

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM)
MINUTES ▪ **Monday, May 9, 2022**

<p><u>BHAB Officers Present</u> Michael Rodriguez, Chair Christopher Tejeda, 2nd Vice Chair Janis Gardner, Secretary Jerry Harris, Member (Chair) Emeritus</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Ratan Bhavnani Gane Brooking, BHAB Ariana Del Zotto, Homeland Language Services Gina Petrus, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission Mark Stadler, Crisis Intervention Team Scott Walker, Crisis Intervention Team Liz Warren, BHAB</p>	<p><u>Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Staff Present</u> Dr. Loretta Denering, Assistant Director Ophra Ashur, Compliance Sr. Behavioral Health Manager Cheryl Fox, Youth & Family Services Division Chief Estela Magdaleno-Ortega, Office of Health Equity and Cultural Diversity Administrative Kathy Mulford, Substance Use Services Interim Division Chief Cynthia Salas, Office of Health Equity and Cultural Diversity Equity Services Manager Dr. John Schipper, Adult Services Division Chief Joanna Peterson, Management Assistant / Zoom Engineer Vickie Poliquin, BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 13, 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.	Call to Order Mr. Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. Mr. Tejeda provided information on how to access interpretation services.		
II.	Roll Call – Board Executive Committee Attendees Secretary Gardner confirmed that a quorum exists through roll call.		
III.	Approval of the Agenda Mr. Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Gardner moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Tejeda seconded. The motion to approve the agenda as carried unanimously through roll call.	The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C	
IV.	Approval of the Minutes Mr. Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the April 11, 2022, minutes. Mr. Tejeda moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Gardner seconded. The motion to approve the minutes as written carried unanimously through roll call.	The minutes were approved as written. M/S/C	
V.	Welcome and Introductions Mr. Rodriguez introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. All members of the Executive Committee introduced themselves.		
VI.	Public Comments Scott Walker from the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) thanked the members of the Executive Committee and all BHAB members for providing recognition awards to the CIT Field Officers and Deputy and Officer of the Year for 2021 at last month’s BHAB General meeting.		
VII.	Chair Comments and Announcements Mr. Rodriguez highlighted several items from the proposed General meeting agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating Committee Report and Recommendations for officers for Fiscal Year 2022-23; • Update on the Needs Assessment Request for Proposal (RFP); and • Presentation from Cynthia Salas from the Office of Health Equity regarding Disparities in Ventura County. 		
VIII.	Assistant Director’s Updates – Dr. Loretta Denering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulated Terri Yanez on her recent promotion to another position within the County, thanked her for her time at VCBH and advised that an open recruitment for a new Division Chief is forthcoming. • A total of 55 new regular positions were approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 26 to meet caseload and program requirements: 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May is Mental Health Month with a series of planned events that VCBH will participate in along with its Community Based Organizations (CBO’s). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free mental health and wellness webinar events for the community are planned for May 16 (May 19 in Spanish), entitled “The Key to Getting Help for Serious Mental Illness. Registration information is available at VCBH.org. 2. Free webinar entitled “Talking About Mental Health” planned for May 24. Registration information is available at VCBH.org. 3. Save the Date for June 4 event – Mental Health Wellness Fair for teens and young adults at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. Additional information will be available at VCBH.org and WellnessEveryday.org. <p>Mr. Harris inquired about the reporting relationship for the approved Ombudsman position. He and others recommended the position sit outside of VCBH.</p>		
IX.	<p>Executive Committee Member Comments and Announcements</p> <p>Mr. Harris expressed concern about requests for grammatical corrections to the meeting minutes and suggested that corrections be limited to content only.</p>		
X.	<p>Secretary’s Report</p> <p>Ms. Gardner welcome new BHAB member, Liz Warren, who was appointed by Supervisor Ramirez in District 5. Ms. Gardner noted there is one vacancy in Supervisor Huber’s district which will not be filled at this time. Ms. Gardner will keep the BHAB advised of the vacancy status changes.</p>		
XI.	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. Brown Act Public Emergency Allowances / Teleconferences – Requirements for Local Boards and Commissions – Continue to Meet Remotely or Via a Hybrid Remote/In-Person Model</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez reported that new equipment will be tested in June at the Committee level to avoid the need for an additional special General meeting. The goal is to move to a hybrid model in July, depending on hospital infection rates and adherence to public health and safety practices.</p>		
XII.	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Presentation Requests No new requests were submitted.</p> <p><u>CARRY OVER ITEMS – FOR REFERENCE & TRACKING</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mental Health Diversion – Effects of Law Changes as of January 1 – Public Guardian’s Office or Multi-Agency (requested by Mr. Bhavnani) Mr. Rodriguez will provide additional information and Agenda placement TBD. 2. State DHCS Report – Assessing the Continuum of Care for Behavioral Health Services in California – Overview of Process Used to Obtain and Verify Report Information and Plans to Correct Data – DHCS staff representative (requested by Ms. Harris) Mr. Rodriguez will reach out to Theresa Comstock of the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions for assistance. Agenda placement TBD. 3. Homeless Court and Mental Health Diversion – Public Defender’s Office (requested by Mr. Tejeda) Agenda placement TBD. 4. Stepping Up Initiative – (being coordinated by Cmdr. Fryhoff) Agenda placement TBD. 5. Substance Use Services & Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Updates (requested by Ms. Gardner) Agenda placement TBD. <p>B. Recognition Award Recommendations</p> <p>Ms. Gardner suggested the BHAB provide a Recognition Award to Terri Yanez for her many years of dedication and service with VCBH. Mr. Rodriguez asked that Ms. Gardner provide background information for the award and will check with Terri Yanez on her availability to receive the recognition.</p> <p><u>CARRY OVER ITEMS – FOR REFERENCE & TRACKING</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ratan Bhavnani – Resigned at end of 2/23/22 term (recognition date: June 20 or July 18, 2022). 2. Jean Farley, Retired Chief Deputy Public Defender (Agenda placement TBD). 		

XIII.	Develop Agenda for Virtual General Meeting Scheduled for May 16, 2022 at 1:00 PM Changes were agreed upon as follows: <u>UNDER OLD BUSINESS:</u> A.1. Along with the Needs Assessment agenda item, Mr. Tejada requested the finalized version of the RFP be provided in advance with the agenda materials <u>UNDER NEW BUSINESS:</u> ADD: Establish a BHAB Media or Communications Outreach Workgroup		
XIV.	Public Comments There were no public comments.		
XV.	Adjourn Prior to the meeting's adjournment, Mr. Rodriguez officially welcomed new BHAB member, Liz Warren. The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 PM.		

**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	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	X	X	X	X	X	X
Janis Gardner Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jerry Harris Member (Chair) Emeritus	X	X	X	e	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nancy Borchard Member-At-Large	X	X	X		X	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