements</p> <p>Ms. Gardner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announced a practicing psychiatrist with experience in mental health is interested in joining the BHAB. Discussion ensued regarding the position’s district representation and Mr. Harris clarified that the position was not associated with a supervisorial district. Mr. Rodriguez referenced Bylaws Article III.D which states that the Southern California Psychiatric Society must make the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for this optional position. <p>Mr. Tejada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked what information and resources are available to provide that could prevent one from falling into a severe crisis. Dr. Johnson responded with specific information on available services and confirmed that crisis referral information, suicide prevention contact numbers and VCBH resources are available on the VCHB.org website. Scott Walker made a public comment providing additional information on the Suicide Hotline and California Peer Run Warm Line. Ms. Gardner noted that Dan Hicks created an information sheet or card that references all crisis numbers and will ensure that Mr. Tejada is provided with this information. <p>Dr. Johnson spoke briefly regarding Dr. John Schipper’s work in the proposed creation of after-care urgent centers for east and west counties that plan to be open during extended hours and on weekends to divert a crisis from happening.</p> <p>Mr. Harris asked about family support. Ms. Borchard asked if the planned Mobile Crisis Unit would be set up to offer additional assistance to family members during a crisis. Dr. John Schipper noted that the RISE team is the outpatient team currently set up to assist with ongoing outreach services to families.</p> <p>Ms. Stone made a public comment expressing concern that County family advocacy organizations many times emphasize obtaining conservatorships rather than helping family members partner with their family members and suggested offering de-escalation and communication skills training.</p>	Crisis numbers information card to be provided to Mr. Tejada.	Ms. Gardner
X.	<p>Secretary’s Report</p> <p>Ms. Gardner reported good attendance within the Executive Committee and that there are two openings on the BHAB—one in District 3 and one in District 4. Mr. Rodriguez ask Ms. Gardner to contact the Supervisors after the December 20 General meeting in hopes that additional BHAB members will respond to the Membership Identification Assessment Survey to make a more accurate assessment of the BHAB’s current composition.</p> <p>Mr. Harris reported that Supervisor Huber would not be making any appointments to Boards, Commissions or Committees until a matter is resolved.</p>		
XI.	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. Brown Act Public Emergency Allowances / Teleconferences – Requirements for Local Boards and Commissions</p>		

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	<p>Mr. Rodriguez noted that based upon communications from the County, Dr. Levin’s recommendations remain the same that all County legislative Boards and Commissions, Advisory Board and Committees meet remotely due to the pandemic. 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 advised that Workgroup Ms. Brooking, Ms. Morrison and Elizabeth R. Stone will be on the Workgroup and meetings will be scheduled discuss, complete and submit the Data Notebook information by the January 31 extended deadline. Mr. Harris asked whether a Chair had been selected and Mr. Rodriguez advised that he will announce the Chair selection at the December General meeting.</p> <p>C. BHAB Membership Identification Assessment – Update on Number of Responders Mr. Rodriguez advised that 13 BHAB members have responded to the Survey as of December 6 and asked that Executive Committee members reach out to BHAB members to urge them to respond to obtain an accurate reflection of the BHAB’s composition.</p> <p>Elizabeth R. Stone made a public comment to offer clarification that the Bylaws state that the BHAB’s composition is “required” versus “suggested”.</p>		
XII.	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Presentation Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elizabeth R. Stone - Transforming Peers Lives (December 20 General meeting). <p>B. Recognition Award Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dina Olivas, Youth & Family Services Division Chief (December 20 General meeting). 		
XIII.	<p>Develop Agenda for Virtual General Meeting Scheduled for December 20, 2021 at 1:00 PM No revisions to the proposed agenda were requested.</p>		
XIV.	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Elizabeth R. Stone made a public comment to urge BHAB leadership to consider shifting its focus to support and communicate with the Community as liaisons by sharing information from the Communities with VCBH and to find ways to assist VCBH to communicate and share information with Communities about the major transformation and policy changes at the State and Federal levels that will affect behavioral services.</p> <p>Mr. Harris asked for a report from VCBH, at a future time, on new funding that will be made available through the State and Federal level service transformations. Dr. Johnson responded that funding mechanisms and clear guidance from the State in preparation for payment reform is currently pending.</p> <p>Mr. Tejeda advised that Senate Bill 221 was passed and signed into law which requires that people are provided with an initial or additional appointment for mental health services within 10 days. Dr. Johnson noted that County mental health plans have fallen under these guidelines for years and that SB 221 was introduced to ensure parity for private insurers to also follow the guidelines to provide access to appointments within 10 days.</p> <p>Ms. Gardner reminded BHAB members that detailed CalAim information outlining the mental health service upcoming changes was provided to all BHAB members and is also available through the California Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions (CalBHB/C) Newsletter.</p>		
XV.	<p>Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 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	X						
Joe S. Ramirez 1 st Vice Chair	X	X	X	X	e							
Christopher Tejada 2 nd Vice Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Janis Gardner Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Jerry Harris Member (Chair) Emeritus	X	X	X	e	X	X						
Nancy Borchard 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